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Message from the Head Teacher:

Our newsletter is up and running and we do hope that you are finding it useful. This edition is filled with news and views about how well our students have done in the second half of the Autumn term. It is also that time of year when we take time to wish you happy holidays!

Exam Success!

Continuing the trend of excellence set in the exams by students in the May/June 2015 sitting, we are all looking forward to results in January 2016. A number of our young people sat the GCSE English and Maths exams in November and are anxiously waiting to see how well they did. Sitting these exams was a remarkable achievement for all our young people, but for one in particular, who had not been in formal education for a number of years and had been with us for only five months, this was one of his best achievements. Well done to the young people having the courage and desire to achieve excellence academically!



Work Experience/Apprenticeship success!

Introducing our young people to the world of work is an integral part of the work we do at SHHS, and this is why we have young people engaged in weekly apprenticeship placements at:

- K B Hair Design, Sutton Coldfield
- Brakes Automotive LTD, Coventry

Well done to these young people who are representing SHHS in their placements.



Two students will be starting work experience in Hair and in Makeup in the Spring Term, at University College Birmingham .

Careers

Transition planning:- Helping students to move on

Vickie Collin, the school careers advisor, has been supporting parents and carers by exploring colleges and further education courses for the students, who will be moving on from us very soon.

Among the colleges she explored are:

- Argent College
- Trinity College
- Calthorpe
- Adult Education-Coventry

Attendance:

The Government target for attendance is 95%.

At SHHS we are very proud to say that:
22% of our students maintain a 100% attendance record.

69% have attendance that is in line with the government's target

90% have attendance that is above 85%.

Well done to all. Keep it up.

Remember.....

Good attendance = Good exam results = success!!



Learning beyond the classroom - School Trips

Skills show at the NEC

The trip to the World Skills Show at the NEC was a tremendous success. Most of our students from all the sites were able to take the opportunity to explore the exhibitions from the wide variety of careers on display. The young people were excellent ambassadors for SHHS.



Spring Hill High School went MAD SCIENCE!!

The 'mad scientist' visited the Wood End Lane site and students from Orchard Road and Slade Road were introduced to STEM activities that were creative, exciting and stimulating. They all dug in and at the end of the session they were asking for more.

There is more madness to come!

Enrichment week

The students from our Hunton Road Site went off to the cinema during the last week of school to watch Hotel Transylvania 2, as one of the many activities that took place during enrichment week. Some students went ice skating, while others explored the German Market in the Birmingham City Centre. Others remained in school and were engaged in fun activities such as bake-off competition and cake decorating.



Exciting trips for the Spring Term

Theatre visits are planned for the upcoming Spring Term. The students will be visiting Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford Upon Avon, as well as going to the Mac Theatre in Birmingham.

Spring Hill High School Speech and Language Therapist gate-crashed the House of Lords!



Our own Speech and Language Therapist, Claire Johnston was awarded the Alumni of the year by Birmingham City University for Community Engagement and Leadership. Claire is an active member of 'Giving Voice' a national campaign to raise awareness of the impact of speech, language and communication needs, arising from the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists,

In December, Claire became the school's celebrity. As an Alumni to represent the University, and Speech and Language Therapy, she was invited by Lord Grocott to a reception held in the House of Lords.

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Special Mention



Friday 6th November 2015 saw Spring Hill High School/TOO being in the spotlight. We had a whistle stop tour by our Local MP Jack Dromey. To say he was impressed with the welcome and hospitality he received from the students is putting it mildly. MP Dromey applauded us on the valuable work we are doing.

Thursday 17th December 2015 will see SHHS/TOO supporting the Ward Advisory Board in Stockland Green. Our Managing Director Jim Sullivan, working alongside Mary Kennedy will be presenting Christmas trees to the Stockland Green Community with messages from the Spring Hill High school students.



Friday 18th December - The school will hold its traditional end of term celebration at St Barnabas Church. The event will start at 11.00 and finish around 12:30. It is always a very special occasion and we hope as many students, parents and carers as possible will be able to attend.



SHHS/TOO An Act of Kindness makes a Difference!

Spring Hill High School and Thoughts of Others, provide support to the young people at St Chad's Sanctuary by paying over £700, on a monthly basis, to the charity to provide bus passes for the young people who are asylum seekers. This is just one of the many ways SHHS/TOO gives back to the community.

Taking time out to say a BIG THANK YOU.



Spring Hill High School and Thoughts of Others would like to send a big thank you to UBU Hair Salon in Boldmere; The Deli in Boldmere; Jen's Sweet Shop; and Kisses and Wishes Gift Shop for donating prizes for a raffle, that is being organised by the school's PE department and the Slade Road Site, to give further support to the orphanage school in Africa.

Wave GOODBYE.....

It is with sadness that we must inform you that some of our staff will be moving on at the end of this calendar year. We wish **Nazia Yasmeen** well in completing the her masters and **Sean Kayode** in his pursuits of a doctorate degree. Your work was appreciated!



"Students make rapid progress and their achievement overtime is good. This means that their progress albeit from low starting point, is better than that made by other students nationally." February 2015 Ofsted

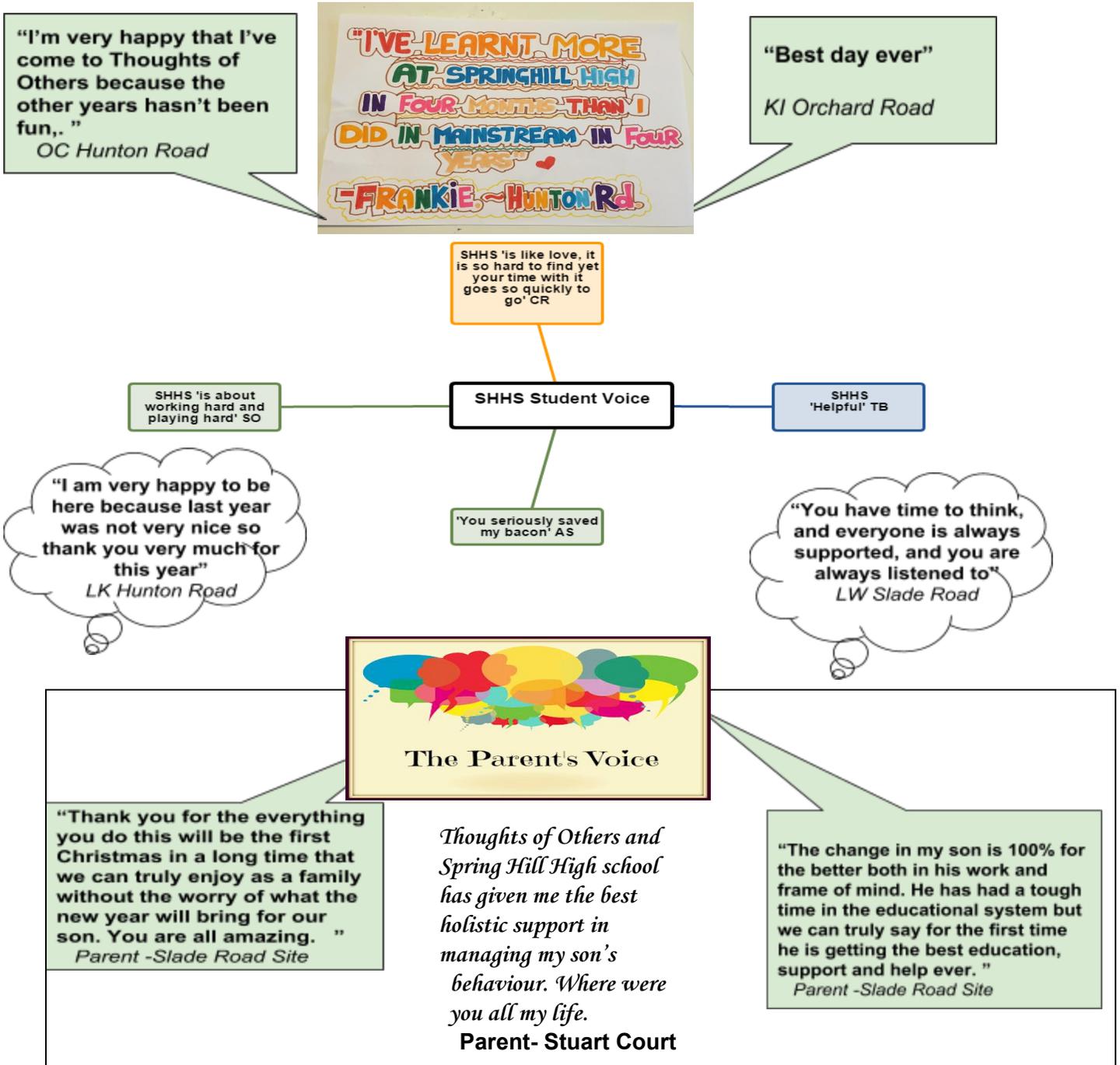


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Ofsted 2015

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What are our students saying.....



SHHS Team Around the Child

Board of Directors: Jim Sullivan (Managing Director); Sean Gilligan (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Desmond Allen

Acting Responsible Individual: Marlon Greene

Headteacher: Sheraine Reid-Ferguson

Deputy Headteachers: Chris Selvin (Stuart Court- Post 16 site); Michele Darke (Wood End Lane); Gary Edmund (Orchard Road.)

Assistant Deputy Headteachers: Zoe Kaur Johal (Slade Road); Faria Alam (Hunton Road)

Careers Advisor: Vickie Collin

Speech and Language Therapist: Claire Johnston

SENCO: Robert Goldthorpe

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Gemma Gall

Music Therapist: Abby Stain

Learning Disability Nurse: Rebecca Billingham

School Counsellor: Rebecca Kearns

Thoughts of Others Parent Partnership (TOOPS) -
Cross Cultural - Terrence Powell

Life Skills Coach/Counsellor: Gary Anderson

Consultants:

Barbara Scrivens (Executive Headteacher)

Juliet Stafford (Teaching and Learning Consultant)

Teachers and Learning Support Assistants.

Dates For Your Diary - Term Dates

Spring 1 - 2016

04th January - Teacher training day

05th January - Teacher training day

06th January - School re-opens for students

12th February - School closes for the half term

Spring 2 - 2016

22nd February - School re-opens for students

24th March - End of Term celebrations on individual sites
School closes for the Easter break

Summer 1-2016

11th April - Teacher training day

12th April - School re-opens for students

27th May - School closes for the half term

Summer 2-2016

06th June - School re-opens for students

22nd July - End of Term Celebrations.

School breaks up for Summer.

How to contact us

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For more information about the school please our website:

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<http://www.springhillhighschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Ofstead2015.pdf>

