



# THE LODGE

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### Message from the Head

Welcome back to the new school year. As always, we seem to have 'hit the ground running', and there is a real excitement about the year ahead.

Of note: our Primary students have already been to France and Wales this half term, whilst our Secondary school has a trip to London before we break up and a group will be going to the French Alps skiing in March.

To further support and broaden our curriculum, plans are in place to introduce a small 'city farm' at The Brades Lodge site, so that students are able to undertake animal related accreditations. In addition, we will be hosting focus weeks across both sites, to showcase a range of exciting subjects that don't have core status like Maths and English.

The Brades Lodge now has a new modular classroom for the delivery of Design Technology. There are a number of minor works yet to be completed before it can be used by students and we look forward to it being fully equipped, resourced and in use in the next few weeks.

On a final note I would like to say well done to those students who entered GCSEs at the end of last year. This was our first group of students to take these exams and we are proud to say that they all passed. Overall, 10 out of our 11 school leavers have moved on to employment, further education or training. Great News!



### BRILLIANT BRYNTY

Ten lucky children from Shenstone Lodge had a fabulous time at the Bryntysilio Outdoor Education Centre from the 9th to the 11th of October. Over the three days they took part in a variety of adventures and activities including: Hiking, Den Making, Fire Building, Canoeing and Rock Scrambling. Together the group had to work as a team to overcome challenges, embrace new and exciting activities and to overcome fears.

Dwain said "The rock climbing was my favourite thing, and the canoeing, and, in fact all of it! I can't wait to go again." Staff supporting on the trip commented on how proud they were of students who visibly improved their self-confidence, self-esteem and motivation. **Miss Foulkes**



### KIT AWARD

Pupils and staff from Shenstone Lodge are celebrating after being awarded a Premier League Primary Stars kit and equipment pack. Richard Scudamore, Executive Chairman of the Premier League and Football Foundation Trustee, said: "Congratulations to Shenstone Lodge. We hope this kit, coupled with the free online resources, will help teachers harness the popularity of football to inspire primary school kids in everything from Maths and English to teamwork and sport."

Mr Mitchell, PE Teacher at Shenstone Lodge said: "The kit initiative is a great idea from the Premier League. The young footballers here can't wait to wear it."



## SPORTS NEWS

Huge congratulations to the KS2 football team at Shenstone Lodge who took on some of the Lichfield Primary Schools in a 7 a side tournament. These were our first games of the year and although we weren't victorious the students who played showed great spirit and determination right until the end of the tournament. Well done all !  
Mr Mitchell



The Brades Lodge has also played its first games of the season this half term, as part of the Midland SEN Schools League. The opening match was against Westminster School, who gave Brades a scare after a 3-0 lead was dismissed by a resilient fight back with 4 un-answered goals. Fortunately the Brades boys pulled together as a team and pressed with an intensity that the opposition couldn't live with. 3 excellent goals sealed the game and Brades came away with a 6-5 win.

This victory set the tone for the second game of the season against High Grange from Derby. A fantastic performance and double hat-trick from Bradley H led us to a comfortable 8-3 win. A great start to the season ! Mr Worton



## Quiz Corner

1. How many Star Wars films have there been?
2. Can you name 3 Native American tribes?
3. Where would you find a 'rubber bush'?
4. Can you name the colour for each letter in the word EBay?
5. What is the capital city of the Catalan region in Spain?
6. Paul Hollywood is famous for what?
7. Can you name 6 types of apple?
8. Can you name 5 cities that have a population above 10 million?

## A SUBJECT FIRST !

Tom, in Year 10 at The Brades Lodge, has shown exceptional talent and flair for English as a subject. As a result of this, he has been selected to be the first ever student at the school to undertake the GCSE English Literature course, alongside GCSE English Language. He has already begun tuition for this, and is currently studying Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet'. He has also taken on the responsibility of the role of English subject mentor, and has been supporting Year 8 students with their written work in English lessons. Well done Tom, we are all very proud of you !



## RESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

We have had a fantastic introduction to the Autumn term with loads of fun activities taking place, including park trips, boxercise, drama and dance. The children have also visited Lichfield Cathedral which was a real eye-opener for the children and staff alike, with its grandeur and beautiful architecture, the perfect back drop for an awesome day out.

Last week in residence, we had a slight change in our usual programme, with most of our usual cohort going to France and Wales. During the school day the residential team supported those in the school to participate in some great outdoor activities, Hill climbing, Canoeing and Archery to name a few. Dee Hart (Head of Care)

## VIVE LA FRANCE !

Shenstone Lodge students have had a fantastic start to the year with a 4 day trip to France, staying in the beautiful Chateau Du Baffy. After an eye watering 4.30 am start on Monday 9th October the students and staff arrived on French soil by mid morning, and at the Chateaux in time for tea and an opportunity to sample delicacies such as snails and frogs legs !

