



# THE LODGE

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### Message from the Head

2018 has arrived and we are all a little older and hopefully a little wiser !

Thankyou to all of you who were able to complete the parent survey. The outcomes were again positive with only one or two parents and carers having concerns. As you can see from the information shared on the right, we have continued to make progress.

Our biggest challenge still seems to be how well informed you feel as 11% of you registered that you 'didn't know' to some of the questions.

It is probably worth reminding everyone at this point, that the school reports posted every term let you know how much progress your child is making in different subjects, and also provides an overview of how well they are behaving. In addition, the website [www.shenstonelodge.co.uk](http://www.shenstonelodge.co.uk) and newsletter keep you informed about a whole range of things including policies and the curriculum. Articles also let you know about all the fantastic events the students are accessing.

If, for whatever reason you are still unsure about what is going on for your child at the school please contact us and ask to talk to the Heads Of Schools or Residence Mr Hobbs (TBL) , Miss Keating (SLS) and Ms Hart (Residential Head of Care).

### Shenstone Lodge Survey

#### Outcomes

	Positive responses	Negative responses	don't know
Dec-15	90%	10%	8%
Jul-16	95%	5%	2%
Dec-16	96%	4%	1%
Dec-17	93%	1%	6%

### Brades Lodge Survey Outcomes

	Positive responses	Negative responses	don't know
Dec-15	78%	13%	9%
Jul-16	73%	18%	9%
Dec-16	65%	20%	15%
Dec-17	80%	2%	18%

### Whole School Survey Outcomes

	Positive responses	Negative responses	don't know
Dec-15	84%	12%	4%
Jul-16	84%	12%	4%
Dec-16	81%	12%	7%
Dec-17	87%	2%	11%

### SAFESIDE PREVENT FILM

As some of you will be aware PREVENT is the name given to the Government's strategy which is aimed to improve community relations and to address radicalisation. Students at The Brades Lodge have been learning about the issues surrounding radicalisation and considering ways that each of us can make a positive contribution to our communities. As part of this work a small group of students are in the process of producing a short film depicting the life of a lonely youth who becomes an extremist. Filming took place at SafeSide West Midlands. Once finished, the film will be available on the website.





## SPORTS NEWS

The Brades Lodge team had their fourth fixture in the SEN league, playing local rivals Bloomfield College.

Brades took an early lead and went on to dominate the game scoring 7 goals against the 4 of Bloomfield. Man of the match was year 7 student Rehquarne who covered the pitch like a man possessed. In addition, fellow Yr 7 student Dominic scored his first goal for the team.

Keep it up lads. (Scott Worton)

## ANCIENT GREEK STUDIES

Unicorn and Centaur class travelled to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery on Monday 5th February to learn about life and art in Ancient Greece. The students got the opportunity to study ancient art work and artefacts, looking closely at the patterns and materials used.

As part of the visit they were able to take part in an 'Ancient Greek Art' workshop, where they could experiment with pattern and technique to create their own 'Ancient Greek' 2D images, decorations and drawings.

Shay said "It was a great day out. I really enjoyed making patterns in the clay and learning about Greek art".

(Katy Foulkes)



## RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Chinese New Year was celebrated by residents. Children enjoyed learning about the animals linked to each year - this year being "Dog" - Children learned about Chinese art and writing then tucked into a lovely Chinese meal, which everyone appeared to enjoy - A LOT!

Over the half term we have had pamper nights - encouraging the children to help find ways of relaxing and feeling good about themselves, make-up workshops (open to all but only actually attended by some of our girls), cooking and baking sessions - goodies cooked and eaten by everyone, jewellery making and crystal growing, old-style game playing where they are all encouraged and supported to take turns. All this on top of our usual mix of physical activities in the gym and outside whenever we can get out.

Residents have also taken part in LGBT Awareness Month undertaking workshops and activities which have all been entered into in a fantastically open, enquiring and accepting way across the board. Our resident pupils have done themselves proud and really shown they have the attributes to be positive members of our society!

