

February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our February half term newsletter. As expected, it has been an extremely busy, yet productive, half term with many things to celebrate. We have celebrated numerous individual and collective student successes and over the following pages, you will find a selection of photos we drew from our Twitter feed to illustrate life at Sevenhills.



You may be aware that in Jenny Smith's absence, Neil Swain and David Mills took over Head of Centre duties until an interim appointment was made. Therefore, we are happy to introduce Jake Thompson as Interim Head of Centre for Sevenhills. Jake is an outstanding leader and former teacher at Sevenhills; he knows the academy very well and will be in place until Jenny returns. We are extremely pleased to have Jake at the helm from February 25th.

Both Neil and Dave will continue to support Sevenhills, but will also return to their other duties at Phoenix House and Park House.

News:

As part of their topic last term covering British Culture, KS3 students from both Sevenhills Academy and Phoenix Park Academy took the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in London.

It was a very early start for the students but they enjoyed the tour of the Houses of Parliament and they even managed to sit in the House of Commons and listen to a live debate regarding energy and power! All students participated in a workshop on debating and the importance of listening to other people's points of view. To finish of the day our Local MP, Melanie Onn, visited the students and a Question & Answer session took place on Brexit.





As part of our community day, KS3 visited the RNLI Lifeboat crew and local firefighters. The students loved the day and those services gained a lot of respect from students for the great work that they do for the community.



In KS4, we are fast approaching formal examination season with some students already taking examinations in Finance for example – all giving 100% effort. Other GCSEs remain a not too distant event and the daily countdown of examination preparation and coursework preparation ticks away. We realise this can be an anxious time for students but have been impressed with how many students remain focussed.

At Sevenhills, we are keen to promote equal opportunities and are thrilled with two female students taking their access tests for an engineering apprenticeship at HETA (Humber Engineering Training Association). These young women have done fantastically well to get this far and we are so proud of them.



Electric Thizzle is Sevenhills Academy enterprise project and students each have a role in running the business. The students decided that mobile phone accessories were the 'in thing' and have been 'out and about' successfully selling their items in places such as Freshney Place and Freeman Street market.

Staff at Sevenhills always go the extra mile for their students – we consider it part of the job, and often our students do the same! One thoughtful student bought her KS4 English teacher this lovely bouquet of flowers.



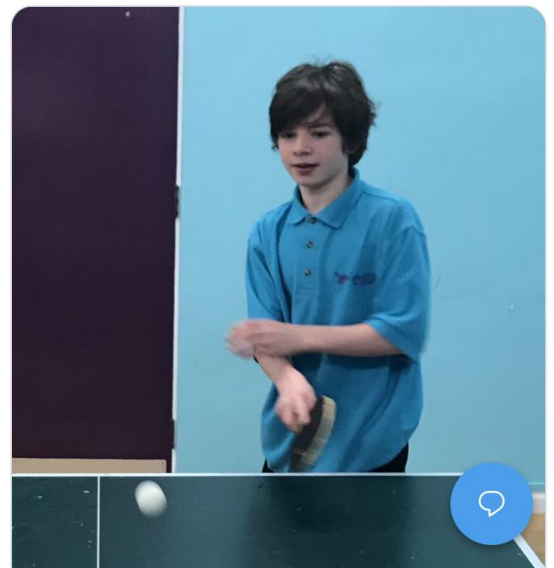


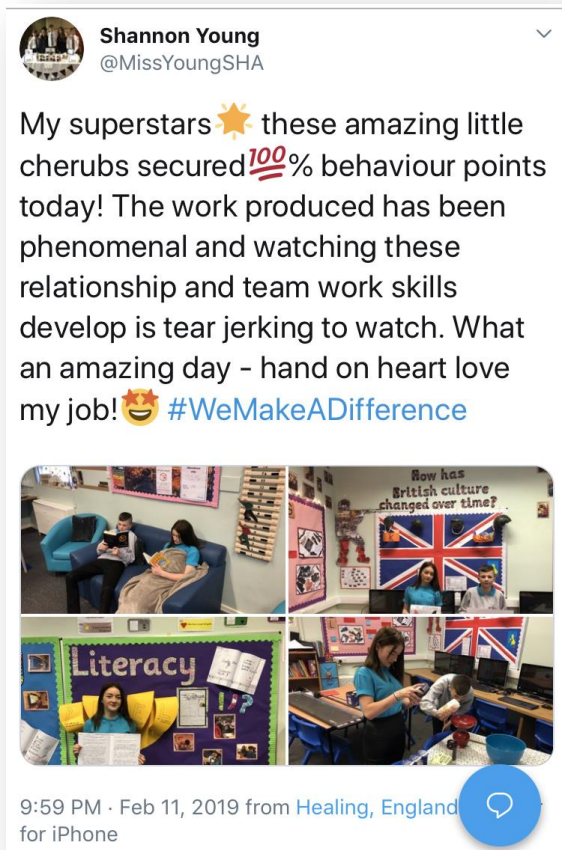
This young man has made massive personal progress in sport and his technique is improving weekly. However, he does have a rather competitive PE teacher that won't let him win. As a consequence, we all will be celebrating with him when that eventual win happens. Good luck!

In other news, Sevenhills Bridge students ably prepared and served the entire academy their lunch as part of their whole school community project.

All students played their role as part of the kitchen team to prepare a healthy nutritious meal. The serving was celebrated by staff and students as 'very tasty' and something they should do again.

🏆🏆 @Sevenhills___ Sportsperson of the week 🏆🏆 massive improvement in his tactics and backhand technique 👍 the next challenge is to get a win over his slightly competitive teacher 😊 great efforts!!





Key Stage 3 children presented the fantastic work they had completed in a PowerPoint presentation on 'How British Culture has changed' to Phoenix House children, showcasing what they had learnt. The learners took ownership of what their end product would look like and who they would deliver it to, which follows the Project Based Learning approach that the schools have recently adopted. They confidently spoke about the topic to the younger children and took on the role of the teacher for the morning.

Sevenhills Bridge group took part in a collaborative "Drop Everything And Read" with our Key Stage 2 friends over at Phoenix. This involved our young people reading extracts to each other as well as sharing positive moments about our learning. Over the last 6 weeks, we have managed to build the confidence of our young people and help close the gap between sites. This has also helped our learners within the Bridge group evidence certain strands of progress for their respective transitions back into mainstream.

We hope that you enjoyed this half term update; please do follow our exciting academy on Twitter:

@Sevenhills__

Don't forget, we return back to school on Monday 25th february 2019

Best wishes for the next term,

David Mills
Neil Swain

