

NEWSLETTER

Shuttleworth Students Shoot For The Stars!



Shuttleworth students have been inspired to shoot for the stars after a real-life NASA scientist gave a talk last Tuesday!

The talk, organised by science teacher Mr. Bell, had students from Year 9 and 10 sitting, enthralled, as Ian Meginnis, a renowned Space Suit Engineer, kindly talked about his career and experiences. Mr. Meginnis, who has been designing and building space suits for almost seven years, video called with our students all the way from his workplace at the NASA base in Houston, Texas. Our students were fascinated to learn all about how the STEM subjects that they learn about here in our classrooms are put to use to ensure that astronauts can safely explore the solar system. Many of them were intrigued to find out what it was like to work at NASA and how they, too, could achieve a career in astrophysics or engineering, asking many insightful questions.

“It was so inspirational!” Said Phoebe Devlin, a Year 9 student. “The talk was an invaluable experience; this isn’t the kind of thing that happens every day and I feel incredibly lucky to have been present.”

Many thanks go to Ian Meginnis for giving our students such an invaluable opportunity and inspiring them to become the next generation of scientists and engineers.

Lest We Forget

Miss Binns' Year 9 History class recently received a postcard from The Royal British Legion for them to return with a message on the back. These poppy postcards will be placed all along the beaches of Normandy in honour of all the soldiers who fought and lost their lives there. Year 9 composed a message of thanks to return to The Royal British Legion. The message, as displayed in the photograph, is as follows:

"For all of those brave soldiers who risked their lives fighting for our future, especially on D-Day - we are grateful! Thank you. - Pupils and staff at Shuttleworth College, Padiham, UK."



Perfect Prefects

As Year 11 begin their GCSEs, Year 10 have stepped up to the plate to take over as the heads of student leadership!



(Left to right.) Front row: Brooke Simpson, Aaron Fletcher, Luey Madden, Kaila Madden, Mia Cromack, Natasha Ormonde. Second row: Kyle Wilkinson, Ellie Stuart, Honey Higson, Millie Cain, Imy Atkinson. Third row: Fayza Hussain, Liana Sinkarenko, Kaya Civelek, Em-Jay Riley, Isaac Drea, Sofia Zengeni, Casie-Mae Clark. Fourth row: Rhiannon Townsend, Jack Rafferty, Cameron Wilkins, Ella Roberts, Morgan Mellor, Liberty Heap. Back row: Bethia-Erin Peel, Ginny Freeman, Colette Alderson, Leoni Rushton, Cameron Tulloch, Maddie Wood, Alex Shameti.

Putting The Future First

Are you a former Shuttleworth student? Could you use your success to help current students? Would you like to connect with old and new friends? If so, then join our ever growing alumni network in partnership with FutureFirst! Simply use this link to unlock a wealth of new opportunities: <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/shuttleworth>

FutureFirst is a charity which helps schools and colleges to build strong alumni networks to support both current and former students in their careers. We are working with them as part of our two-time award winning programme of careers education to help inspire the aspirations of our students. Former Head Boy, Lewis Naylor, was among the first to join our alumni network and has since rejoined our school community, helping with a number of events and inspiring younger students.



Most Able Students Build Magnificent Motte & Bailey Castles

After seven weeks of advanced learning in our wonderful History department, the most able Year 5 children from local primary schools have researched, planned, and built two incredible replica motte and bailey castles!

The students, from Whittlefield and Padiham Green, visit Shuttleworth every week to make use of our state-of-the-art learning equipment and specialist teachers as well as settling in to what we hope will be their learning environment for many years to come.



Give An Hour

Do you want to invest in your community? Inspire the next generation? Spark ideas that lead to future careers? Then why not give an hour to Shuttleworth College?

It's easy! Simply sign up at www.giveanhour.co.uk and we'll do the rest! Whether you're up for a whole school assembly, one or two classes, or just one-to-one mentoring, we'd love to have you. Whatever your career, you could spark an idea in a young person that takes their future career in a whole new direction. Register to make a difference!

Interested, but not sure how to get started? Contact our Careers Leader, Mrs. Ackroyd, via fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk.

Notices

We're wishing the best of luck to Lou Lou Newton, one of our talented Year 8 students, and her teammates as she competes in the National Under 14 Girls Football Final today! The team are playing Essex for the top spot after securing the Northern Counties Cup last weekend.



Lou Lou Newton (fifth from the left, front row) with the other members of the Lancashire Under 14s team

Prom tickets for Year 11 students can now be purchased from Mrs. Pugh's office.

The MP for Burnley has recently contacted Shuttleworth College in regards to a number of instances of irresponsible parking on the yellow lines at the entrance to Gawthorpe Edge on Padiham Road. Whilst she is aware that many of our staff are outside of school to ensure an orderly exit, we politely ask that all parents and carers of our students do not park in that area or cause any undue obstruction to traffic when visiting the school.

Message from the Head

Dear Families,

This may be a short half term but it has certainly been a busy one. It was lovely to see so many Year 7 families in school for their first parents' evening as we returned from Easter. What a fantastic evening with so many happy teachers and families! Thank you to our newly formed Parents' Forum for running our first book exchange during the evening.

As you will have read, we were really fortunate to have a NASA talk this week; thanks to all staff involved in setting this up. We hope to repeat this event soon for other young people. Helping inspire and motivate our young people towards future goals is a huge priority for us. There will be many more events to come next half term as our Year 10s embark on their week of careers based learning.

The Year 11 examinations calendar starts in earnest next week. All the best of luck to our Year 11s! They have really been working so hard in the run up to the examinations and deserve to do incredibly well. A whole structure programme of daily revision lessons in school starts from next week. If your child is in Year 11 he or she will be bringing the timetable home today.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth England

