

# Shenley ACADEMY Spotlight

Issue 1

Autumn Term 2019

## All the way from Tokyo - with Silver!



### Bailey in Year 7 - Silver Medallist at the World Trampoline Championships

(Tokyo 2019)

Year 7 student, Bailey, recently returned from Tokyo after competing for Team GB in the World Championships. Bailey is an elite tumbler, which is a gymnastic



discipline that involves the performance of flips, summersaults, twists, tucks, handstands and headsprings. Bailey is a huge talent and he did incredibly well, performing at a world class level. He finished second in the competition and received a silver medal for his fabulous effort and skill.

We are very proud of Bailey's achievements and look forward to seeing his continued success.

*Mr Stimpson (PE Dept and form tutor)*

### Spotlight on Attendance

Research has shown that regular attendance and good punctuality are crucial factors in students achieving their full potential in education. At Shenley Academy we wish to work in partnership with parents and carers and so are seeking your full support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time. We are always pleased to work together with parents/carers in resolving any difficulties but we are also committed to improving attendance levels at school.

**The target attendance figure for all students is a minimum of 97% attendance.**

Your child will be informed of their current attendance percentage by their form

tutor every Monday morning during AM registration. Shenley Academy are monitoring students closely whose attendance is falling and will contact you if your child's attendance does not improve. As a parent/carer you are committing an offence if you fail to ensure that your child attends school regularly and punctually, even if they are missing school without your knowledge. It is important that parents/carers monitor single day's absence, as these days soon add up to weeks. At Shenley Academy we reward students who attend school each day and whose attendance is improving. A culture of praise and reward is something we are keen to establish here at Shenley Academy.

*Mr Ewarrt, Senior Assistant Headteacher*

**Find out how you can improve your child's attendance on page 8.**

### Message from Dr Bartlett

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter. We will be making this a termly feature to update you on activities that have taken place in the academy and also to inform you of any key future dates. You will read that we are having a strong focus on attendance and we thank you for your continued support. As you read through the newsletter you will see that it has been a busy half term and this is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students. Year 11 continue to work extremely hard towards their examinations and will have a second phase of mock exams in January, so please ensure that students are revising over the break.



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year!



We welcome all students back on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

*Jayne Bartlett,  
Head of School*

### Leave During Term Time

Please note below before taking your child(ren) out of school during term time:

**'If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school his/her parent(s) are guilty of an offence.'**

**Shenley Academy has successfully prosecuted six families this academic year up to the amount of £375.**

# Spotlight on Performing Arts



## Shenley Young REP

In September, we relaunched the Young REP Drama Club which got off to a flying start and saw forty five students join. We also welcome to Shenley our new professional director Filiz who leads each session which meets every Wednesday between 3pm – 4.30pm. The group spent the first couple of weeks getting to know each other through drama games and activities and have more recently started to think about the performance that will take place in March 2020 at the

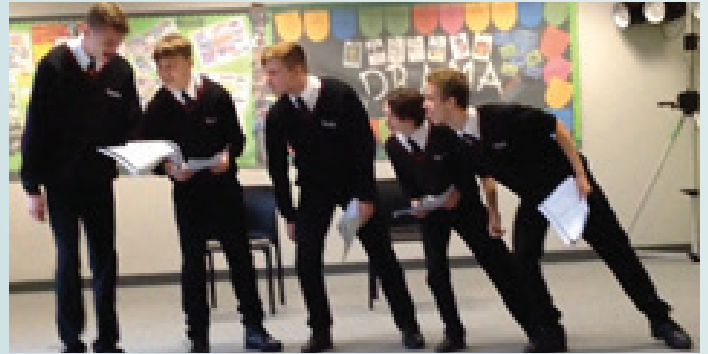
REP Theatre in Birmingham based on the idea 'The City of Mirrors'. Tickets for this production will be available through the REPs website in due course. If you would like to join the Young REP drama club then watch out for information from the Drama Department as we will be relaunching the REP in March 2020 and working towards an exciting new project.

## Year 10

Our Year 10 drama students are working incredibly hard to rehearse for a performance as part of their drama qualification worth 30% of their final grade. The students have chosen whether

to devise a piece of drama or work from an existing script and have spent lesson time rehearsing, developing their acting skills and exploring their characters backstories, alongside documenting this in a rehearsal diary log. The performances will take place in front of a live audience in March 2020 and tickets will be available in due course from Shenley Academy.

