



# THE LODGE

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## Message from the Head



So here we are again, 8 weeks in and it is as though we never had a Summer Break!

The students have already been involved in lots of learning adventures and experiences both on site and off. At The Brades Lodge we took a group of intrepid sailors across the seas off the South coast, as the remnants of a recent American Hurricane hit our shores; whilst at Shenstone Lodge the 'Big Camp' at the beginning of the year offered a different type of wet weather challenge! This year, as ever, we will be ensuring pupil progress (academic and behavioural), and improving attendance overall remain our highest priorities.

We will continue to deliver a rich and engaging curriculum that supports our students to improve their ability to read, write and apply maths, whilst offering a broader range of enrichment opportunities which will be framed to develop skills for employment at all levels and ages within the school.

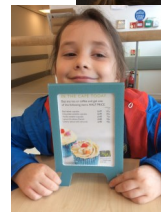
Changes to The Brades Lodge school hours and day have proved to be a real success. Attendance levels have improved already and the number of serious incidents have been at the lowest levels for an Autumn term since our automated recording began. In addition The Brades students are benefitting from an improved school meal offer, which is tastier and more personalised than ever before. Onwards and upwards!

## WAITROSE WELCOME

As part of an exciting project where Shenstone students created and designed their own chocolate bars, the children in Dragons and Unicorns took a trip to Waitrose in Lichfield.

They were warmly welcomed and learnt all about the different things sold in a supermarket, talked to the people who work behind the Delicatessen counters and met the Store Managers.

The children were then invited into the Cafe to sit and have a free cake and a drink! As we relaxed it was fascinating to watch all the things that happen in a busy cafe. We can't wait to visit again! Mrs Sizer



## SAD NEWS

After a long period of illness, school Governor Norman Ball has resigned from his post. The school is extremely grateful for the work Norman has done over the years and we wish him well for the future. With this in mind we continue to have a PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY. If you are able to spare a few hours each term to support the school we would be happy to talk through the role. Please contact [headteacher@shenstonelodge.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@shenstonelodge.co.uk) or call 01543 480369 and ask to talk to Karen Appleby or Neil Toplass

## SPORTS NEWS



We are delighted to announce that Shenstone Lodge School have achieved the 'School Games Bronze Mark Award' for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and community, something we do well and have now been recognised for.

Our sporting competitions last year included: Football tournaments, Indoor Archery, Dodgeball, Cross-Country rallies and Inclusion Sports

With a total of 49% of our young people competing in local inter-school competitions and 97% competing in competitions within school last year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport. We look forward to doing even better this year  
Mr Mitchell

The Brades Lodge football team kicked off their 18/19 campaign with a home fixture against Northern House School from Solihull. It was an excellent advert for SEMH School's Football with both teams respecting the laws of the game and playing in an excellent spirit. The game was a back and forth encounter where we never led but showed great heart to continually fight back to a well-deserved 6-6 draw. Rio even managed to bag his first goal for the team on his debut. A brilliant sign of things to come. Well Done Boys! Mr Worton



## Apprenticeship Opportunities for Year 11



On the 3rd of October Year 11 students visited the world famous Cheltenham Racecourse for the National Apprenticeship Show. With over 60 employers and providers in attendance, it gave the opportunity for our year 11s to get lots of information about apprenticeships and if they offer a viable option for them Post 16. The students rated the day as a 9.1 for how useful they found it and a 10 for recommending it to others. Needless to say we will be back next year. After interacting with the employers and providers the students have been left with plenty of food for thought. If you would like any further advice or information about Post 16 options for your child please contact our Careers lead Mr Worton on

[scott.worton@shenstonelodge.co.uk](mailto:scott.worton@shenstonelodge.co.uk)

## RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

We've dived right in to many activities falling within the theme 'All About Me. We've explored healthy eating through pizza making with fresh toppings and vegan waffles, both of which were delicious!. Our mini Olympics put the pupils up against themselves in a battle against their own 'Personal Bests'. Craft projects that included clay pot making, cartoon design, conker snails and painting on skateboard decks gave an opportunity for pupils to find inner peace, relaxation and the chance to explore their creative side. This term saw the return of our Tuesday night Judo Club, with members from the residential and school side getting stuck in. Swimming has been another popular activity where many children saw progression in their confidence, swimming and diving ability. See you next half term! Dave Hare RCCO



