



## Message from the Head

Firstly, I would like to thank you all again for your tolerance and support this year as we have navigated the impact of industrial action, snow days and lingering bouts of Covid !

As we near the end of another school year, the school continues to deliver creative events and activities that maintain learning right up to the Summer Break.

Over the year Shenstone and Brades have regularly held themed weeks and days. The weeks are designed to broaden the curriculum and to raise the profile of areas that can fall short in a more formal timetable. In particular, Shenstone has hosted an Inclusion week, Horticulture week, a Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) week, a Mental Health and Well Being week and most recently a Safe Happy Healthy week which included a fantastic sports day and parents' afternoon. These have proved really popular with the students and staff who get to experience and deliver an enriched programme of study that includes a range of trips and school visitors supporting the themes. Furthermore, we have been able to facilitate staff exchanges from across the schools to deliver specialist activities.

On a more strategic note we are thrilled to have increased our numbers across the two sites this year. From September will be working with 120 students with approx. 70 at Shenstone and 50 at The Brades . This is a stepping stone to further anticipated increases when The Brades has its new classroom block completed in 2024.

And finally, the feedback from parents and carers at a number of our recent 'school community ' events has been a real testament to all of our hard work since September 2022. Here are a few examples of what has been said...

"Shenstone has changed his life, it changed my life, he's happier than ever, and I'm so thankful"

"This place is proper ace, it's helped him so much and I just know he wouldn't have been happy anywhere else. He's always laughing and he can't wait to come- he'll miss it"

"Always impressed with how its just like family here. Every child is loved and helped to thrive. Staff are wonderful. Stunning !"

Have an amazing break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 6th September.

**Get the Soap Out It's Raining !** Never in The Brades Lodge's Soap Box Derby history has it rained let alone constant torrential rain. Despite the weather, the Year 8 students taking part as 'mechanics' and 'drivers' represented the school superbly and managed to earn the construction award for the day. Schools from across the region braved the weather to push their machines to the limits. A great day for ducks ! Jack Benson



## SPORTS NEWS



Footballing fixtures have come thick and fast this half term with teams from both schools attending National and Trust wide tournaments at St. George's Park, the home of England's National Teams. On July 5th the Brades Lodge competed against SEMH school teams from across the Northern and Southern regions. After 11 hard fought games the boys came a respectable 5th after winning over half of their matches. It was great to see our young team starting to gel with some passionate and accomplished performances from Josh, Omarion and others. The player of the day was Callum who scored 5 goals and had many more near misses. The eventual winners were Oastlers School from Bradford.



On the 6th July both The Brades and Shenstone Lodge fielded teams at the second Manor Hall Academy Trust's 'Copa Del Manor' tournament. The primary tournament was well attended with 6 schools from across the Trust taking part. Shenstone quickly set out their stall as the side to beat as they dominated the opposition teams. By the end of the day the boys and girls had racked up 6 consecutive wins, scoring an amazing 15 goals! Of note, Korey, Dantai, Jimmy and Rosie played consistently well all day, however, with the most total goals CJ was the players' player! The Brades also had a great tournament, winning the third place trophy. Over the course of the day the team were only defeated by the tournament's winners and were held to third place by 1 point as a result of a draw in the latter stages of the day. Again we saw some great all round performances, but the player of the day had to go to Saj who has his first outing for the team. Well Done all ... a fantastic couple of days.



We were thrilled to receive the 'ADHD Friendly' Award after submitting a large portfolio of evidence, demonstrating how our provision meets the award criteria to the quality mark's auditors. Across the year the school has arranged staff training, raised the profile of neurodiversities in assemblies and on noticeboards, changed day to day practice and have supported parents to develop better understanding of ADHD and other related conditions. Well done to all those involved!

**Strong Student** As the school gets back to hosting events, and schools regain their confidence following Covid restrictions the Brades Lodge have hosted their 'Strongest Student' competition. Schools from across the region sent their representatives to take part in a range of challenges such as the tyre flip, yolk carry, dead lifts and the now famous minibus pull!! We were thrilled to award the third place award to Saj who did brilliantly for his first time!



**Foody Heaven!** On the 7th June The Brades Y10's had an amazing day out sampling some of the best street foods in London.

Throughout the day the boys saw some great sites whilst having the opportunity learn about the foods they were eating, how they had been made, where they had originated and how the flavours had been changed over time to fit UK tastes! Jaggie Bassi



All students at The Brades Lodge have access to MyON, a fantastic free digital library containing thousands of fiction and non-fiction books.

This is used as a resource at school, and students can also access this at home from any device. It is entirely free of charge.