*Mr Page, Drama*



## Music Concert

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we held our annual music concert. This was planned and executed by the year 11 BTEC music students. They planned the promotions, ran the refreshments, sound and lighting, and were the stage managers for the two days of rehearsals as well as the final event. They were a credit to the academy in their communication skills and resilience in adversity, solving problems throughout the rehearsal process and during the event.

There were over 40 students performing during the course of the evening covering classical music right through to indie and pop. The evening began with a bang in the form of the Shenley Area Percussion Ensemble led by drum teacher, Mr Palmer from Services for Education and closed with Dawn Deocades' final performance of her Shenley career with 'Writings On The Wall' by Sam Smith. A huge well done to all performers, parents who support, Mr Long, Mrs Edie-Pabla and Mrs Messam for supporting the evening. We also bid farewell to Mr Horgan, Assistant Head Teacher and music teacher, thank you for all of your help in the department, you will be greatly missed.

*Miss Wormold, Head of Music*



# Spotlight on MFL

## European Day of Languages 26 November 2019

Students at Shenley Academy were greeted by teachers in an array of languages throughout the day and were challenged to find out which languages staff can speak. There was an international themed lunch and, after school, students took part in an Eiffel Tower building competition. The rules stated that it had to be made from spaghetti and marshmallows. Pictured right is the marvellous creation made by Years 10 and 11.

Year 8 had a visit from a guest speaker courtesy of Routes into Languages. Coumba

is a student in her first year at Aston University who speaks five languages. She gave a presentation about the importance of learning languages and where they can take you. It turns out that languages can take you just about anywhere! English is not Coumba's first language and we were all impressed with the idea of presenting in a different language. Year 8 asked some excellent questions which have since opened up a dialogue about the importance of learning languages in today's society. We look forward to seeing our linguists of the future develop their passion and language skills further.

*Ms Roberts, Head of MFL*



## Student Leadership Profile

### Alice, Year 11 Headgirl

The opportunity of being a major member of the Student Leadership Team has allowed me to develop my skills as a leader alongside my contributions as a young leader



for Scouts and Beavers. Both examples combined have made me more outgoing but have also matured me through responsibilities. As Head Girl of Year 11, I have acted as a mentor for younger students recognised for being able to benefit from support. This allowed me to have an important role that held great accountability as well as involving me as a role model. The position has given me the chance to contribute to the rewards that students receive as the team were tasked with finding potential trips for Rewards Week Summer 2019. As Head Girl, I have led assemblies and individually carried on the promotion of the Red Box Project in the academy. These experiences will hopefully aid my applications to Oxbridge as I aspire to attend prestigious universities such as these. Aim Higher has also supported me in my development in allowing me to attend the regional finals of the Speak Out Challenge. This experience outside of the Student Leadership Team again developed my confidence and acted as a major experience in my time at Shenley Academy because it is possible that, during my time at the academy, I will not deliver a speech to as many people in such a great venue about a topic I am passionate about.



**Aimhigher Plus is a partnership of universities, schools and colleges. We aspire to give students information and advice to help them make the best decisions about their future. We are working in partnership with Shenley Academy to support your child on their journey to gaining the skills and qualifications they need to achieve their dream careers, through a free programme of mentoring, events, workshops, and external trips. In September, Charlotte Playll started as Shenley's new Aimhigher Plus Ambassador and Mr Beeston has continued his role as the academy's Aimhigher Coordinator. We've had a very busy first term!**



Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 have attended various trips to University College Birmingham in November and December. In November, we took students from Years 9 and 10 to World Skills Live. This was a fantastic careers event at the NEC, where students saw live career demonstrations from a range of different employers, including scuba diving, engineering and floristry. In December, we took Year 10 students to a Psychology

Day at the University of Birmingham, where students explored the psychology of the teenage brain. During the last week of term, Year 9 and 10 students also attended UNILIFE 2019: A higher education conference where they will gain an insight into what being a university student is really like. A big thank you to all students who have attended these trips, whose behaviour has been brilliant and we hope they have learnt a lot from them!

For six weeks, Jack and Maddy, two current students from the University of Birmingham, have been coming in to school to run two different coaching programmes for Year 10 students. Maddy has been coaching students on CV building skills, while Jack has been focussing on improving students' confidence for their exams once they reach year 11.

Various different mentoring schemes have also been running at the academy. Joe Deans, a Youth Worker associated with Newman University, has been providing an invaluable mentoring scheme. We are so sad to see Joe move on to a different school next term as his work has been so appreciated by his mentees. Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 have also participated in Aimhigher Plus mentoring with Charlotte, focussing on career aspirations, higher education and exam attainment.

A final big thank you to parents who have signed trip consent forms, attended evening events and supported their children in the Aimhigher Plus Programme!

*Mr Beeston, Pastoral Lead*



# Spotlight on Key Stage 4

## Trussell Trust Charity Campaign

Following a really positive assembly for Year 9 students this week, the year group will once again be supporting a charity called the Trussell Trust who support a local foodbank in Cotteridge. Form groups will be working alongside their tutors to collect as many items as possible in order to donate before the Christmas break. These donations will make a huge difference to those within our local communities and support those less fortunate than ourselves. Items will be collected from form groups on Thursday 19th December ready to be delivered to the foodbank. Students are encouraged to donate as little or as much as they can to this very worthy cause. Every donation will make a huge impact to someone's life!

Many thanks in advance to Year 9!

*Mr Coy/Ms Fletcher  
Progress Leader for Key Stage 4/Pastoral  
Support Manager for Year 9*



## Year 10 Work Experience

As part of the growing partnership between the academy, industry and the community, every Year 10 student will take up a one week work experience placement. Students should independently source a suitable placement related to their current interests or potential future job prospect. Parents/carers are encouraged to support their son/daughter with arranging a suitable placement to ensure their success.

The work experience placement will support with their future GCSE and BTEC studies as well as providing students with a realistic induction to the requirements, discipline and expectations of working life. Their placement will also increase their motivation to learn and develop self confidence within their own personal abilities, whilst developing a sense of professionalism and attitude of what's required and expected in the world of work.

Students are encouraged to arrange a work experience placement as soon as possible and should return their consent form which will secure their placement.

This placement week is fast approaching and with other local schools also undertaking work experience, I would highly recommend organising a placement as soon as possible. If your son/daughter requires any support please encourage them to speak to their form tutor, myself or Miss Stevenson.

Year 10, make sure you don't let these opportunities pass you by!

*Mr Coy, Progress Leader for Key Stage 4  
(Years 9 and 10)*

# Spotlight on Key Stage 3



## Year 7

Congratulations to Year 7 students on completing their first full term at secondary school. During the autumn term we saw the introduction of a new homework strategy. This involved students applying acquired subject knowledge with the support of knowledge organisers to self-manage their independent learning in a single homework book. Year 7 tutors have seen some wonderful pieces of completed work coupled with excellent demonstration of subject knowledge. It

is really great to see so many youngsters already beginning to embed revision skills and learning techniques that will support them later in their school life and meet the demands of modern GCSE assessments. Further independent learning strategies will be shared with students in the spring term and we look forward to supporting their continued academic development. The daily homework rota will remain the same (see below). We would like to offer sincere thanks to parents and guardians in supporting this process.

## Year 7 Homework Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hegarty Maths	One page of English work	One page of Science work	Half a page of MFL work and half a page of history work	Half a page of geography work and half a page of RE work.

## Year 8

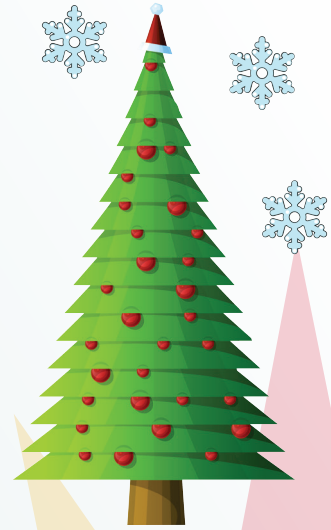
The year 8 team have been very impressed by the enthusiasm of students in the cohort. We had a significant number of students apply for leadership responsibilities during the autumn term, so much so that Mr Cook and Mr Jennings are already busily looking at further opportunities to get even more year 8 students involved in positive community

initiatives. It was really lovely to see the year group's willingness to participate rewarded at the end of the term with victory at the Newman University Winter Games. Year 8 were also introduced to the new homework strategy during the penultimate week of term, and will be using a homework book, knowledge organisers and a homework timetable to manage independent learning moving forward.

## Year 8 Homework Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hegarty Maths	One page of English work	One page of Science work	Half a page of MFL work and half a page of history work	Half a page of geography work and half a page of RE work.

**Mr Cook, Mr Beeston and Mr Jennings would like to wish the entire Key Stage 3 cohort a restful Christmas holiday.**



# Spotlight on Sport

## Birmingham School Games Shenley Partnership 2018-2019

The Shenley partnership has really grown over the last academic year. More schools than ever are participating in the School Games inter-school competitions for both primary and secondary age groups. There have also been huge successes amongst sports clubs and sports leadership programmes. These include an increased number of Change 4 Life clubs, increased number of Play Leaders trained up and more primary and secondary schools establishing School Sport Leadership Academies.

We would like to thank all staff and volunteers who have made this possible by giving up their time and supporting each and every event. Well done to all schools involved. We look forward to continuing this success next year!

*Mr Stimpson*



## Inter College and South Birmingham Cross Country Championships

In October we ran the Inter-College Cross Country competition where students competed against their year groups and gender in races from a mile to a mile and a half. It was also an opportunity to be a sports leader and help marshal the course or be part of the warm-up for the athletes. With superb enthusiasm and determination, all students completed the course and some were then selected to represent the academy in the South Birmingham Championships the following week. This was held at our very own Shenley Fields where over 15 schools brought around 150 athletes to compete on our gruelling hills and extensive course to gain a place in the South Birmingham cross country team. An excellent achievement goes to Charlie Brayshaw who medalled in the inter boys race. Thank you also to the sport leaders who supported by marshalling the course; they also received praise from other teachers attending from the local schools, about their professionalism and enthusiasm.

*Miss Wcsasek*



### Partnership Schools 2018-19

#### Primary:

Our Lady of Fatima • Raddlebarn • Woodhouse • Harborne • Woodcock • Chad Vale • St Mary's CofE • Bellfield • Northfield Manor • Paganel • Jervoise • Princethorpe • Green Meadow • Bournville • Tiverton • St Peters CofE • Merritts Brook • Welsh House Farm • Four Dwellings.

#### Secondary:

Shenley Academy • Hillcrest • Selly Park • Harborne • Lordswood Girls • Lordswood Boys • Bournville • Dame Elizabeth Cadbury.

## Winners - University Winter Games 2019!



The winter games is a competition run by students from Newman University who are in the final year of their degree. The aim of this event is to promote the awareness of the Winter Olympic Games and allows further understanding of the winter Olympics for the children/participants whilst simultaneously giving them a sense of gratification and enjoyment.



**Competitors:** Luke Morrison, O'Neal Onogbu, Shane Gutierrez, James Miles, JB Resuello, Lucky Igbo, Amy Sargeant, Grace Shaw, Georgia Longley, Phoebe Alison, Sairah Jones, Isatu Bah, Anya Bryan.

*Miss Wczasek*



## Athletics Talent Day

### Street 2 Stadium Birmingham Programme

The programme is aimed at identifying both students with and without disabilities who have a talent for athletics.

The session consisted of a sprint, throw and jump with top performers being identified by British Athletics who will be there in full force on the day, together with paralympic head coach Paula Dunn MBE.

This was a fantastic opportunity, and meant that they were able to compete against some of the top athletes in Birmingham alongside being coached by national coaches. All students performed well on the day and were praised by the coaches for their discipline and positive inclusive attitude. I look forward to using this experience in the summer term.

**Competitors:** Lillian Bellizia 7B, Taffi Wiafe 7E,

Elijah Farrell-Reid 7D, Shae Henry 7E, Sean Guy 7B, Jessie Vollrath 7C, Lucy Bonham 7A, Sariah Jones 8A, Lucas Calder 8A, Lucky Igbo 8C, Rya Needle 9H, Joshua N'Sapu 9H, Ruedel Farrell-Reid 9H, Izabelle Watckiss 9H, Youma Kebe 9H.

*Miss Wczasek*

## Football Year 7 Boys



The Year 7 boys have started the football season very positively. They are a strong team who have performed to a high standard in the league games. They won their first match against the University of Birmingham School, winning 9-4. They then fought hard to beat a strong Kings Norton Boys team 2-1 in the league. They then lost a closely contested cup match against Arden. Well done to all students involved.

**The Team:** Daniel Redmond; Eromosele Okwelegbe; Michael Hawes; James Clinton; Simon Williams; William Moorcroft; Sean Guy; Jayden Puati; Logan O'Donnell; Miles WallCallum Tees; Finley McGlen; Bailey Roberts

*Mr Stimpson*

## Year 8 Boys

**Kings Norton and South Birmingham District League  
Shenley Academy 11 – 1 Bournville  
Shenley Academy 0 – 9 Kings Norton Boys**

The Year 8 team have had a mixed start to their 2019 - 2020 football season. They have played two league fixtures resulting in one win and one loss. Shenley had a convincing win against Bournville in their first game of the season. This was the result of Shenley looking to move the ball effectively to players in a space when building an attack. Shenley were also effective in moving the ball from the middle of the pitch out wide to utilise space on the wings and create space around the goal. This good movement and tenacity in front of goal resulted in a large victory. However, Shenley were warned that they were often leaving themselves exposed to concede through poor defensive positioning due to too many joining the attack. Before the second game against Kings Norton, Shenley were warned that they must maintain their positions in order to keep possession of the ball and to stop Kings Norton finding space in the attack. Shenley started this well, however, after conceding the team started to get dragged out of position which led to too many gaps being left for Kings Norton to expose. This resulted in Shenley experiencing their first loss of the season. The team now have to play University of Birmingham School and Dame Elizabeth Cadbury in order to qualify for the knockout cup competition.

**The Team:** Reece Edwards, Bobby Miller,

Lucky Igbo, Alfie Lakin, Luke Morrison, Tom Jennings, Dylan Brecknall, Donell Alcock, Archie Morgan, Jacob Richards, Dylan Wells, James Miles, Pele Haarhoff, Joshua Nkundabandi

*Mr Blakeway*



## Year 9 Boys

**Kings Norton and South Birmingham District League  
Shenley Academy 3 – 0 Kings Norton Boys  
Shenley Academy 3 – 0 Erdington Academy  
Shenley Academy 6 – 0 Dame Elizabeth  
Shenley Academy 4 – 4 Bartley Green (victory on penalties after extra time)**

The Year 9 boys have continued their 100% win rate after lifting the district trophy last year. They play with a huge amount of determination and passion which is translated into their consistently high performances.

**The Team:** Brandon Burke; Casey Tierney; Ryan Needle; Nathan Rowe; Matthew Horton; George Alison; Cameron Shelley; Joe Smith; Joshua N'sapu; Joe Fletcher; Charlie Gavin; Tariq Clemenson; Alex Young; Cheikh Diaw; Blake Kindred

## Year 10 Boys

**Kings Norton and South Birmingham District League  
Shenley Academy 10 – 2 University of Birmingham  
Shenley Academy 2 – 2 Dame Elizabeth Cadbury**  
Year 10 have had an up and down season so far. They are still on course to qualify for the quarter finals of the district championships although have some work still to do.

They have had highs such as an amazing performance and 10-2 victory against UoB school. This was a very impressive performance with students such as Bradley Walters, Jacob Longley, Dillon Lee and Jack Miller constantly breaking fast into space to create numerous chances. Harry Keegan and Harry Bates held the midfield and provided an excellent platform from which to attack. However, there have also been disappointments such as a fluctuating performance against DEC school. This took a stoppage time equaliser from Alfie Fallon to get the team out of trouble and earn a 2-2 draw. If we can improve our movements and release the ball earlier then a place in the knock out phase of the competition will be gained.

**The Team:** James Needle; Jayden Miller; Jacob Longley; Dillon Lee; Bradley Walters; Jordan Bailey; Jack Miller; Nathan Waife; Harry Keegan; Harry Bates; Joshua West; Archie Dukes; Amed Abdulhakim; Alfie Fallon

*Mr Vaughan/Mr Coy*

## Year 11 Boys

**Kings Norton and South Birmingham District League**  
**Shenley Academy 2 – 0 Colmers Sports College**  
**Shenley Academy 7 – 4 Turves Green Boys**  
**Shenley Academy 4 – 2 St Thomas Aquinas**  
**Shenley Academy 1 – 4 Bartley Green**

The Year 11 football team has had an excellent start to their 2019 – 2020 league season. Shenley have produced some excellent team performances in the fixtures underpinned by playing simple football extremely well. The strong performances have also been built on high levels of work rate and teamwork. The team always cover for one another defensively when necessary and look to get players behind the ball, also in attack chances are created through quick interchanges of passing to team mates in better positions than themselves. This has led to Shenley winning three out of their four matches which has resulted in them qualifying for the semi-finals of the district cup which will re-commence in February 2020. Well done!

**Team:** Charlie Brayshaw; Alfie Wooldridge; Lewis Fullilove; Kian Richards; Morgan Woodthorpe; Deacon Dempster-Jones; Bobby Bate; Mikah Knight; Byron Dale; Kian Wilcock; Harrison Bates; Shea Boulter; Jack Gossage; Josh Parker

*Mr Blakeway/ Mr Vaughan*

## Basketball

### Year 8/9 Girls

**Four Dwellings V Shenley Academy**

Well done to the Year 8/9 girl's basketball team who took on a well organised Four Dwellings team in their first match of the season. The girls played well but Four Dwellings dominated possession from the start which allowed them to comfortably win the match. Credit should be given to Shenley who worked well and never allowed their heads to drop to ensure they made it a competitive match.

**The Team:** Georgia Longley; Izabelle Watkiss; Chelsea Beet; Sophie Preston.

*Miss Don-Carolis*

### Year 7 Boys

**Birmingham Schools Basketball League**  
**Shenley Academy 4 – 16 Bishop Challenor**  
**Shenley Academy 4 – 8 Bartley Green**

Shenley Year 7 played their first two league fixtures at Bartley Green School against Bartley Green and Bishop Challenor. The students were excited about representing the academy in basketball and for many it was their first experience of playing a competitive basketball match. The first game saw a loss against Bishop Challenor. It was pleasing to see the students working together as a team by encouraging one another to do well throughout the match. Shenley also found themselves in good scoring positions on a number of occasions but were unable to show the necessary composure to score baskets when close to the ring. After having their first experience of a competitive match Shenley were more

confident going into the match against Bartley Green. Shenley were more familiar with the positions they should adopt and how to apply the tactics in order to break down a defence. This resulted in a much closer game with Shenley only losing by two baskets. Shenley had chances to win the game but again sometimes lacked the composure in front of basket to score important points. This will continue to develop with every competitive game they play. Shenley have their remaining league fixture to fulfil after Christmas.



**The Team:** Liam Handy; Zac Ward; Michael Hawes; Mackenzie Povey; Liam Lloyd Bevan; Leyton Adams; Josh Gill; Kane Mahood; Lewis Green; Lucas Christoforou

*Mr Blakeway*

### Year 9 Boys

The Year 9 boys have started the season really well. During each game they have adopted a great attitude and they have experienced a huge amount of success. I've been really impressed with the effort and teamwork on display. So far they have had victories against Kings Heath Boys, King Edwards Camp Hill, Colmers, and Bartley Green. The most impressive result so far this season was beating Bartley Green 44-4.

**The Team:** Sam Kettle; Joshua N'Sapu; George Alison; Cameron Shelley; Alfie T; Ryan Needle; Casey Tierney; Ruedel Farrel Reid.

*Mr Stimpson*

### Year 11 Boys

**Shenley 20pts Bartley Green 22pts**

A great match to start the season which saw both teams play with respect for one another. Shenley took an early advance going into a 6-2 lead in the first quarter with Kairuz Pagba controlling the offence from point guard. However, two problems for Shenley kept re-occurring throughout the match. One issue was that the ball was dribbled for too long meaning that it became difficult to move the Bartley defence out of position. Secondly, our speed on transition was hindered by limited outlet passing which slowed our fast break and led to Bartley turning the ball over on far too many occasions and by the fourth

quarter they had gone into an 8 point lead. Kyran Baxter was a constant thorn in the side of Bartley scoring baskets by using great footwork to create space in the key. To their credit Shenley rallied late in the fourth quarter and reduced the gap to 2 points with 5 seconds remaining. Despite frantically trying to steal the ball back they were unable to gain possession of the ball and Bartley held on for a deserved win.

**The Team:** K Baxter; K Pagba; S Young; J Davies-Walls; E Ashley; M Coakley; N Hancock; J Timbrell; R Beltran; J Vergara

*Mr Vaughan*

## Netball

We have seen great commitment from the Shenley girls attending netball club on a Monday afternoon. On average there have been 45 eager girls working really hard together to improve their performance.

Below are the successful year 7 team who have recently won against Bartley Green.

Congratulations to all girls involved.

*Miss Otto,*



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**Shenley Academy Sports**  
**News Twitter Account**

**Shenley Academy is keen to promote their sports news twitter account. This will allow followers to keep up to date with sports competitions, results and key information regarding the school sports teams. It will also include information on the Shenley School Games partnership. Log in and follow us:**


  
**@Shenleysports**

# Shenley Safeguarding Team

*'We are here for you!'*

Shenley Academy is pleased to announce its new Safeguarding Team who are committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care.