## Sailing

On the 16th of September 6 students and 3 staff took the school minibus down to Plymouth Yacht Haven for a week on board the Sail Training Vessel, Pegasus. The week involved living on board a 72' Gaff Rigged Cutter built in Bristol. Once on board we had to scrub the decks, prepare meals and clean away as part of the 11 person crew. Although the weather was slightly against us, force 8 Gale building to force 9 Strong Gale, all aboard had a wonderful time looking at the fortifications of Plymouth and exploring the delights of Fowey. 'The sailing was awesome and the best trip ever' said Drew, whilst John has even decided to join Sea Cadets as a result of his experience.  
(Simon Hobbs)



## Quiz Corner



1. Who is the UK's richest person ?
2. Which 6 football teams have never been out of the Premiership ?
3. How far is a 'nautical mile' in metres ?
4. Name the last three American presidents .
5. What is a leap year ?

## A.O.B.

The school is pleased to confirm that we have been able to secure two new members to the Governing Body. Leighton Hughes is a HR specialist working for a large fruit distributors and Bina Kaur is a banking professional. We are looking forward to them strategically supporting the school in the future.

We are pleased to welcome a new teacher, Ms Hollie Keyse, who has started work at the Shenstone Lodge site working with Centaur class.

Well Done...



To Rio, McKenzie Lu, Andre, Cain and Jamie for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Rehquarne, Kai, Ethan, Kyle, Andre, Cain, Rio, Kieran and Thomas who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Leona, Jake, Charlotte, Cameron and Junior with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Ethan C, Jayden B, Dwaine, Junior, Jayden N, Luke O, Romero, Charlotte, Celest, Kieron, Xavier, Curtis, Leona, Jake, Chanel, Ryan and Zeke who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

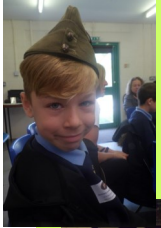
Parents and staff worked hard preparing cakes and setting up the stall for the Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'. Although it was a little disappointing that the number of guests was low, the spread looked amazing and all the cakes were eventually eaten. The money raised will go to support the Macmillan Cancer Trust. Ms Bassi



## WAR MUSEUM VISIT

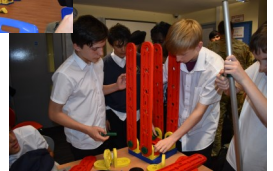
As part of their World War 2 study, children in Griffin and Cyclops class visited the Museum of Cannock Chase to take part in a World War 2 experience. The children found out what an air raid was like and what life was like for children who were evacuated.

Mrs Pearcey



## ARMY 'INVADE' THE BRADES

As part of this half term's focus on Careers at The Brades Lodge, soldiers from the Youth Outreach Team spent part of the day setting team building tasks for Key Stage 3 and 4 students. As part of the challenge they were required to build a command tower and a movable device that could be used to carry casualties. As expected working together proved quite tricky for some students but overall the day was a success. Scoring from 1-10, the participants awarded 6.7 for how useful they found it and 7.4 for recommending it to their friends. Mr Worton



## Diary Dates...

Half Term 29th Oct-2nd Nov

**Staff Training Day**

**Friday 9th November**

**BONFIRE NIGHT AT BRADES 9th NOV**

**Xmas Break 21st Dec 1.30pm**

**Students Return Mon 7th Jan**

**Half Term 18th -22nd Feb**

**Staff Training Day**

**Friday 22nd March**

**Easter Break 13th Apr 1.30pm**

## School Data Box

Below is a short summary of some of the key bits of information that we report on to Governors and the Local Authority.

Attendance for the year 2017/18 :

**SLS 88% down 2% on 2016/17**

**TBL 78% up 11% on 2016/17**

Sessions lost to Exclusion (1 day = 2 sessions) 2017/18 :

**SLS down from 66 (2016/17) to 32 (2017/18)**

**TBL up from 70 (2016/17) to 96 (2017/18)**



**Safety net Kids**

Safety Net Kids is a user friendly website that will help younger students learn how to look after themselves in a wide variety of places, including online, in the playground and in the local park.

<http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

(Narinder Singh)

**Friday 9th November 2018**

**Professional fireworks  
display team**

**at**

**The Brades Lodge**

**Doors open @ 6:30**

**Fireworks start @ 7:00**

**+ games organised by the year 10 students**

**Hot food and drinks available to purchase**

**Admission  
Only**

**£5**

**Per person**

**Under 5's go free**

**The Brades Lodge  
Lower City Road**

**Tivoli  
D00 2HA**

**Aspens**



**Shenstone Lodge School**

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and promoting the welfare of children"

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