

# NEWSLETTER

## We are award-winning!



*Image courtesy of Lancashire Enterprise Adviser Network: Mrs Ackroyd and Mrs England with Professor Sir John Homan*

We are very excited to announce our recent success at the Careers & Enterprise Company's annual **Careers Excellence Awards**! At the event, held at the Royal Society of Chemistry in London, Lancashire Careers Hub, of which we are the lead school among a collaborative group of schools, colleges and employers, won **Careers Hub of the Year**. The Hub works together to advance careers education across the county and to support young people in their next choices.

In addition, we were certified as Highly Commended in the category of **School of the Year**. This prestigious award names Shuttleworth College as second in the country for the quality and range of our careers provision as we aim for all of our students to embrace their future lives with the confidence, resilience and adaptability they will need to thrive. This careers provision starts right from Transition Week, all the way up to Year 11 and beyond.

In June, Shuttleworth College was among the first in the country to be named as implementing all eight of the **Gatsby Benchmarks**, a new framework developed by Professor Sir John Holman (pictured above) to guide schools and colleges in the best practice of careers education.

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## We are Award-winning! (continued)

Together with Blessed Trinity RC College, Sir John Thursby Community College, Coal Clough Academy and Thomas Whitham Sixth Form, we have worked very hard to improve careers education across the Burnley area and were proud to receive confirmation that we all meet all the Gatsby Benchmarks together.

If you are a former student or you, your employer or business would like to be involved with our award-winning careers programme, even if you can only give an hour, please contact our Careers Leader, Mrs Ackroyd on [fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk) Previous examples of businesses and alumni assisting with the programme include: individual mentoring, workplace visits, Q&A sessions, bringing the curriculum to life and case studies for posters and displays.

### Open Evening stars!

On Thursday 3 October we held our most successful Open Evening yet! Staff and students worked extremely hard to display lots of exciting activities for our visiting Year 5 & 6 pupils and their families. Over 500 families attended, filling the Atrium, to hear Mrs England and our students speak about life at Shuttleworth, transition and what makes our school special. Mrs England welcomed our visitors, detailing her pride at watching “our young people flourish as they represent their school in a huge array of activities and events”.

We were so proud of the speeches made by our students that we have published them in full on the school website. You can read them at: <https://www.shuttleworthcollege.org/student-open-evening-speeches/>

Every department and its student volunteers showed the wonderful variety of learning to be found at Shuttleworth College. Some of the highlights included a Sherlock-Holmes-inspired detective search in English for Shakespeare’s missing first folio; explosive Science experiments; 3D printing in Design & Technology; live rehearsals of our upcoming school production, *Aladdin*, and energetic sports displays!



## Transition Success

Our new Y7 students have made an incredibly positive start at Shuttleworth; they are a real credit to us and their families! For many of them their Shuttleworth journey began in Y5 when they attended our enrichment sessions on a Wednesday afternoon to study with our specialist staff.

All students attended our *Transition Week* which encouraged them to *think big, chase dreams and succeed together* when exploring career and job aspirations. This included talks and activities with authors, engineers, a drone-builder and pilot, a judge, footballers, RAF Cadets and a space suit engineer with NASA in Houston (USA). Their familiarity with our staff, building, culture and expectations culminated in our smoothest ever transition.

Mr Turner is thrilled with his new cohort and said, “Our new Year 7s are outstanding and I’m proud of how well they’ve embraced life at Shuttleworth. Keep up the good work!”

We have our highest ever number of ambassador applications this year and we look forward to watching Year 7 grow and develop.



## Lou Lou strikes for success!

Lou Lou Newton, one of our Year 9 students, has been approached by England Football Association coaches to attend a 'Talent Identification Day' for the FA's National Development Programme.

Lou Lou and her family attended a regional session earlier this month run by the FA Girls' England Talent Pathway, which is in place to support the identification and development of those with elite potential.

The organisation ensures appropriate playing opportunities are in place to enable players to fulfil their developmental needs and reach the ultimate goal of producing elite English female players to compete on the world stage. All aspects of Lou Lou's technical, tactical, physiological, psychological and social skills will be taken into consideration in order to support an individual development plan.