You can raise a concern anonymously, here:

 thesharpssystem



**Dr J Bartlett**  
Head of School  
DSL Trained



**Mr D Ewart**  
Assistant Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



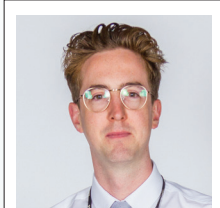
**Mrs S Benham**  
Pastoral Lead  
Deputy DSL



**Mr J Davies**  
Senior Asst Headteacher  
Designated Safeguarding Officer



**Mr J Hickman**  
Head of Inclusion  
Designated Safeguarding Officer



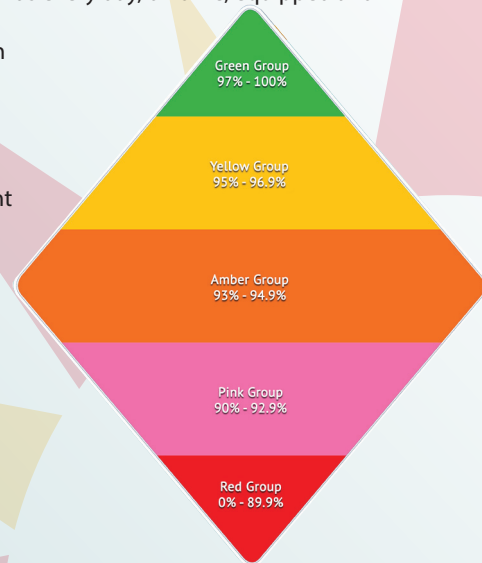
**Mr S Beeston**  
Pastoral Lead  
Designated Safeguarding Officer

## Shenley Academy supports all children by:

- Establishing a caring, safe and positive environment within the academy
- Responding to concerns for a child in a timely and effective manner
- Effectively tackling peer-on-peer abuse
- Supporting mental health and wellbeing
- Promoting British Values across the academy

## How to improve your child's attendance:

- Ensure your child attends every day, on time, equipped and ready to learn. Lesson time begins at 8.35am and students should be in the building by 8:25am. Students arriving after 8:35am may be marked absent and will require an explanatory note or the absence will remain unauthorised.
- Ensure the academy has up-to-date addresses and telephone numbers. We will contact you if your child is absent and you have not contacted the academy. This ensures that the absence is quickly identified.
- If your child is ill, contact the academy on the first day of absence and provide an explanatory note on their return to school.
- If no contact is received regarding the absence, it is recorded as un-authorised. Ultimately the academy is responsible for deciding if the absence is acceptable or not. Only genuine absence will be authorised. You will be asked to provide medical certificates if your child has a poor attendance record. This may also result in a home visit being conducted by the academy.
- Ensure that medical appointments are made outside of school time.
- Holidays should not be taken in school time. Any Leave of Absence can only be agreed by the Head Teacher and only agreed where there are exceptional circumstances.
- Respond to letters or telephone calls regarding attendance and punctuality.
- Contact your child's form tutor if you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child into school.



Attendance Groups	
Green	No risk
Yellow	Risk of underachievement
Amber	Serious risk of underachievement
Pink	Severe risk of underachievement
Red	Extreme risk - Court action

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January	Staff Training Day - closed to students.*
Tuesday 7 January	Academy re-opens to students
Thursday 9 January	Year 9 Girls HPV
Saturday 25 January	Ski course departs for Crans Montana, Switzerland (returns Friday 31 January)
Tuesday 28 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 14 February	Academy closes for half-term
Monday 24 February	Staff Training Day - closed to students.*
Tuesday 25 February	Academy re-opens to students
Tuesday 29 February	Year 11 Parents' Evening - standards and progress check
Tuesday 3 March	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 12 March	Year 8 Options Evening 6.30-8.30pm
Monday 16 March	Year 10 Work Experience (X band)
Monday 23 March	Year 10 Work Experience (Y band)
Friday 13 March	Staff Training Day - closed to students.*
Tuesday 17 March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 3 April	End of Spring Term - Academy closes for Easter. Re-opens on Monday 20 April

\*Y11 may be required to attend and you will be notified separately.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance and punctuality at Shenley Academy.



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