



Updates for the parents and community of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form



## Year 11 and 13 Awards Evening

*Rachel B - Year 12*

On Thursday 6th January selected students from last year's year 11 and 13 were invited to The Carriage Hall in Plumtree for an awards evening. When we arrived, we received a warm welcome from Mrs Angus at the door. There was time to say hello to friends before sitting down with our families for the ceremony.

Mrs Angus introduced the evening before the awards were given out and highlighted how proud she was of the resilience we had all shown over the last two most challenging years.

None of us knew which award we had received so we had to wait until our name was read out, which was exciting and nerve-wracking at the same time! There was a citation read out for each student that had been personally written by the subject teachers, recognising hard work, perseverance, and contributions to the class. As well as subject awards, Headteacher and Chair of Governor awards were given to the students who best represented our school values. We all received a trophy and a certificate.

After the ceremony, refreshments were provided and everyone had a good catch up with friends and families. It was a fantastic evening that celebrated all of the hard work of last year.

## KEY DATES

- 9th March - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 17th March - Careers Fair
- 18th March - Anti-Racism Day
- 22nd March - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- 29th & 30th March - Dance Festival
- 28th March - Inter Tutor Sports Week
- 30th March- Year 13 Parents' Evening
- 4th to 18th April - Easter Break

## Useful Links

### Please click on the link below:

Here at South Wolds we are committed to supporting mental health and have a wide range of support available in school for our students. We have recently been made aware of the following website which we felt could be useful to some.


Link: [You are NottAlone](#)

This has a number of useful links and offers support to students and their families. It has details of local support and guidance available.

We also have a designated page on our school website with further information.

# Health and First Aid Day

Sophia N - Year 9



On the Health and First Aid Day we learned many important things, such as how to keep a healthy diet, how to keep our brains active and about looking after our emotional and physical health.

We also attended a First Aid session for two hours in which

we gained important knowledge on how we can help other people as well as ourselves in an emergency. Some of our favourite things included learning how to give CPR to a patient, putting people in the recovery position and dressing wounds.

We also heard stories from the paramedics about their job and how they have helped save lives which was really inspiring. It was a really informative day and a nice opportunity to focus on our school value of Be Kind by looking after ourselves and others.

## University Admissions Deadline Day

By Mrs Capewell

Wednesday 26th January, a date indelibly etched into my brain, is university admissions deadline day.

After some flurries of activity at the eleventh hour the Sixth Form team managed to get all applications completed and sent off to UCAS. This year 47 out of a total of 60 students in year 13 have made an application to go to university in September, including to cities the length and breadth of the UK: Belfast, Dundee, Falmouth and Exeter, and for courses as diverse as Ancient History and Archaeology, Modern and Mediaeval Languages, Forensic Science and Equine Sports Science.

With over 130 HE institutions offering over 50,000 courses there is plenty to choose from!

Nowadays there is much discussion about whether going to university is worth the cost. This year's students will pay £9,250 per year for their course and that doesn't include living costs like rent, travel and food. The good news is that there is plenty of financial support available. Every student is eligible to receive a full tuition loan which is only payable back once they are earning at least £27,295 a year before deductions and then they are expected to pay 9% of anything over that threshold (on average this amounts to £6 per month).

The benefits of achieving a degree are considerable including increased access to competitive job sectors and opportunities, increased earning potential, enhanced personal

development, health and wellbeing in the future.

Over the next few weeks students will find out if they have been offered a conditional place at their chosen institutions. We are very proud of some of our students who have already received offers from every one of their 5 choices, including one student who has received an offer from the University of Cambridge, a university where offers are given to only 23% of all applicants.

Good luck to all of our students in securing a place on the course of their dreams!





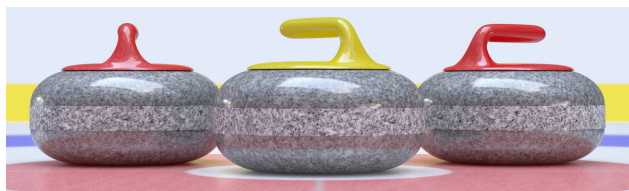
# Inclusion Festival

By Ms Smith

Miss Borg and I had the pleasure of taking eight Year 7 students to an Inclusion Festival on Thursday 3rd February.

Students travelled on the new minibus to South Nottinghamshire Academy where they took part in a number of different sports. They were competing against students from East Leake Academy, West Bridgford School, Toot Hill, Beckett and Rushcliffe School.

The aim of the event was to try new sports and develop new skills as well as building confidence and having fun. All the students really enjoyed the event and were an absolute credit to the school.



Here are a few quotes from the students about their experience.

I really enjoyed playing boccia and also had fun hanging out with my friends.

I really enjoyed jumping over the hurdles.

We played boccia and curling. It was fun!

I enjoyed the curling and the relays and going in the new bus.

I learned new skills, using a kick board and a hurdle in the relay. I also improved my coordination when I had to think about using both hands.