Day two was jammed full of activities perfect for 'foodies', as students visited a caramel factory, a goat's cheese farm and a chocolate makers. On day 3 students visited the

local market to exercise their language skills and absorb the cultural differences. On the final day, the long journey home was punctuated with a moving visit to a WWII 3D cinema museum.

Sam said "It was fantastic even though we had to get up at 3am!" and Caleb said "I loved it all, it was great." If you want to see more pictures please see our website [www.shenstonelodge.co.uk](http://www.shenstonelodge.co.uk)



**Charity Football Tournament 23/11/17** The Brades Lodge will be hosting a charity football tournament as part of its efforts to raise money for the British Virgin Islands following their devastation by Hurricane Irma. We currently have 17 teams entered for the competition which will take place between 10am and 2pm at The **Indoor Football Arena, Great King Street, Birmingham B19 2LF**. Schools are being charged a £20 entry fee and we will be looking for plenty of support from Parents/Carers. Refreshments and raffle tickets will be on sale to help us raise additional funds for the Charity. If you are interested in attending or need more information please contact the event organiser Luke Cato on 0121 552 3125.



As part of their World War II studies, Phoenix, Cyclops and Griffin classes visited the Museum of Cannock Chase to find out what life was like for children and their families in during the War. They took part in a mock air raid, learned about rationing and discovered what a 1940s living room looked like.



Well Done...



To Baileigh, Bradley H, Tom, Joshua E and Andre for receiving the most positive report slips at The Brades Lodge this half term.

To Rehquarne, Thomas, Jamie, Bradley M, Andre M and Jaden who have 100% attendance this half term at The Brades Lodge.

To Elena, Jayden, Charlotte, Chanel and Riley with the highest class Dojos this half term.

To Jayden, Caleb, Xavier, Heather, Jack, Leona, Jake, James, Chanel, Ethan S, Ethan W, and Romero who have 100% attendance at Shenstone Lodge this half term.



## PYJAMA DAY

The Brades Lodge Student Council regularly meets to discuss topical school issues and to influence school development. At the beginning of the term it was felt that break times would benefit from having flavoured drinks available to students and more games for those not wishing to engage in sports outside. As a result the group decided to host a 'Onesie and Pyjama' day to raise the necessary funds to provide what they felt was needed. Tom created the letter informing Parents and Carers of the event, whilst Kieran and Bradley bought squash and other resources to help the day run smoothly.



In the end a fantastic £26 was raised for the students, by the students. Hopefully this will be first of many money making projects... Well done all !

### A.O.B.

We have a vacancy for a **Parent/Carer Governor**. The role is to help the school improve further by providing a Parent's view of how things are (good or bad) and to be part of the solution finding process. Training is available for those interested so that you have a better understanding of how school finances work, what our safeguarding duties are and other key areas of school management. Most meetings are now taking place from 4 pm onwards and are hosted on both sites. They usually last about 2 hours and take place once every term or so. Travel expenses can be paid on request. This is an exciting opportunity to have your say and to influence the way we support yours and others children. If you would like any further information, or would like to express an interest in joining please contact Karen Appleby on 01543 480369 by Friday 10th November and she will provide you with any necessary details.



### Diary Dates...

**Half Term 23rd-27th Oct**

**Staff INSET DAYS** (schools closed to students) 9.11.17 and 10.11.17

**End of Term (Xmas Holidays)**

**Wed 20th December 1.30pm**

**Staff INSET DAY Tues 2nd Jan**

**Students return Wed 3rd Jan**

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

### 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.

School Year 2016/17 : Attendance SLS 87% TBL 67%

School Year 2016/17 : Sessions lost to Exclusion

(1 day = 2 sessions) SLS 66 sessions TBL 70 sessions  
(34% reduction on the previous year across the schools)

### ONLINE ADVICE



The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, the following **NSPCC** website will help you to make sure your child is staying safe

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



# THE BRADES LODGE BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

**Friday 10th November 2017**

**Doors open at 6pm**

**Bonfire lighting 6:15pm**

**Display starts at 7pm**

**Professional display team**

**and Hogroast**

**+ games organised by the year 10 students**

**Prizes, food, drinks and fun.**

The Brades Lodge  
Lower City Road  
Tividale  
B69 2HA

**JUBILEE  
FIREWORKS**

**£5 each entry fee**

**Hogroast included**

**PORKY'S PIG**

**There's nothing**



**ROAST**

**quite like a Roast**