

NEWSLETTER

Lancashire Book of the Year 2020 Launches!

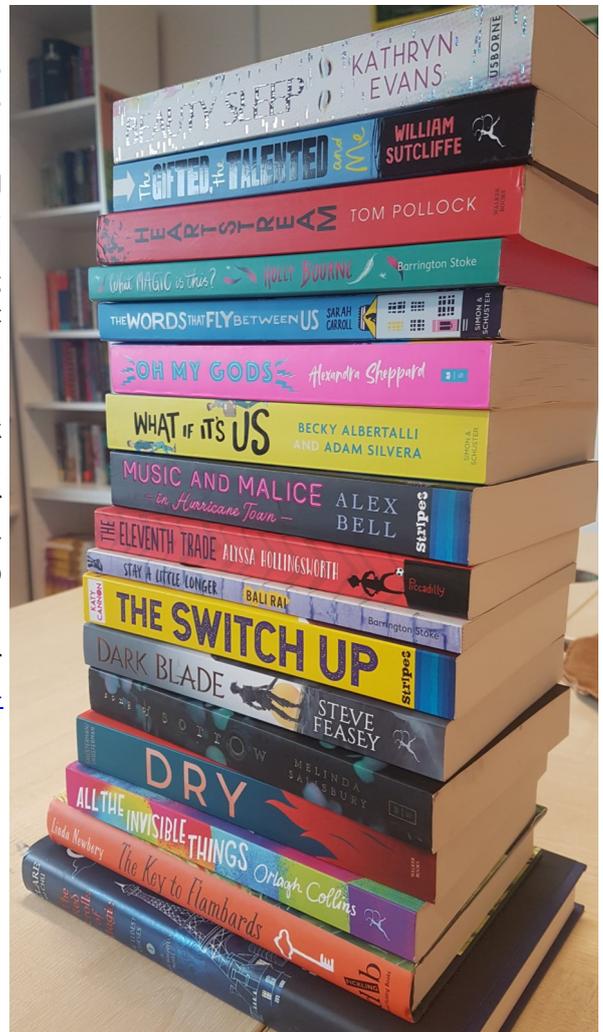
Following our students' involvement with Lancashire Book of the Year 2019, we recently launched Lancashire Book of the Year 2020 with a book tasting! Our student book judges were invited to the 'delicious words cafe' where Ms Hudson, English teacher, was their 'book waiter' and allowed them to sample some of the books and make their 'tasting notes'. After five courses, students chose their favourite to take home and start reading. It was a fantastic afternoon that saw our judges discussing their first impressions of the books on offer.

Lancashire Book of the Year allows students to become the judges in a book award. The competition is run by Lancashire Library Service and is the longest running young people's regional book award in the country! Students meet every two weeks to discuss the books they are reading and it runs from the autumn term all the way into next June.

Our judges' first task is to make sure that each of our 16 long-listed books is read at least twice by January. It's a tall order but we are sure that they are up to the challenge. Once the books are read, there will be a series of meetings to shortlist the books before a final judging event where students will be able to vote on their winning book at County Hall in Preston. In the summer, the winner will be announced at a celebration event at UCLan.

Ms Hudson said that, "It is always lovely to listen to and work with students who are excited about books and reading. Lancashire Book of the Year allows students to have their opinions and voices heard. It is a great way for them to experience books they wouldn't normally come across and be able to share this experience with each other."

You can find out more about the Lancashire Book of the Year competition here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancshires-book-of-the-year/>



Keep up to date with their progress through the social media account for our English & Drama Department!

Twitter: @SCEnglishDept

Instagram: sc_english_dept

Community Work: Food Bank

In recent assemblies, students have been focusing on one of our Shuttleworth values: Community. Student Council representatives from each form group have come together to raise money and collect items for Burnley's Food Bank in the approach to Christmas. The Food Bank has delivered food and other essentials to thousands of local people since it launched.

Mr Greenhalgh and the Student Council are working with Spacious Place, who run Burnley's Food Bank, to collect items that are currently most needed by the food bank. These include, but are not limited to:

- Breakfast cereals
- Pasta & Rice
- Tinned food
- Tea & Coffee
- Toiletries
- Cleaning Products



Students will receive more information over the next few weeks. There will be additional fund-raising, including staff and student quizzes—we will keep you updated!

Images courtesy of Spacious Place.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is growing at Shuttleworth College! Currently there are over 40 Year 10 students who are well on their way to achieving their Bronze Award.

The Scheme has been running since 1956 and has three levels of Awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Students can move up through these levels between the ages of 14-24. The aim of the scheme is not to compete between each other, but to set personal challenges and build resilience and confidence; this means that Duke of Edinburgh awards are prized by other education providers and by employers.

In order to achieve their Bronze award students have to complete three months of volunteering, a physical challenge and a skills challenge. Our students have been hard at work on these challenges and we can really see their confidence, teamwork and leadership skills growing. This has been especially wonderful for the English department who have had the pleasure of being treated with homemade cakes as part of a skills challenge to develop baking skills!

We have also spent time learning how to read maps using a compass and put students to the test with a practice walk around the grounds of Gawthorpe Hall. Students were excellent and are ready to begin their training for their camping expedition.

Watch this space for more news of our Duke of Edinburgh students. They are hard at work on their challenges at the moment, but it won't be long before they are off on their expeditions, camping in the wilderness!

Mrs Fox will soon be recruiting for the next group of Duke of Edinburgh students. So, if you are in Year 9 currently and think this sounds interesting make sure you look out for upcoming information and events!

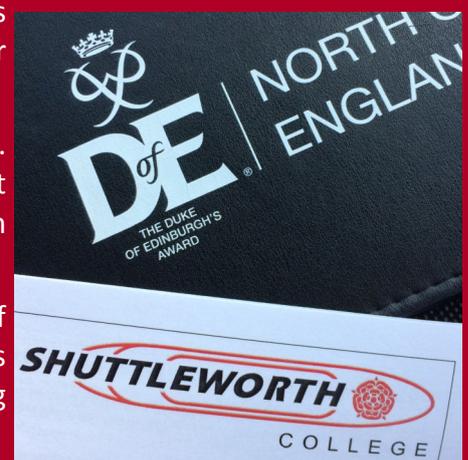


Image courtesy for DofE North.

Parent Forum Winter Fair

Following the success of their fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support with a coffee morning in September, our Parent Forum are holding a Winter Fair here at Shuttleworth on **Thursday 5 December, 5-8pm**.

This will be a wonderful family-friendly event with plenty of fun activities, craft stalls, food and community cheer.

Come along to enjoy baked treats and candy floss, candles and beauty gifts and even treats for family pets! You and your family will be able to enjoy activities including face painting, art and games.

There will also be some very special guests including Bertie Bee and Chase from 'Paw Patrol'.

And, of course, no Fair would be complete without a Raffle! If you or your company would like to donate any prizes, please get in touch with Mrs Price (email address below).

All proceeds from the Winter Fair will come back to Shuttleworth College via the Parent Forum so come along and join in a fantastic fundraising evening!



Join the Parent Forum

The Parent Forum is still open to new members.

If you would like to join the Parent Forum to attend the meetings and provide a parent/carer's viewpoint or support the work that goes on, please contact Mrs Price on cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk

You can also join the Facebook page (SC Parent Forum) for more information.

Careers Fairs

During the last term both Year 11 and Year 9 have attended a Careers Fair. At the fairs, students had the chance to speak to a variety of education, training and employment providers to help them gather information about their future choices and make decisions about post-16 options.

For Year 9, the Careers Fair was a great opportunity for them to put their GCSE studies into the context of progression routes; they could see where success in a few years' time will take them and the range of choice they will have.

For Year 11, the Careers Fair marked the start of their research and decisions around their destinations when they leave Shuttleworth next summer. They found out about Open Events for Colleges and apprenticeship providers and had opportunities to discuss different pathways.

For any Careers Information, Advice & Guidance, students should see Mrs Ackroyd, Careers Leader.

Image: Year 9 Career Dreams



Sporting Success!

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Burnley Schools Cross Country Championships at Towneley Park in October. There were some fantastic individual and team performances.

Stanley Stephenson was the stand-out individual achievement of the day as he came first in the Year 7 Boys race helping the Year 7 Boys team come home in 3rd position. In the Year 7 Girls race, Olivia Palmer was 5th and the team finished in an amazing 2nd position.

Both our Year 8/9 Girls and Boys teams came second in their respective competitions, with some brilliant individual performances: Maisey Devlin (3rd), Shannon McCrea (8th), Sultan Iyanda (6th) and Nathan Lonsdale (7th).

