

Spring Hill High School Newsletter - Autumn 2016

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Message from the Head Teacher:

Welcome to the final newsletter for the academic year 2015/2016. We have had a very exciting and eventful year and we are happy that we were able to share it with you through our termly newsletter. We will continue to keep you informed of all the wonderful learning and special achievements that are happening in our school. Spring Hill High School is a special and unique place in which to learn and we look forward to continue to sharing with you the students' achievements and future learning opportunities.

GCSE Examinations!



Come Summer term and we see students under a lot of pressure for the on coming GCSE examinations. Well done to all the students who overcame their apprehensions and sat the GCSE examinations. Art students showed exceptional talent with their GCSE Art Exam Entries.



"Britain IN or OUT of Europe?"

23 June 2016 is a date that will go down in history as the moment when the British public decides its future as they vote on whether or not the country should remain a member state of the European Union. Students at the post-16 site of SHHS debated over whether Britain should vote to Leave or Remain in the EU. Before the debate began students and teachers were invited to share their viewpoints, with those in favour of remaining in the EU narrowly outnumbering those wanting to leave. After an hour of intense debate and thought provoking discussion, including some close questioning from the Civics teacher, a second poll of the audience was taken. The UK 'out' campaign had argued successfully and the final result was a 50/50 split on the issue.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SPEAK OUT BE HEARD MAKE A CHANGE
WE MUST BECOME THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

In the Summer Term, Spring Hill High School saw its students exercise their rights to voting for student representatives. Individual sites held elections to gain site representatives. Each site representative was tasked with speaking to the students at their site and identifying areas for improvement or change. The students put forward some very interesting ideas and change is already in motion. Slade Road is purchasing more football goals; Wood End is adapting breaktime activities; and Orchard Road is seeking to change the way in which the weekly tutorials are completed. All students involved have shown a great maturity and commitment to

being involved which has been fantastic to observe. Well done all!

Attendance:

The Government target for attendance is 95%. **Congratulations to the 21 students who have 100% attendance so far this Summer half term.**

We monitor attendance very closely and require a valid reason to be given for any absence. If for any reason a student cannot attend school please get in touch with the deputy of the site that your child attends.

All unexplained absences will be followed up. Please help us maintain our ever improving attendance figures.

Remember..

Good attendance = Good exam results = success!!



In this section we look at what's happening in Careers:

Careers

Well done to all Students who have been on Work placements this term. A great thank you to all the organisations that offered our students work placements.

These include University College Birmingham where students will have the opportunity to do work experience in the Hair and Beauty and the Sports and Leisure Departments.



Students Work Experience Opportunities:

- Costa Coffee - <http://www.costa.co.uk/contact>
- Thoughts of Others Limited – Maintenance department
- Harbour Café, St Barnabas Church, Erdington - <http://www.stbarnabaserdington.org.uk/whats-on/the-harbour-cafe/>
- Hair Salon and Barbers, Solihull
- University College Birmingham Birmingham - <http://www.ucb.ac.uk/our-courses/college-courses/take-part-before-you-start/work-experience.aspx>
- Birmingham Reptile and Pets, Erdington - <http://www.reptile-specialist.co.uk>
- Telford Equestrian Centre - <http://www.telford-equestriancentre.co.uk>

National Citizenship Service

- Some students have successfully gained a place to the National Citizenship Service (NCS) this summer - http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/?gclid=Cj0KEQjwhN-6BRCJsePgxruiIwBEiQAI8rq8xPZIPY_JIZ1UAPok2anvrrXhR1lzn5InHN2FAf-oJcaAv1d8P8HAQ&gclsrc=aw.ds

Employer Visits

- This term we visited Birmingham Children's Hospital for a careers day - www.aspireatbch.com/#!/services-for-school/cmj

Other employer visits included:

- Nova Training – Motor Vehicle - <http://www.novatrainng.co.uk>
- Gordon Franks – Warehouse, Business administration - <http://gordonfrankstraining.co.uk>
- The Apprenticeship team from Prospects Careers service showed students how to register and use the National Apprenticeship website raising awareness of Traineeships and Apprenticeships -

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

- Access to music college came to talk to students about the different music courses.
- Students experienced an acoustic performance from one of the degree students - <http://www.accesstomusic.co.uk>
- Lloyds Bank came to talk to students about money, what money is. Why is some worth more? What does it mean to them? Where does it come from and how do we earn it? They looked at the difference between £5 and £50 why is one worth more than the other. (They brought real money including £50 notes to bring it to life). The students got to think about what they most enjoy i.e. hairdressing, gaming, caring, animals etc. What business could they turn that in to? Starting up their own business and what that business would be, come up with name, logo, marketing ideas. Then think about how the business could grow and a product or service that they might want to promote and how they could do that and what would they need.
- START is being piloted and due to begin in September- START is an innovative and easy-to-use careers guidance software helping young people make better and more informed choices about their career path - <https://www.startprofile.com/Login.aspx>

Spot Light!