I enjoyed curling and the boccia. I also enjoyed sitting on the new bus with my friends. Ms Smith is the world's funniest driver!



## Health Awareness Day

By Miss Drewett

Our Health Awareness Day took place on 4th February and we were raising money for Cancer Research.

The year 11's ran a bake sale and we had a whole school challenge happening in PE - Keep The Rower Going For The Day! We had students and staff volunteering who kept the rowing machine going all day. We invited students to come down at break and lunch to encourage the participants and make any donations.



## Dance Festival - Rhythm Nation

By Miss Drewett

Dance Festival rehearsals are well under way as we prepare for the come back of the South Wolds Dance Festival!

This year's festival will take place on the 29th and 30th March in the school hall and tickets will be on sale very soon. We have around 50 students involved and they are very excited to be performing in the dance festival 'RHYTHM NATION'.



# Year 9 Maths Masterclass Programme

**By Miss Turnbull**  
**Teacher of Maths**

Here at The South Wolds Academy we have been very lucky to have four Year 9 students taking part in the first ever Maths Masterclass programme for Nottinghamshire students. The Maths Masterclasses are series of workshops led by experts from industry, academia and education.

They offer students in-depth investigations of topics in Maths beyond the normal curriculum which combine theory with interactive exploration. The Masterclasses aim to inspire young people in the beauty and wonder of Maths and to develop a sense of enjoyment in the subject. The students have had their eyes opened to the world of Maths and we hope they have been inspired. So far there have been sessions delivered by The Royal Institution on the topic of Mathematical Modelling, Maths in Medicine which challenged the students to calculate the correct doses for their patients!



As well as speakers from Rolls-Royce and the Highways Agency. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions so far and have enjoyed learning about new areas of maths. We look forward to sending some more students who are currently in Year 8 along to the maths masterclasses next year.

# Year 9 Languages in Business Morning

**By Mrs Pabari**  
**Head of Languages**

On the 22nd January Year 9 participated in the Languages in business simulation activity led by Miss Georgiou and supported by the rest of the languages team. Year 9 students were put into teams and each team was then working for an international company. They were then given roles within the business and a list of tasks linked to language and communication skills, which they had to complete whilst sticking to tight deadlines. They presented each task to the teachers and depending on how they performed earned money for the tasks. There were also bonuses to be earned for teamwork and creativity. The business with the most money at the end received certificates as the winners.

We saw some amazing language skills from our students and they engaged brilliantly in all of the activities. I was really proud of our Year 9 students. Here are a few thoughts about the sessions from some Year 9 students.

“ It was a very educational day and really gave me an insight into how I can use languages in business. ”

“ It helped us to bond with our peers and see what I wanted to do when I am older. ”

“ I personally found it really fun and educational – it gave me a look into the business world and jobs, which I never knew I might find interesting. ”

— “ It encouraged us to work harder at our language skills. It has really inspired me to use my language knowledge in my future life. It improved our teamwork skills & helped us to co-operate with our peers. I loved how it showed how our language knowledge can impact our future. ” —

# Athletics Competition

## By Ms Smith

With the arrival of the new minibus we were finally able to start attending sports fixtures again this week. Year 7 and 8 both were involved in an Indoor Athletics Competition at the Beckett School against all the other Rushcliffe Schools.

Teams of 6 boys and 6 girls in each year group took part in individual races, team relays and field events including shot putt, triple jump, long jump, vertical jump and speed bounce.

There were a number of outstanding individual performances with a number of students winning individual events.

Overall teams were placed:

- Year 7 Girls 4th
- Year 7 Boys 5th
- Year 8 Girls 5th
- Year 8 Boys 6th

Congratulations to all who took part. As always I was so impressed by their attitude and comradery as well as their motivation and commitment.

After half term, we also have a number of other fixtures to plan and prepare for. These include Rushcliffe Schools Netball Tournaments and Girls and Boys Football Tournament. Details of these will be given to students who attend the relevant clubs.

LOOK what we've got!!



Year 7 were very happy to be the first students to have the pleasure of travelling in our new mini bus

## Extra Curricular Timetable

By Ms Smith

Our extra curricular timetable after school is also still up and running. The following activities will be on offer to students every week up until the Easter Holidays.

Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday:  
Friday:

Badminton and Table Tennis - All Years  
Netball and Boys Football - All Years  
Girls Football - All Years, Dance - KS4/5  
Dance - KS3, Basketball - KS4  
Sixth Form and Staff Sports

Finally, a massive 'Good Luck' from all of us to Jess G and Imogen F in Year 7 and Nick B in Year 11 who have been selected to compete in the County Cross Country Championships at Berry Hill in Mansfield.



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# Careers Fair 2022

17th March at 4pm-7pm  
*doors will close at 6:30pm*

Come and talk to experts about:  
Universities, Sixth Form, Colleges,  
Employment, Apprenticeships  
and Work Experience  
opportunities.

All South Wolds Academy  
students welcome!



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