We are incredibly proud of Lou Lou and excited to see what lies ahead for her!



Image credit: Newton family

## Little Princess Trust

Year 8 student Ebony Robinson-Young has made the brave decision to donate her hair to *The Little Princess Trust*.

The charity was started in 2006 and since then has provided over 7,000 wigs and given grants of £2,800,000 to childhood cancer research. They also received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2012 for their invaluable work.



Ebony's thoughtful offer will help the charity in its goal of providing a free wig made of real hair to every child and young person up to 24 years, who has lost their hair through treatment of cancer and other conditions.

Ebony's selfless contribution, which will help provide funding for research, helps the charity in getting one step closer to achieving this goal. The staff at Shuttleworth College were more than happy to donate money to Ebony for her valiant efforts for such an important cause.

Despite her young age Ebony realises the gravity of her decision and did not make the decision lightly saying, "at first I was scared, I love my hair, but then I thought about how someone else might need it more than me".

You can find more information about the Little Princess Trust here:

[www.littleprincesses.org.uk/](http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/)

*Group image (left to right):*

**New Staff:** Mr Kaminski, Miss Rawcliffe, Mrs Phillips, Mr Brown, Mrs Martin, Miss Harrison, Miss Knight, Mrs Gelder

## Reward Points

To celebrate our students' successes, our weekly assemblies for each year group now feature a short focus on rewards, where the 3 students in each year group who have earned the most reward points in a week are presented with a certificate. Miss Pennington, Assistant Headteacher, said, "It's wonderful to see and celebrate the successes of our students every day in each year group assembly—I am very proud of how many students are trying to gain as many achievement points as they can!"



## New staff

As our school grows, we welcome new staff to the Shuttleworth College family. We would like to introduce you to:

- English: Miss Eddlestone, Mrs Gelder and Miss O'Hara
- Maths: Mr Brown
- Modern Foreign Languages: Miss Knight
- Sciences: Miss Fawad and Mrs Martin
- Creative Technology: Mrs Ahmed, Mr Kaminski and Miss Rawcliffe
- Support staff: Miss Harrison and Mrs Phillips



## Save the date!

Following on from the success of their Macmillan Coffee Morning held here in school, our Parent Forum are hosting a Winter Fair on Thursday 5 December, 5-8pm.

With crafts, food and entertainment, it is sure to be a wonderful family event!



## Alumni!

We are always keen to hear about the successes of our former students. If you are a former student of Shuttleworth College or Gawthorpe High School, or you know someone who is, you can sign up to our alumni network here:

<https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/signup/shuttleworth>

We are keen to hear from alumni who have progressed through any education, training or employment path. Alternatively, email Mrs Ackroyd, Careers Leader on [fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

Good news to share about your child?

Promoting a community event?

Get in touch with our marketing and communications team, by contacting Mrs Ackroyd via [fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk).

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear families,

I can't believe how quickly this half-term has gone, but it has been filled with wonderful moments, which continue to make me so proud to be the Headteacher here at Shuttleworth College.

We were thrilled to start this half-term with news of our best-ever GCSE results. Our leavers and staff worked incredibly hard to achieve their grades and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces. Our Year 11 students have already begun their preparation for GCSEs and are attending extra classes at the end of the school day; they are already showing huge amounts of perseverance and resilience.

Our Year 7 students have settled in very well after an excellent Transition Week. It was fantastic to see so many families at our Year 7 Welcome Evening and I hope you enjoyed being shown around by your children and meeting our staff.

As you will have read, our recent Open Evening for Year 5 & 6 children was a wonderful success. Please remember that the deadline for applications for secondary school admissions is 31 October. You can find more information on Lancashire County Council's website.

There has already been some fantastic learning and wonderful extra-curricular activities around the whole school: the next half-term is sure to be just as busy and exciting and we will be keeping you up-to-date with our regular newsletters.

Have a wonderful half-term break!

Mrs England