(Andy Hart)



## Quiz Corner

1. What time is 3.44pm in the 24hr clock ?
2. Can you name 4 Premier League football clubs who play in blue home kits ?
3. In which Country is Biarritz ?
4. Can you name 10 types of snake ?
5. What was Piper Alpha ?
6. What is 345 in French ?
7. What is in a haggis ?



## Paralympic Inclusive Sports Festival



Three residential students attended an Inclusive Sports Festival as part of our involvement with the Lichfield and Burntwood School Sports Partnership. We had chance to take part in a variety of Paralympic Sports such as Boccia, Seated Volleyball and Goalball. There were over twelve other schools there and the boys performed magnificently to finish 3rd overall. Not only did they learn these new sports quickly but they showed exceptional resilience and perseverance to do well. (Mr Mitchell)

## Music Club

At the Shenstone Lodge School this term, children have been able to choose from a range of lunch clubs including; Handball, Music, Dance, Games, Bikes and Social Play.

In Music Club we have had a lot of fun learning about; guitar, singing, piano, drums and percussion. In the photo you can see the children enjoying playing Star Wars music on keyboard and making a great noise on the drums! (Emma Yardley)



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February Athos and Griffin classes travelled to the Thinktank in Birmingham to learn about our topic for the half term, *Forces and Friction*. We had the morning to explore the museum; seeing exhibits



like a Birmingham Corporation tram from the 1930s and a range of different and funny-looking bicycles. We were also amazed by the heat sensor machine and variety of stuffed animals!



In the afternoon we were able to attend a classroom session called '*Forces and Friction*' where we did two practical activities; the first one looking at magnetism and the second one working out which surfaces had the most friction. (Mr Mitchell)

Well Done...



To Rehquarne, John, Luke, Andre, Josh E and Tyler for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Rehquarne, Cain, Tom, and Drew who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Lola, Ethan, Chanel, Cameron and Charlotte with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Jaden, Caleb, Junior, Heather, Curtis, Dwain, Chanel, Ethan S, and Jake who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.

## Guide dog visits Shenstone Lodge

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February we were fortunate enough to be visited by two ladies who are guide dog trainers. They brought in Val, their beautiful black Labrador for us to meet and learn about some of the amazing things she does for people who have difficulties with their eyesight. We enjoyed seeing Val respond really quickly to the ladies' whistle like she has been trained to do.



Year 7 Students at The Brades Lodge spent an unusual day out, visiting the now closed Gloucester Prison. Opening in 1792 as a County Gaol, it was substantially 'improved' in 1840. A new young offenders wing was built at the prison in 1971.

Before it's closure in 2013 Gloucester Prison was a male category B prison. An ex prison officer conducted the tour and passed on many of his (not so nice) experiences to encourage the students to think before they act.



## A.O.B.

Josh Kelly has joined The Brades Lodge this term as a new LSP, supporting students in KS3 classes.

Mr Smith and Mr Hart will be swapping their respective roles at the beginning of next half term. Mr Smith will be joining the residential team as the Deputy Head of Care and Mr Hart will be undertaking the role of Well Being Support Manager. We look forward to both colleagues embracing the change and supporting the school develop further.

## Diary Dates...

**Half Term 19th-23rd Feb**

**Easter Break 29th Mar 1.30pm -  
13th Apr.**

**May Bank Holiday 7th May**

**Half Term 28th May-1st Jun**

**Summer Break 20th Jul 1.30pm**

## School Data Box

Below is a short summary of some of the key bits of information that we report on to Governors and the Local Authority.

Attendance Autumn 2 2017/18 :

SLS 86.5% down 8% on Aut 2 2016

TBL 79.5% up 9% on Aut 2 2016

Sessions lost to Exclusion (1 day = 2 sessions) Aut 2 2017/18 :

SLS 4.5 sessions (up from 0 sessions Aut 2 2016)

TBL 12 sessions (up from 3 sessions Aut 2 2016)

## ONLINE ADVICE

With the increasing popularity of live streaming platforms, there is a need to educate children about the risks. CEOP has produced a short animation, '#WhoIsSam' to highlight the importance of parents and carers talking to their child about their Internet use. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/WhoIsSam/>

(Narinder Singh)

