

Shelley College

Message from the Principal

'The Big Ambition'

The Children's Commissioner has launched The Big Ambition survey to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Students and parents are encouraged to complete the quick survey by Friday 19th January 2024. Please follow the link or QA code below.

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition



A-Level & GCSE certificates evening

We look forward to welcoming back 'Leavers 2023' to celebrate their success and collect their exam certificates on Monday 18th December between 6 and 7.30pm. Any current parents wanting to attend, or anyone who has friends or family from last year, please complete the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZWkEKjxYGS>

Attendance awards

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who enjoyed their breakfast treat this morning after winning the Interform Attendance League.

Year 9 – Miss Burgess

Year 10 – Miss Nutall

Year 11 – Dr Higginson

End of term arrangements

Students will follow their normal timetabled lessons and complete relevant and meaningful work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday 21st December is the last day of term. Year 9, 10 & 11 students will spend the first 30 minutes with their tutor before watching 'Showcase'. Students will then be registered with their tutor after lunch and be dismissed at approximately 1.30pm.

Mr Wyatt has set students a challenge of improving attendance and reducing the number of behaviour points next week. This will be reviewed on Wednesday and if achieved, students will be able to attend in non-uniform on Thursday. Students and parents will be informed on Wednesday.

Unless they are part of Showcase, Year 12 & 13 should not attend on Thursday.

Unfortunately, the bus companies are not able to reschedule their services, therefore buses will operate as normal at 3pm. If your child would like to remain in school until 3pm, please contact shelley.office@sharemat.co.uk

All students return to college on Monday 8th January 2024.

Regards, Mr D Wadsworth

Winners

Top 5 performing students in each year group are:

Year 9

Florence O, Ellie M, Millie S, Sebastian P, Eleanor S

Year 10

Jai W, Ollie M, Martha S, Aaron G, Lily S

Year 11

Beth W, Molly M, Isla C, Zofia W, Hannah S



Exams

If your child took their GCSEs or A-Levels at Shelley college this academic year but is unable to attend the presentation evening on Monday, they can pick up their certificates during school hours Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th December or anytime up until 12noon on Thursday 21st December.

If someone other than the pupil is picking up the certificates, they must have written permission form the pupil.

This can be a letter or an email sent to shelley.exams@sharemat.co.uk

Thank you,
Exams Department



Sports Department

PE lessons in January;

Year 9 boys rugby, girls badminton or gym

Year 10 boys rugby, girls badminton or basketball

Year 11 boys rugby, girls badminton or basketball

For rugby all boys will need outdoor kit, boots and a change of socks. It is advised to bring a towel, plastic bag and gum shield.

P.E Kit policy

A reminder that if any student cannot take part in physical activity they must bring their kit as they will have a leadership role within the lesson.

Extra curricular clubs will be back on first week back after Christmas;

Monday – basketball, Wednesday – netball, Thursday - badminton and table tennis

FOOTBALL

Well done to the year 11 team who beat the Salendine Nook 3-0 in the County cup semi-final, the team will now play St Bedes in the final after Christmas.

BASKETBALL

On Monday the year 9 team play away at All Saints.

Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Thank you to all parents, students and staff who have supported the various activities we have provided to support the Forget me not children's hospice.

Please find below the donation link should you wish to support.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/andy-morris-1700132260181?utm_term=Npr6e4x3x



Music Department

Instrumental/Singing Lessons

To find out more information and apply for lessons online, please follow this link;

[Musica Kirklees](#) | [Kirklees Music Education Hub](#) or www.musicakirklees.org

School Ensembles – Rehearsals

Monday 3.15 – 4.15pm – **Soul Band** in D39 (invite only)

Wednesday Lunchtime (Years 9 and 10) – **Jam Club** in D39

Thursday Lunchtime (Years 11, 12 and 13, 12.30 - 12.50pm) – **Choir** with Mr Bradnum

Thursday Lunchtime (Years 9 and 10, 1.00 – 1.20pm) – **Choir** with Mr Bradnum

Everyone is welcome! Bring your lunch and come and join in!

Exam Success

Congratulations to the following students who have very recently passed their exams;

- Emily M (y10) – Grade 4 Piano – Merit
- Ian N (y10) – Grade 5 Classical Guitar – Distinction
- Eleanor L (y9) – Grade 1 Trumpet – Merit
- Patrick P (y9) – Grade 1 Trumpet – Merit
- Sam T (y9) – Grade 3 Trombone – Distinction

Christmas Showcase – Final Arrangements

Less than a week to go! Information on next week's rehearsals, uniform and timings was shared with students in a meeting this week. Students who didn't attend must catch up by reading the notices in the 'Christmas Showcase 2023' group on Microsoft Teams.



SHELLEY COLLEGE

Christmas Showcase

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

TICKETS
ADULT - £7
CONCESSION - £5
FAMILY TICKET - £15
(2 adults & 2 children)
6TH FORM - £5
(min contribution)

**Doors open
6:30PM**

**7PM
START**

Refreshments will be available during the interval.
All donations will go to the chosen charity.

**AN EVENING FILLED WITH MUSIC,
DANCING AND MUCH MORE...**

SPORTS HALL -
SHELLEY COLLEGE,
HD8 8NL

**Cash
or
Card**



**Marie
Curie**

Care and support
through terminal illness

Food Technology

The following practical lessons will be taking place in our area week commencing 18th December 2023.

Year 9

The year 9 groups cooking next week will be making **Thai Green Curry** - 1 onion, 1 clove of garlic, 80g sugar snap peas, 2 small chicken breasts, 2 x 15ml Thai green curry paste, 200ml coconut milk, ½ lime, small bunch of fresh coriander.

Please send an airtight container in which to transport the curry home.

Y9T/Te4 - Tuesday, Y9R/Te2, Y9R/Te3 Wednesday.

Year 10

Y10B will be cooking next Tuesday, and will be baking **Christmas buns** - 100g margarine, 100g self raising flour, 75g caster sugar, 2 eggs, 25g sweet mincemeat (or packet of chocolate chips), 12 bun cases.

Please send a biscuit/sweet container in which to take the buns home.

Year 12

The year 12 'A' level group will be making **Dauphinoise Potatoes** on Monday. They will need to bring - 250ml double cream, 2 garlic cloves, 4 large King Edward or Maris Piper, potatoes, 50g gruyere cheese (optional).

Please send an airtight container in which to transport the food home.

English Literature

Year 10 Students

When Y10 students return to school from the Christmas break, we will start reading the other set text for their Paper 1 Literature Exam: *Macbeth*.

We encourage students to have their own book, so that they can highlight key passages and write down relevant notes in the margin for their own revision.

A payment item has been sent up on Parent Pay to purchase the book for £3.15. The deadline to order the book is the 8th January, once the books arrive they will be directly passed on to the students.

However, please note that, if your child is a Pupil Premium student or is in the **10JX, 10JY, 10LX or 10LY** sets, they will be provided a book by the department for their own use.

Moreover, it would be helpful if you were to purchase the CGP version (replete with annotations, audio, and built-in revision materials) as this is the version, we will be reading in class to ensure everyone is literally on the same page.

If you have any questions, please do let me or your child's English teacher know.

Thank you

Dr Kurt A Johnson, Director Of English and Media

Dance

Last Friday year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in a workshop with The Northern School of Contemporary Dance. Congratulations to the 13 students who were scouted for the CAT scheme to receive free dance training with them. Below are some photos from the workshop.



Sixth Form

Sixth Form Applications

Our first deadline for Sixth Form applications is fast approaching!

Students who apply by 15th December 2023 will be interviewed in January and offer letters sent later that month. We recommend applying by this deadline so interviews take place well in advance of GCSE exams.

If you need any help with applications please come and see Mrs Booth in the Sixth Form office.

Student Celebrations

Well done to Chester Dockray who won Gold in the U17s England Squash competition in Pontefract last week!

School Nurse Service

A reminder our school nurse is in the sixth form one morning a week for appointments with students regarding health, mental health, contraception or anything they may want to discuss privately.

The sexual health nurses will also be doing one more drop in on Monday 18th December

Updates

Sixth Form finish for the holidays on Wednesday 20th December (full five period day).

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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School Target	This Week's Attendance	Year to Date Attendance	National Average
97%	91.43%	94.12%	91.5% (WC 20/11)

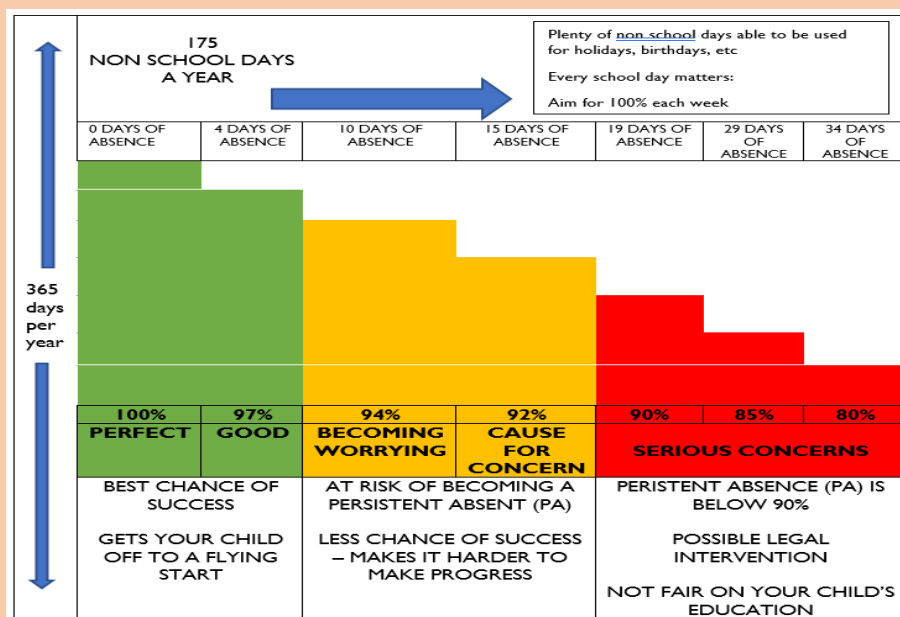
No. of Students with 100% Attendance this week

Y9	286
Y10	255
Y11	286

No. of student with 100% since beginning of the year

278

Days off school add up to lost learning



Winter Wonder Wheel

This month, students have been opening the doors of the Winter Wonder Wheel during form time, where they get a chance to win a prize for correctly guessing which staff are singing to our Shelley College – Attendance Aid – Christmas song.

The final spin will be on Thursday for the big prize.



TOP TIP

Attendance has dropped recently. Hopefully your children are better to brave school next week – should be a good week as we have all the rewards assemblies happening.

Upcoming Key Dates

Presentation Evening – Monday 18th December

Showcase – Wednesday 20th December

INSET Day (school closed to students) – Friday 22nd December

Christmas Half Term – Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January

Students return to school on Monday 8th January