The outstanding team performance of the day was the Year 10/11 Girls who won their event with individual performances claiming 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places: Bethany Wheatcroft, Hannah Eccles, Emily Maclachlan and Katie Miller .

The Year 10/11 boys rounded off a successful day with a second placed finish; Osasu Agho Peter (3rd), Jacob Routh (8th) were our highest placed individuals.

All the above students have been selected to represent Burnley at the Lancashire Schools Championships at Witton Park in January so we are delighted with their achievements and wish them luck in the next stages of the Championships.



Image: Stanley Stephenson with his gold medal

Student Council Update—written by Mia Cromack

On Tuesday 15th October, we held a student council with Mrs England, Miss Roach and 13 student council members present; Mia Cromack and Cameron Wilkins, who are the leaders of the Student Council, Emily Cooper, Lucas Kay, Liana Sinkarenko, Emily-Jae Smith, Joshua Springett, Matthew Hanley, Max Howell, Gabriella Lambert, Ella Drabble, Maisey Devlin and Ruby Cain.

We discussed 5 key points, the first being the rewards system. In school, reward points are given and tracked on SIMS, with students only knowing their total on Mondays in form. This was appeared to be inconsistent when speaking about this in the meeting, with the majority of us not knowing how many reward points we have. Furthermore, some students think it appears unfair to reward points to students, who usually do not focus in class, when they have done something that other students do on a day-to-day basis. There was the idea of reward points having a display board in class rooms/form rooms and around schools with inter-form competitions. When asked about recognition through text messages and post cards home, we came to the conclusion that, as a majority, we prefer to have a post card congratulating us on our success, as it is something of physical value.

Next, we went on to debate 'The Shuttleworth Way'. The idea of the 'DO NOW' tasks at the start of class was praised to be consistent and helpful, helping the lessons to be structured from the start with a calm atmosphere. It helps to refresh your memory, and assists the Year 11 students with their exam revision. The new handshaking policy was seen as positive too, as it gives the sense of respect between the teacher and student.

When we came to discussing the 'Drop Everything And Read' enforcement, we learnt that some Year 7, 8 and 9 students miss reading their Accelerated Reader books for DEAR; however the DEAR texts assigned being subject specific was praised, and a reading room recommendation was put forward, which will be overseen by prefects.

Lastly, we came onto speaking about charity events and what we can do as a school. We came to the conclusion of collecting food for the food banks throughout the year, continuously, and not just at Christmas. Students will be assisting Mr Greenhalgh with this, by placing posters around the school and going around forms in the morning to advertise it and remind students to donate food. For the first big charity drive before Christmas, the school council have assigned key roles and Miss Binns & Mrs Ackroyd have promoted this charity focus in assemblies.

Good Luck!

We'd like to say Good Luck to Macie Gidley and Isla Parker-Smeeth, both in Year 8, who are travelling to Japan this week to compete as part of Team UK at the Cheer & Urban Dance World Championships!

Team UK is made up of dancers from around the country and they will be competing against teams from around the world. This is a very exciting opportunity for Maisie and Isla and they have shown tremendous commitment already.

We are very proud of both students and can't wait to hear about their adventures in Takasaki, Japan, when they return!

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

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.

Message from the Headteacher

Dear families,

It's been another busy few weeks around school and there are plenty of exciting things ongoing.

At the start of this half term, we had a monitoring visit from Ofsted. You can find the full letter to parents [here](#), and we are very pleased with the acknowledgement of so much progress over the last few years. Thank you to all our staff and students for their hard work.

I would like to say 'well done' to our Year 11 students who have completed their first set of Mock GCSE exams over the last fortnight. Many students even came into school during October half term to complete extra revision, and Period 6 classes are up and running. Our students and their teachers have worked incredibly hard — students will receive their results as part of a Mock GCSE Results event, which will prepare them for facing the real thing in the months to come.

As you will have read earlier, our inaugural Parent Forum Winter Fair is coming up—it is sure to be a wonderful family event and we would love to see you there. We are looking for suitable Raffle prizes, so please get in touch if you or your company could help.

It has been wonderful to see our students engaging in so many extra-curricular activities through this term. Lancashire Book of the Year, Duke of Edinburgh, Sports, Student Council, rehearsals for the school's performance of Aladdin are just a few of the examples. I am very proud of the initiative and confidence our students are showing.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs England