

# NEWSLETTER

## Representing the country!

At Shuttleworth, we're always proud of our students, but we are especially delighted for four of our young women as they have been selected to represent their countries in three different sports!

Year 8 students **Macie Gidley & Isla Parker-Smeeth** (*Image right courtesy of UKCA*) have recently returned from Takasaki, Japan, where they have competed as part of Team UK in the World Championships for Cheer and Urban Dance. Both girls usually dance for Clarets Cheer and have been rehearsing for a year with Team UK following their successful try-outs.



Team UK had incredible success at the Championships, with a 2nd Place finish in Urban Cheer, in which both girls competed, and a 2nd Place in Cheer, in which Isla competed. (*Image left courtesy of Yvette Redmond.*) Isla said, "the best thing about the Championships was standing on the podium and hearing the national anthems being played because it was really special and we were proud of ourselves".

Macie added, "we got to meet people from lots of different countries—everyone was really kind and friendly which made it a positive experience". Both girls managed to fit in some sight-seeing on their last day, after an action-packed week. Isla's highlight was the famous Shibuya crossing in Tokyo, while Macie visited a park and shrines.

You may remember we featured **Lou Lou Newton** (Year 9, *image right courtesy of the Newton family*) in the first newsletter of this year when she attended a Talent Identification Day for the Football Association and now we're delighted to say that she has been selected for the

England Women's Under 15s training camp in December! This is a phenomenal achievement and we know that Lou Lou will make the most of her visit to St George's Park as she is one of only 26 girls from around England to be selected!

Lou Lou currently plays for Blackburn Rovers FC Ladies Under 14s, even though she is actually a Burnley FC fan, and Lancashire Under 14s. The National Development Programme is designed to support the development, both physically and emotionally, of young players and to provide a pipeline of young talent to build a strong national team.



**Liberty Heap** (Year 11, *image below courtesy of Lowerhouse Cricket Club*) is pursuing her dream of becoming a part of England's Cricket team. Liberty started playing cricket at Lowerhouse Cricket Club, and has been part of the Lancashire age groups since she was just 8 years old! In an earlier Newsletter, we told you that she had been made Captain of Lancashire Girls' Under 15s team: we're very proud of her earning this honour with her incredible work ethic and leadership skills. Since then, Liberty has attended training camps at the National Cricket Performance Centre at Loughborough University. These camps are run by the ECB and show young players the standards expected of them as they approach their adult playing careers. She has now started making her applications for Colleges and is busy revising for her GCSEs. She said, "it's really important for me to balance academic achievement with sport so that I have plenty of options for the future. I'm still training really hard with Lancashire, and I'm really driven to make sure I keep progressing in Cricket, hopefully eventually playing in a Cricket World Cup!"



**Well Done to all of our Sporting Stars!  
We can't wait to watch your achievements in the future.**

# Community Work: Food Bank Collections

Shuttleworth students are 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 for the duration of the academic year and have set themselves the target of collecting 10 000 items. 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



Donated items can be dropped off at the Collection Point in the Library. There will be additional fund-raising, including staff and student quizzes—we will keep you updated!

*Images courtesy of Spacious Place.*

## Awards Evening

On Thursday 14 November, we were delighted to welcome back former students for their Awards Evening, following their GCSEs this summer. It was wonderful to see so many students return to celebrate with us at the red-carpet event, especially as they were all so excited to talk about their current courses of education and training. The event was attended by the Mayors of both Burnley and Padiham, Councillor Anne Kelly and Councillor Howard Hudson alongside their consorts, Mr John Kelly and Mrs Patricia Hudson.

Awards were given for Outstanding Achievement in GCSE Subjects, Enthusiasm for Learning, Special Recognition and 100% Attendance. There were also special awards for the Head Girl, Head Boy and their deputies.

Awards for Best Overall Exam Results went to Josh Baker and Ellie Green.

The Student of the Year Award went to Hannah Tomlinson.

Students and their families enjoyed refreshments after the presentations.

We wish all our former students the best of luck with their future studies—remember, we are always keen to hear about your successes.



Mrs England, Headteacher, with award winners Ellie Green, Josh Baker & Hannah Tomlinson

## Reading for Pleasure

We have established several literacy and reading activities at Shuttleworth to ensure students read widely and often. Reading is a fantastic way to explore new worlds and experiences! We want all students to have sustained reading stamina, confidence in their reading skills and a passion for literature.

This includes a range of reading groups led by staff members who meet weekly to read and discuss their text. There are over 15 reading groups which take place and students love them.

The Year 7 group pictured below (in the Conference Room with Hot Chocolates) meets with Mr Turner, Pastoral Leader for Year 7. They're currently enjoying *Holes*, by Louis Sachar, which is about a teenage boy who is wrongly convicted and imprisoned. It covers themes such as imprisonment, forced labour and features inter-connected stories that look at issues such as racism, homelessness and illiteracy.



## Year 8 Christmas Writing Competition

Calling all creative Year 8 students! This Christmas, the English department are running a writing competition to complement what you have been studying in lessons. To enter:

**Write all or part of a Christmas Ghost Story using Gothic conventions and interesting language in no more than 500 words.**

Each of the top three entries will receive a family-sized box of Celebrations chocolates plus:

- 1st Prize: 100 Reward Points
- 2nd Prize: 50 Reward Points
- 3rd Prize: 25 Reward Points

The deadline for entries is Friday 13 December. Please return your stories to Miss Clarey (Room 207) with your name and form clearly marked. Winners will receive their prizes on Wednesday 18 December.

Good Luck, but most importantly, have fun!



## 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 and 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](mailto:cprice@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

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



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)

## World Of Work Fortnight

Our Year 7 & 8 students have been exploring the World of Work through their classes over the last fortnight. Each department has prepared special lessons to show our students how each subject can help them achieve their dreams and succeed in the future.

In English, students have been finding out how creative writing could help them pursue careers in Games Design or Marketing; Maths students have been using their skills for ratios and scale to design landscaped gardens; Creative Technology has show students the huge impact creativity has on the UK economy.

Could you help our students understand how their studies link to different jobs? Please get in touch with Mrs Ackroyd, Careers Leader, on [fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:fackroyd@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk)

### 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 (email address above).

## Aladdin is on the way!

Next February, our Performing Arts stars will be presenting an all-singing, all-dancing production of *Aladdin*!

Auditions took place before October half term and rehearsals are progressing well, with a very large chorus and backstage crew, thanks to the amazing attendance of Year 7 at enrichment on Wednesdays. The first three scenes are now blocked and the cast have put on their dancing shoes to learn choreography for their first dance number, 'One Jump Ahead'.

We can't wait to watch all their hard work come to fruition: watch this space for news about dates and ticket sales.