What is a traineeship?

- A traineeship is a programme with work experience that gets a trainee ready for work or an apprenticeship and it can last up to 6 months. Traineeships are best suited to an individual who is unemployed and has little or no work experience, aged 16 to 24 and qualified below level 3. A trainee will benefit from a work experience placement and will receive help with English and Maths if they require it. They won't be paid, but they may be given expenses for things like travel and meals - <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/traineeshipsearch>

Other

The school has been invited in July to the Mad Hatters Tea party at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.



SHHS - Charity Work

TOO and SHHS donated materials to Highcroft CC recently for a garden. The garden area was completely resurfaced and planted to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday. This was unveiled on the 4th June 2016.

Congratulations to our very own Mick Quigley (Stoney Lane Home Manager) for completing the 28 mile run on 30-04-2016 and raising £635.. This was in aid of raising money for a Foetal Heart Machine at the Birmingham Women's Hospital. Mick and a student representative from SHHS, personally presented the cheque to Birmingham Women's Hospital.

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TOO and SHHS made it to the TOP TABLE

On Thursday 21st April Jim Sullivan (MD), Sheraine Reid-Ferguson (HT) and Claire Johnston (SLT) had a meeting with Sir Martin Narey who has been commissioned by the government to conduct national review for Looked After Children's care. Thoughts of Others and Spring Hill High School were invited to the 'top table' to present our unique model which has made our exceptionally good practice renowned nationally across a number of different Local Authorities.



TOO and SHHS on "Twitter"



Sir Martin Narey
@martinnarey

Loved the passion for doing better for children in residential care:

Claire Johnston @claire0776
@martinnarey Thank you for meeting us & discussing with Jim @TOOCARE2002 his ethos of LAC care, Sheraine @SHHSUK education,.

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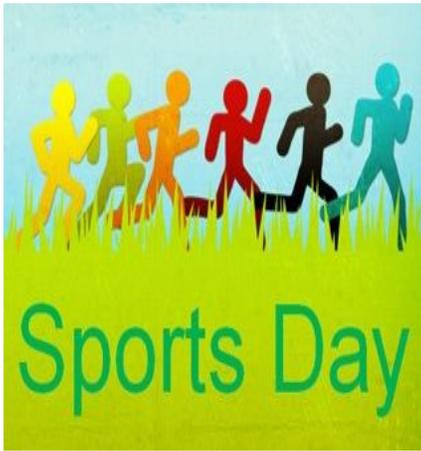
Jack Dromey MP
@JackDromeyMP

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Three wonderful presentations on things that really matter from the young people of @SHHSUK. Well done to you all!



Summer End of term Fun and Activities



20th July 2016

Sports Day

Everyone enjoyed sports day on Wednesday. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout from the annual barbeques, through the multi-skill group activities to the races. Well done to all students and the staff for participating actively and braving the summer heat.



13th July 2016

Talent show

Congratulations to the amazing young people who appeared in our Annual Talent Show. We had a mixture singing, dancing, stand up comedy and flute playing in our Talent Show.



19th July 2016

Science fair

Spring Hill High School had its first annual Science Fair. All budding young scientists took center stage and wowed the external STEM Adjudicator with their Science Projects. Our scientists spent weeks studying a topic of choice, writing hypotheses and conducting experiments. Once information was gathered, displays were created and presentations were made.

First Prize - Eggcellent

Second Prize - Lava Lamp

Third Joint - Robot and Pavlov's Fish

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-The schools Post 16 site), Michele Darke (Wood End Lane), Gary Edmund (Orchard Road), 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

Mental Health Nurse: Sinead Sullivan

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

Summer 1-2016

11th April - Teacher training day

12th April - School reopens for students

27th May - School closes for the half term

Summer 2-2016

06th June - School reopens for students

22nd July - End of Term Celebrations.

Hollyfield Social Club

School breaks up for Summer.

Autumn 1 2016

05th September - Teacher training day

06th September - Teacher training day

07th September - School reopens for students

How to contact us

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Slade Road - 28 Slade Road, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7PG (0121 448 0147)

Wood End Lane - 141 Wood End Lane, Erdington, Birmingham B24 8BD (0121 439 5529)

Orchard Road - 113 Orchard Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B24 9JE (0121 439 3066)

Hunton Road - 36 Hunton Road, Erdington, Birmingham, B23 6AH (0121 448 9393)



For more information about the school please our website:

<http://www.springhillhighschool.co.uk/>

For our most recent OFSTED report:

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