Reading for 20 minutes per day is proven to increase vocabulary and comprehension skills. As it is so important that children read regularly, we hope that they will take advantage of having free access to MyON, and choose to use this resource over the summer holiday.

Students should have had personal login details already. Please could check your child can access this at home and let us know asap if there are any issues.

## Quiz Corner

1. Which 20-20 cricket teams have the following nick names... Bears, Jets and Outlaws ?
2. Can you describe 3 meanings for the word pitch
3. Can you think of a 12 letter word that has at least one letter 'O' in it ?
4. What do the letters in NAHT stand for ?
5. What is a 'Pecan' ?

## BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

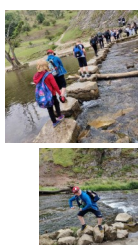


On Thursday 15th June, Year 8 students from The Brades Lodge participated in a trip to the Black Country Living Museum, which supported their work on the Industrial Revolution in Humanities and non-fiction study of The Victorians in English. They were lucky enough to witness a fantastic display of traditional chain-making, enjoy an adventure in the replica coal mine, sample the delights of the fish and chip shop and old-fashioned sweets from the confectioner, as well as exploring outdoor areas of the museum in the glorious sunshine. Sarah Yates (English Lead)

## SLS PARENTS DAY

On a tentatively sunny Thursday morning students, parents and carers enjoyed a fantastic, well organised and competitive sports day. Students took place in a wide range of events including some 'old school' sack races, egg and spoon races, running races and relays. Each student was assigned a team colour and the Teams competed for points in each race.

After the races, parents and carers were able to have a picnic lunch with their children and then had the opportunity to see the class teacher for an academic progress update. In addition, all those attending were able to view and purchase books from the school's visiting 'book club'. An amazing day for all !



Students at Shenstone Lodge kicked off Happy Safe Healthy week with a trip to the Peak District and a walk across the famous Dovedale Stepping Stones. The group from a number of classes walked their way down the beautiful river Dove and enjoyed the jeopardy of crossing the stones as the river relentlessly flowed. Luckily no one got wet !



## A.O.B.

- This Brades Lodge has said 'Goodbye' to Simon Hobbs (Head of School) this half term. We wish him well in the future. The interim Head of School position has been filled by Scott Worton who is looking forward to leading the school until a permanent replacement is secured.
- Shenstone Lodge School welcomes Hannah Shutts who has been appointed as a teacher following interviews held on 25th May.
- Other staff also leaving the school at the end of term are : Maggie Hunter and Garry Cox. Both of whom are looking forward to a relaxing retirement ! Sunita Lalli who is currently the first point of contact for many of you in the Shenstone office will be leaving to undertake a teaching assistant position in Walsall and Jess Compton, Shenstone Lodge TA who is off to University. Best wishes and thank you to all !
- Supermarket vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals will again be available for the Summer Break. These will be issued via text/email as usual. If you have not yet registered for Free School Meals and think you may be eligible to do so, please liaise with the Receptionist at either TBL or SLS who can support you in organising this.

### Diary Dates...

**Summer Holiday Tues 25th July**

**@1pm**

**Start date for students Wed 6th**

**September 2023**

**INSET Mon 16th October (school**

**closed to students)**

**Half Term 30th Oct-3rd Nov 2023**

### School Data Box 2022/23

#### Whole School Attendance

**2022/23 Yr To Date 84.1%** (National Av. Attendance to date for all special schools 87% (fig. prov. by DfE)

2021 /22 : 82.9%

#### Days lost to Suspension

**2022/23 Yr To Date : 65**

2021/22 Yr To Date : 103.5

**STAY SAFE ONLINE ...** As you all know, holidays can be a time when students spend a lot of time on their phones, games consoles and other gadgets. Here are a few tips to help to break the reliance on screens for entertainment .... Remember, Rome wasn't built in a day ! Don't expect your child to go from 5 hours of screen time to 1 hour overnight !

*Set Realistic Expectations and Goals for Reducing Screen Time.*

*Make meal and other times of the day 'tech free'.*

*Provide other outdoor or indoor play activity opportunities.*

*Watch how much time YOU spend on your devices.*

*Get involved and play alongside your child.*



# FREE SUMMER BOXING

BoxClever Mentoring will be providing free boxing sessions this Summer at Southpaw Boxing and Fitness Gym.

There is no need to book, simply turn up, sign in and get involved 🥊



## Session Dates

**Wednesday 2nd August**

**Wednesday 9th August**

**Wednesday 16th August**

**Wednesday 23rd August**

Unit 67 **11am-12pm**

Queens Court Trading Estate

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# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

## TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

## SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

## BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

## TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

## TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

## HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

## PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

## SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

## BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July – Friday 1st Sept 2023

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

## WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

## SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

## FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

## TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns