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Sidney Stringer Academy

NEWSLETTER

Spring term 1 2019

We are the champions!
A message from our Head teacher, Ms Turpin:

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a fantastic start to 2019 with many trips, events and activities.

One of the main highlights of the term was Sidney Stringer students winning the Under 16 County Championship in basketball. This was an amazing achievement, as we believe that Sidney Stringer has never won a County championship. I would like to congratulate Mr Brannan who worked all year with these students to turn them into champions as last year we were third in this competition.

Also this term Mr Mottram, and his team of students, were winners in the regional finals for the 4x4 Jaguar Land Rover challenge and they will now be attending the national finals in March, where we hope to beat our 2010 result of 3rd in the country!

We had a very successful Year 9 event called 'Prison? Me? No way!' where students learnt about keeping themselves safe, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Also, all Year 11 students took part in mock interviews with actual employers from across the City. The students took it very seriously and learnt a lot about how to present themselves in an interview; the visitors were so impressed with how articulate, well behaved and respectful our students were which always makes us proud to hear.

Finally this half term we had an external inspection of Languages (we review every area of the school once every two years) and I am delighted to report that the inspector said that Languages is a highly effective department. The inspector was very impressed by our students, their ambition to do well and their respect for their school and said “I have never seen better behaved students in any other school in the country” (and she has inspected lots of schools!)

So it has been a wonderful start to 2019 and I would again like to thank parents, carers, families and friends for all the support you give your child and the Academy.

Have a lovely half term.

Ms Turpin,
Headteacher

**Important Dates:**

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February – Half term holiday

Thursday 14th March - Parents Evening Years 10-13

Friday 15th March – Teacher training day

Tuesday 9th April- Progress day

Monday 15th April-Friday 26th April- Easter Break

Monday 6th May- Bank Holiday
Welcome to our new staff

Miss Pagan is our new Catering Manager
Mr Goslin - Science teacher and KS5 science and Biology lead
Miss Holmes - House Assistant Swanswell
Miss Cleall - ASD Keyworker
A warm welcome also to all of our new trainees.
Welcome back to Mrs Asim in reprographics who has returned from her maternity leave.
Mrs Brown, who was covering her role is now the Faculty Clerk for Learning Support.
Mrs Patel is now the SENCo Assistant

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs White on the birth of their baby boy Toby on the 27th December
and to Miss Pattison on the birth of her baby boy named Xavi on the 31st December.
Congratulations to Mr Bentley who got married during the Christmas break.

Miss Chand Has, this month, given birth to a baby boy named Joel Connor Chamd,
Congratulations!

Goodbye

This half term we have said goodbye to Mr Carroll from our restaurant after 8 years of working
at Sidney Stringer as Catering Manager. We wish him all the very best in his new job.
We are also saying goodbye to the following trainees this term, Miss Beeston,
Mr Lloyd, Miss Slade, Mr Hart, Mr Rampton and Mr Ricketts. Thank you all for your
contributions to the Academy.

Maths revision classes

The Mathematics Faculty at Sidney Stringer have organised some additional GCSE revision
classes to take place every Monday after school.
The classes are running from 3:10-4:10 pm and will aim to
cover a substantial amount of the content of the GCSE Maths
9-1 Course, and will particularly focus on preparing students
for the examinations in the summer.
We hope that this will be an opportunity for students to
work on specific topics that we know from past experience
to be vital if they are to achieve the higher grades.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend these sessions

Boot fund

Many thanks to all that contributed to the Christmas Boot Fund.
Rather than send out Christmas cards, some staff decided to
donate money to the great cause instead. We collected over £150 which was sent to The Coventry Boot Fund which helps
disadvantaged children with uniform and shoes.

NOTICE

Energy drinks have now been banned from the school altogether. Students ARE
NOT PERMITTED to consume them on the school site.
Awesome Achievers award

This award is given to the students from each year group who received the most achievement points within a week.

**Year 7**
- Waheed Zameer Do7
- Natalia Pawlowska S03
- Elena D’Souza Do5
- Ria Kaur P07

**Year 8**
- Linda Beierta Do7
- Munther Mohamed J01
- Habib Uddin Lo6
- Munther Mohamed J01

**Year 9**
- Lara Mohamed D10
- Hishaam Navsarka L01
- Kaamilah Khan J09
- Divyamshu Sapkota S06

**Year 10**
- Ismail Abd-likarim Do7
- Ferdows Akbari L11
- Andrea Markova J02
- Kheyam Noori J05

**Year 11**
- Ebrahim Kara Lo8
- Ruqayya Sharif P07
- Mahamadou Camara Do8
- Musa Sufi P02

**Date 7th Jan**

**Date 14th Jan**

**Date 21st Jan**

**Date 4th Feb**

- Divyamshu Sapkota S06
- Arian Farhange Lo3
- Shahach Ismath P10

- Bianka Socha P09
- Shahach Ismath P10

- Hamzah Umair
Winners of our hot chocolate and cookie reward

Every month, 2 students from each house are selected by their House Heads and Assistant Principals for their fantastic effort and behaviour in school and invited to have a hot chocolate and cookie reward with Ms Horobin.

Well done to the following students who received their reward since the start of term.
Independent Learners

Last half term we launched an independent study programme with Year 7 where they were assigned reading, watching and activities to complete. After analysing outcomes we would like to congratulate the top 10% of students in Year 7 for their effort.

Well done!

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Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their
Bronze Award:
Abir Hussain Lo10, Ameerah Shonola J10, Mariam Bahar Do2, Najia Hussain So7, Natalia Crisan J01, Oskar Ginalscki P11, Qais Ghulami S11, Raihan Miah S05, Shihab Miah So3, Tatiana Conkova P09, Abdulrahim Dar So4, Jaman Uddin So3, Mona Mahmood Do8, Ahmed Osman Lo6, Jack Blekinoppp L10, Muram Ali J03, Mya Morrison P05, Rafael Silva Do2, Dawid Sowul Lo9, Erina Hasani J01, Owen Hoban P11, Adeel Amjad P03, Alan Said Do5, Farhan Khan So1, Julia Bartczak Jo2, Maria Ferkova S10, Rihanna Islam Lo8, Roy Cvetkova J06, Saalif Faaz J09, Aadir Mehmood Lo4, Cristina Roman J07, Faiz Ul-Rahman Hussain P07, Mariam Dean P07, Muhammad Ali Do6, Reilly Wood Jo9, Suhayla Mohammed So9, Minau Kande P07, Halima Sufi P03Azariya Tennant J05, Hafiz Ahmed Do9, Saajidah Abdullah P06, Abdullah Sulaman J10,, Martina Smolinska So8, Regan Gaffoor Do8, Mohammad Ihsan J11, Purvanshi Dholakiya L11, Yassir Hachi Do3, Hamza Mehmood P07, Parris Freeman Do3, Rawah Faraj J11, Solo Richardson J02 Nazrin Chowdhury Lo8, Tereza Balazova P03, Aliyah Ishaq Lo8, Subhan Mehmood Lo5, Blake De Bono J02, Cody Morris P08, Katie McIntosh P05, Sara Ali Jo3, Danyal Younes J06, Omar Omar P08, Felicity Pirinc So5, Nashad Ali Do8, Shama Erabi L04, Aisha Miah P01, Kheyam Noori J05, Peter Petlik So1, Shazia Hussain So7, Jenin Chaaban Jo6, Nick Braha So2, Abdullah Attia D11, Arafat Haji P02, Abid Islam J11, Haruna Snaaullah Do6, Sameer Garg P01, Stiliyan Stoyanov Lo1 Abdul Sameer J03, Abid Mohammed Hassan P02, Aysha Goulthorp D04,, Chloe Herbert P04, Hiren Patel Lo3, Mihaad Jalull So3, Mikolaj Ozga Lo9, Nadeem Mohammed So2, Yasar Miah Po5, Shiyam Cumberbatch Lo7, Tasnimah Momshad Syeda J05, Allya Uzzaman J06, Yusra Kadir Jo8, Irfan Ahmed Jo8, Kanaal Ise Do8, Zana Hussain Lo5

Silver Award:
Asmi Damania Lo2, Layla-Jayne Entwistle Lo5, Torrie Townsend Lo6, Angel O’Loughlin P03, Nahida Yasmin Do3, Hazera Alam Do1, Humna Malik J11, Kaison Bains So8, Munther Mohamed J01, Elena D’Souza Do5, Natalia Pawlowska So3 Demi-Lea Donal S11, Bianka Socha P09, Z’Arah Webster So5, Misbah Zahoor P02, Lija Kumar Do6, Kaleb Gebrehiwot

Our successful basketball team were invited to join the staff morning meeting to share their success in County Basketball Championship. They eloquently spoke to the staff about their commitment, teamwork and dedication that led to their success. Well done to the whole team!

We love to engage our students in practical learning. Here, Year 9 student Kelly is working her way through a Science lesson on acid and alkalines.
At the end of last term a group of students enjoyed a Christmas party organised by Mrs Felton and the Learning Mentor team. They had a great time eating, playing a round of pass the parcel and pin the tail on the donkey.
Careers Fair

On Monday 28th January, Sidney Stringer hosted its annual careers fair. Yet again, the event proved to be a huge success. Following their mock application for current labour market positions, all Year 11 pupils had an interview with a professional employer who not only delivered questions based on their application, but provided constructive feedback to them on their approach and application. Following this process, they also had the opportunity to browse a range of stalls with representatives from Loughborough University, De Montford University, Coventry University, Coventry College, the Royal Air Force, Coventry and Warwickshire Camber of Commerce, and Warwick University all on hand to give them specific and general information regarding the range of courses and careers opportunities they offer. Indeed, for the first time, Year 10 pupils also had the chance to browse these stalls, and were equally enthused about the range of opportunities available post 16.

The representatives were highly impressed about the ambition and aspiration of our students. 'I've been to many such careers events across the West Midlands' enthused one interviewer, 'but the calibre of pupils at Sidney Stringer Academy remains amongst the best that I have ever seen'. Pupils were equally positive about their experience. 'I found the interview incredibly useful' claimed one Year 11 pupil. 'It was fantastic to meet a professional employer and receive a formal interview, and the feedback I received was also very helpful'.

'Browsing the range of stalls was such an eye-opener' said one Year 10 pupil. 'I didn't realise before now the range of opportunities that exist for me to further my education and career. I can't wait for the interview opportunities that I will experience next year.

Many thanks must also go to Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce that helped organise the event.
Media Studies trip to Warner Brotherson Studio Tour London for the Making of Harry Potter

On Thursday 17th January Miss May and Miss Blackburn took their amazing Media Studies students (with a couple of Y12 Drama students for good measure) to the amazing Warner Bros Studio Tour in Watford.

The students gained a wealth of knowledge and experience from the trip including the impact of large conglomerates in the film industry, job roles within the industry, production processes and marketing. The sheer scale of the production of the Harry Potter films amazed the students and some could not leave without purchasing the wand of their favourite wizard!
Ms Horobin writes:

It has been a busy half term for us in Swanswell House! We are so proud of having so many award winning students! This month we have been organising hampers for our charity day, and House Council representatives have been promoting their raffle. This half term we have also been celebrating the success of the Swanswell inter-form teams and members of the school basketball team. We have been working hard at PPEs and intervention classes but have had plenty of time to focus on being our best with over 1,000 positive achievement points!!

We have an excellent tutorial programme devised by Ms Shirley and Mr Hicks and a key focus this year has been on LORIC. In this Swanswell assembly, Mr Dhesi explored how and why using our initiative is helpful to us and our community. It certainly generated a lot of discussion!

Bronze awards winners
Fidaws Jeena
Ryan Ballard
Madison Beale
Aquib Karim
Joshua Fasipe
Farhan Khan
Jaman Uddin
Shihaab Miah
Abdulrahim Dar
Raihan Miah
Najia Hussain
Suhayla Mohammed
Maria Ferkova
Qais Ghulami
Farhan Khan
Peter Petik
Nick Braha
Jaman Uddin
Felicity Pirinc
Shazia Hussain
Martina Smolinska
Alima Begum
Vanessa Horvatthova
Amina Yasmin

Swanswell CHARITY Raffle 12/02/2019

Swanswell House have created Some lovely pamper hampers which have been raffled to raise money for the Swanswell house charity

Silver Award winners
Kaine Gilbert
Natalia Pawlowska
Kaison Bains
Z’Arah Webster
Demi-Lea Donaln
Airiz Azhan
Nidhi Parekh

Awesome Achiever Award Winners
Natalia Pawlowska
Castor Fowler
Divyamshu Sapkota
Amlnoor Rahman
LANCHESTER HOUSE NEWS

Lancashire students have been receiving lots of awards this term!

Every week students receive rewards for their efforts. During every Assembly we give out Awesome Achiever Awards and Bronze, Silver and Gold badges. So far this term 36 Lancashire students have received their Bronze badges!!

Congratulations to the 8 students who received their Silver badge:

Asmi Damania - Layla-Jayne Entwistle - Torrie Townsend - Sadaf Halim
Alisha Ali - Simranpreet Kaur - Ashraf Islam - Haleema Asif

A huge congratulations to our amazing superstar Ilaan Sabah who received her Gold badge. Ilaan has achieved 205 Achievement Points!

Ashraf Islam and Ismail Dahir were part of the Basketball Team that won the County League - well done lads!

The Prefects and House Captains have been running the Student Council and have been very busy helping targeted students with their reading and the results are paying off because Lancashire has won the AR reading league 3 weeks running!

Lancashire’s Charity Day was on the 14 February and we are holding lots of events in tutor groups, including sponsored silences and guess the sweets in the jar.

We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Jefferson, Lancashire’s Acting Principle, who is going on Maternity leave at the end of half term, and welcome Mrs Fail who will be covering in Lancashire.

Mrs. Jefferson

Mrs Fail
In order to support our Jaguar year 11 students in attaining their target grades, students have completed a programme of Monday tutor time intervention sessions with 16+ student volunteers: Yaqoob Imran, Kim Nguyen, Adil Minhas, Vinay Sahota, Matthew Court, Hita Patel and Riazul Zannat. It was great to see the Jaguar students learning and taking advice from the 16+ students that had experienced success the previous year. All students made lots of effort and enjoyed the opportunities to work with their peers.
Phoenix House have been fantastically represented in our inter house competition once again! Well done to all the students who stepped up to perform in the football, netball and basketball tournaments.

We have students who are representing not only our House, but all students across the Academy by being part of a student Pastoral Council who are working towards a better Sidney Stringer, offering support to students but also analysing all support that is in place to ensure it is effective.

Phoenix House representatives on the Pastoral Council are:

Saajida Abdullah  Omayah Nasseer  Mahruf Sultankhail  Esha Begum

Lubomir Conka  Moussa Abdi Dahir  Aleeza Maqsood
Da Vinci House have been organising a movie night for students in order to raise money for their Charity week.

For just £5 Students will be treated to a movie, including popcorn, pizza and a fizzy drink. Watch this space to see how much we raised!

Movie Night
YEAR 7
Thursday 14th February 2019
in the Theatre
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Pop Corn
Pizza
Pop - Coke/Lemonade
£5 per person

Staff members have been participating in a new learning experience, making bread. On Thursdays after school we have 6 different classes happening, 3:30-4:30 cooking, salsa, yoga, arts and crafts, archery and merengue.
16+ Charity Week: ‘12 Days of Christmas’

Over the final two weeks of last term, the 16+ student body came together for the 2018 charity fundraiser ‘12 Days of Christmas’. From Secret Santa’s, Cake Bakes and Samosa Sales, to the rather wacky ‘Sponsor a Leg Wax’, both staff and students alike got into the spirit of the annual charity event.

Within their tutor groups, 16+ students held a vote to nominate which charity should receive the money raised and the Lily Mae Foundation was chosen. The Foundation offers many forms of support for Parents, Families and Friends following the loss of a baby to Stillbirth or Neonatal Death. We are pleased to announce that the amazing sum of £1756.06 in total was raised and would like to offer huge thanks to all students and staff, who contributed or supported in any way!

Dentistry Talk by ex-SSA student

A former student of Sidney Stringer, Tahmeed Khan, who has gone on to become a fully qualified dental surgeon returned to school to inspire others to consider this worthwhile career. In a very well attended talk, many of our students found Tahmeed’s advice to be very useful and motivational. We would like to thank Tahmeed Khan for taking the time to revisit SSA – it’s always a pleasure to see our past students move on to reach new heights.

Work Experience Week for Year 12s

At the end of January our Year 12 students went out to experience the world of work for a whole week! A wide variety of opportunities were on offer from Retail to Education to Social Care. Many students commented on the valuable and enjoyable experience and 16+ staff also received some very positive feedback. Well done to all our students who represented the school in such a good light.
Super Smash Bros Ultimate: Year 12 Versus Year 13

The latest instalment of the year-long battle between the 12s and 13s for the Chennells-Furze cup continued this month with an epic video game tournament. Ellis 'The Outsider' Randen of Year 12, having never played the game before, decided to take part at the last minute and choose the Wii Fit Trainer player character "for the memes". Imagine the cries of surprise that erupted when he destroyed long-time player and fully established supernerd Bilaal Ali (Year 13). Thinking it must be a fluke, the year 13s remained confident going into the final, with video game prodigy Kaizer 'Twitchy Fingers' Salaad representing them. Unfortunately, the yoga poses posed too much of a challenge, and the year 12s brought home the victory!

Thank you to everyone who took part:

The Year 12s: Rajdeep, Estera, Nahid, Ameen, Ellis, Waseem, Moses, Shakil and Maciej.
The Year 13s: Benedicta, Zakar, Kaizer, Christian, Gurmeet, Bilaal and Jordan.

Thank you to Mr Walls for unlocking all of the characters with his amazing Smash skills (which Miss Cooke failed to do in time) and to Mr Riley for bringing extra controllers.

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Tournament: Friday 25th January after school

Year 12 vs Year 13

It was great seeing everyone have fun, even those that didn't play or haven't played before.

Every match was exciting too, seeing the seasoned players drop out and the underdog coming out on top!

Maciej Waszczuk 16.13

To enter please see:

Yr 13 Jordan Beqiraj (16.9)  Yr 12 Moses Merit (16.15)
This month we hosted a network meeting for Inclusion Quality Mark flagship schools to share the good practice that goes on in our school.

The visitors came from a wide range of schools and were very impressed by what they saw and the students they spoke to.

Many thanks to the students that were involved in the day.

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Are you taking Steps to Success?

**Year 11 Study Zone**

Starting on Wednesday 16th January, you are invited to a year-11-only study zone.

**Where:** Restaurant

**What:** A space for independent revision or homework, cookies and hot chocolate

**When:** Every Wednesday after school, 3.00-4.00pm.
The Rotary Youth Speaks debate

This month, Ms Sowden saw the students she had prepared participate in the national Youth Speaks competition. The competition, organised by Rotary International, is a highly prestigious debating competition.

Held at Sidney Stringer, we fielded 2 teams who were both highly commended by the judges. In the Senior debate were team A: whose self-selected topic was the ramifications of the Science vs Art Rhetoric within society. Team members comprised of Yaqoub Imran (chairperson), Snya Riaz (speaker) and Hita Patel (vote of thanks).

Team B explored the gender pay gap and were comprised of Sabiha Khan (chairperson), Kim Ann Nguyen (speaker) and Yasmin Kerimova (vote of thanks). Both teams did exceptionally well, and both Snya and Sabiha were singled out by the judges for their special contributions. Well done all!
Robot STEAM day

Back in January, a group of students attended a Robot STEAM engineering day at The transport museum. The challenge was “Engineering a better world with Robots.” In teams, they were asked to show how engineering could solve a problem using robots, with a chance of winning prizes totalling £200!

The students had a great day and are looking forward to seeing their entries displayed at Robot day on the 9th March!

Robot Day Coventry
09 March 2019
10 am until 4 pm

#RobotDay

- See your ‘Engineering a Better World with Robots’ entries on display to public
- Find out the competition winner live!
- See amazing robot and artificial intelligence demos
- Take part in fun activities for all the family

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Working to engineer a better world
A Trip through Time

Have you ever wished you could take a trip back in time?
On Thursday, January 31st, twenty eight Year 7 and 8 students simulated time travel when they visited the National Museum of Computing. The students were given a guided tour in order for them to observe the vast changes in technology with the turn of each century. One of the most noteworthy machinery on display was the ‘Enigma’— a code breaking machine used to decipher German messages during World War II. Rafael Silva, year 8 student had an amazing experience. He said it was as amazing day, I got to see the Marvel evolution through computing technology of which opened my eyes to the amazing amount of effort to compute simple tasks such as, a calculation and decoding war messages. In the end I was told not to lose my inquisitive nature and my ability to ask meaningful questions.

Students were given an opportunity to gain hands-on experience when tasked with creating a Turing Test. The Turing Test was developed in 1950 by Alan Turing to determine if interactions online were between humans or with a machine designed to generate human-like responses. Turing tests are still used today to assess Artificial Intelligence.

The field trip aimed to use experiential learning to support the teaching of the key stage 3 curriculum. Some students expressed that being able to see and use technology makes the concepts more memorable and easier to grasp. Linda Belerta D07 said “the trip was an amazing experience. The trip was important to me as it helped me understand how the first computer was made”.

Arturs Cernousovs P02, described the trip as a great day and said seeing the old computers less than a hundred years ago made me understand the change. I learnt that 10 years ago there were Nokia Bricks and I would definitely recommend the computing museum to everyone.
Prison, Me? No way!
Prison? Me? No-Way! is a national educational charity with a core aim of raising awareness among young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime. The day gives a really good insight into the criminal justice system and widens student awareness through a wide range of activities including recreations of a magistrates court, role play and debate as well as hard hitting real life testimonies. The day had a very powerful impact on the Year 9 students that were involved in it, and it generated a huge amount of discussion and debate.
On Wednesday 30th January a group of students visited the Ballroom Climbing centre in Coventry City Centre. After a short warm up and tutorial, they were let loose on over 12 different climbing walls without the use of ropes or harnesses. Every student showed bravery and determination to reach the top of many of the walls. Even Mr Blow nearly made it to the top! It was a great trip which everyone enjoyed.

Next trip: Karting on 26th February. On Parentpay soon!
Elstree studios
On Wednesday 23rd January, a keen group of 16+ students visited the BBC Elstree studios in Hertfordshire to watch the filming of "Blockbusters" a popular quiz show from the 80’s. It is being re-made with Dara O Briain as the new host. After some friendly banter with the warm-up man, the students were treated to a rare opportunity to see a TV show being put together from start to finish. It was a great trip and valuable experience especially for our Media students. Keep an eye out later in the year on BBC 1 to see us in the audience.

Enrichment Trips 2018-19

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Engineering still lives at Stringer

At the beginning of last month two teams from Sidney Stringer took their 4x4 models to the regional finals in Birmingham.

The competition has many elements but the key is for each team to design and build a radio controlled model 4X4. The team has to then push their skills and put the car over a large assault course in a timed heat to see whose car can handle the pressure. Judges examine the car, question the team and listen to a verbal presentation. Finally the team have to develop and show a portfolio and have a large display of work that details the teams engineering journey from the start to the end. There are three classes that teams may enter and entry level, development level and professional. Historically we have entered the development class and have had a history of success. This year we had a new team enter the development class and a team enter the professional class.

How did our teams get on? Our development team handled themselves excellently. The judges awarded them with a discretionary award for resilience in the face of adversity. Which was a great result for them to win for their first ever event so well done to them.

Our professional team where the shining light of the event picking up the award for the best track performance in the professional class, winning the best portfolio over all three classes and finally winning the regional final coming first out of twenty one teams in the process earning a place in the national finals representing the central region. The team are looking forward to the challenge of the nationals with their sights set on a position in the international finals to represent England.
On the 11th February our Year 7 students were invited by Ms Clapham to a Harry Potter themed book night in the Academy Library.
Dell Workshop

This month, Ms Horobin arranged for selected Key stage 3 students to participate in a workshop organised by Dell computers at Coventry University. The day was focused around increasing participation in technological challenges and increasing awareness of higher education.

Students participated in a range of challenges throughout the day and had the chance to trial the latest Dell virtual reality technology too. Students had a great time - so much so that they didn't want to leave at the end of the session!

Well done to all involved for their excellent participation and great team working skills that led to them cracking the puzzles and codes!
This half term Year 8, 9 and 10 students have been choosing their Option subjects. There are a huge range of subjects to choose from including Latin, Photography, Psychology and Sports Science and there really is something for everyone. Here, you can see our head girl and head boy, discussing with parents and carers the impact that Sidney Stringer had on them.
The Year 8 EPQ class are continuing with their projects and have just finished their planning ready to start their essays. The EPQ is a newly launched project qualification which we are running for a small group of Year 8 students. It’s an exciting opportunity for them to academically investigate a topic of their own choosing in greater and more rigorous depth than would otherwise be possible. It will culminate in a final piece (either a written report or an artefact) plus a presentation of their key findings.

Student Progression Team

This month selected Key Stage 3 students have been working with Warwick University students in the pioneering Student Progression Team program. The program takes place over a period of 6 weeks and is tailored to support students in their understanding of higher education by using mentors from a range of disciplines from Warwick University. Whilst we have run this programme successfully before with Year 9 students, we are very excited this year to be part of a trial by Warwick University working with Year 8 students as well! Look out for the next newsletter edition which will feature their visit to Warwick University!
**Our Literacy focus this half term**

*Capital letters show the start of a sentence and full stops mark the end.*

**BUSINESS:**
There were many shareholders in the company. Each of their shares were worth £20,000.

Give it a go! Now create sentences about today's topic using our punctuation rule.

**Did you know...?**

**Brackets** can be used to add extra information.

**PE:** The goalkeeper (who was rather short) saved all three of the penalties given.

Give it a go! Now create sentences about today's topic using our punctuation rule.

**Did you know...?**

**Commas** can be used to separate clauses, where one clause depends on the other.

**HISTORY:** As King Henry VIII had six wives, he went against all marriage conventions of the time.

Give it a go! Now create sentences about today's topic using our punctuation rule.

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**Are you taking Steps to Success? Year 11 Study Zone**

Starting on Wednesday 16th January, you are invited to a year-11-only study zone.

**Where:** Restaurant

**What:** A space for independent revision or homework, cookies and hot chocolate

**When:** Every Wednesday after school, 3.00-4.00pm.

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Believe, Achieve, Succeed

Da Vinci | Jaguar | Manchester | Phoenix | Swanswell | sixteen plus
Sidney Stringer recently sent 2 teams to the County Basketball finals in Stratford. Both the Key stage 3 and Key Stage 4 teams qualified for the County Finals after winning the district tournaments at both age groups. They travelled to Stratford to face the best teams from Leamington/Warwick, Rugby, Alcester, Solihull, Stratford and Nuneaton.

The Key stage 3 qualified for the first time and did well, losing in the semi finals, but going on to win the 3/4th play-off to finish third.

The Key stage 4 team hoped to improve on a 3rd place finish from last year, where they competed as a Year 10 team against Year 11’s. The Boys have been training hard all year, with the aim of winning the county championship this year as the real target.

The boys dominated the district competition and started the same way in the county finals. They were completely focused from the first minute, and determined to reach their goal. They went undefeated in the group stage, finishing top of their group before beating Ashlawn, the Rugby District champions, in the semi finals.

In the Finals, they faced Alcester Grammar, who beat the boys in the semi finals the previous year, before they went on to win the county title.

This time, the boys would not be denied and with their superb attitude, hard work and ability, went on to complete their journey and beat Alcester Grammar and secure the school’s first County Championship.

Well Done to the whole team, who were an absolute credit to themselves and the School and thoroughly deserved their victory.

Mr Brannan.
In January we welcomed University of Birmingham to our academy in the first round of the West Midlands cup. Our Year 9 boys were terrific and came out comfortable winners with Arif Salim scoring a hat trick.

Final score: SSA 4-1 University of Birmingham

Coventry Evening Telegraph defeat

Our Year 11’s crashed out of the Coventry Evening Telegraph in a closely fought game against North Leamington school. Our young squad (with five Year 10 students) started nervously and conceded early on due to a defensive mix up. Confidence grew and we began to create chances but did not take any of them before the break.

H/T NLS 1-0 SSA

After a strong start to the second half, a great cross was turned in from NLS to double their lead. We responded immediately with a great Idrissa Amada goal to get us back into the game and worked tirelessly for an equaliser but it never came. As we pushed forward NLS finished the game off with a well worked counter-attack.

Final Score: NLS 3-1 SSA

Inter House KS4 Basketball results

1st - Jaguar
2nd - Phoenix
3rd - Da Vinci
4th - Swanswell
5th - Lanchester

Well done to all students who participated. There was some great talent on show!

Dance after school club

Sidney Stinger Academy are now offering an exciting Dance after school club
Years 9, 10 and 11
Students will learn a range of different dance routines to fun up to date music. Come and learn the current and best dance moves.
Year 7 and 8 after half term
Thursdays 3:20 till 4:20
For more information please contact Miss Hancock.
Miss McNulty took nine Year 7/8 girls across to Finham Park for our next football league fixture. The girls started well and managed to get two quick goals thanks to Aicha Bamba and Ilaaf Sabah. We were playing some really nice attacking football and our defence was looking strong. However, for a split second we switched off at the back and, with some sloppy marking, left a Finham player unmarked at the back post, who was then able to easily slot the ball away when it reached her.

This gave us a bit of a wake up call and we moved up a gear and took full control of the game from then on, scoring another four goals and going into half time as comfortable 6-1 leaders.

During the second half the girls kept their focus and thanks to a couple of fantastic saves from Sajida Madai, didn’t concede anymore goals. We added another four goals to our tally, meaning the game finished with an impressive 10-1 score line.

The girls were fantastic once again and are developing into a real force to be reckoned with!

Aicha Bamba (5 goals & Player of the Match)
Ilaaf Sabah (1 goal)
Eesha Ibrar
Sharday Cumberbatch
Sajida Madai
Monique Mungai (1 goal)
Melat Ayalew (1 goal)
Fatma Sabah
Simranpreet Kaur (2 goals)

On the 10th January, Miss McNulty took the U14 girls Football team across to Caludon Castle for our third league fixture of the academic year. It was a very strong performance from the girls and we managed to secure a comfortable 4-0 win, with goals from Aicha Bamba, Nassra Said, Ilaaf Sabah and Simranpreet Kaur. That makes it three wins out of three in the league for us.

Congratulations to the following students:

Aicha Bamba
Nassra Said
Safia Nassor
Sharday Cumberbatch
Fatma Sabah
Ilaaf Sabah
Simranpreet Kaur
Hadia Aminatou Bah
Monique Mungai
Sabrina Hassan
Melat Ayalew
Safia Nassor
Sajida Madai
Eesha Ibrar
Rahmah Saleh
Sports Hall Athletics

Earlier this month, both the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils competed against other schools in the city in the Level 2 Games Sports Hall Athletics. This was an excellent opportunity for pupils to compete in a range of different activities including relay races, shot putt and long jump.

Unfortunately, neither the Year 7 or Year 8 pupils progressed to the next stage, but they represented the school fantastically.

Highlights from the events were:

- Alan Mohammed - 1st place in the Speed Bounce
- Nadia Lada - 3rd place in the 6 lap race
- Lincoln Barsby - 3rd place in the 6 lap race
- Abdullah Yasin - 1st place in the Speed Bounce
- Aicha Bamba - 1st place in the Shot Putt

The pupils who competed were:

**Year 7:**
- Lewis Farrell
- Jamal Mazary
- Lincoln Barsby
- Alan Mohammed
- Suliman Bindawood
- T'Shaun Williams
- Abdoulaye Barry
- Melat Ayalew
- Nadia Lada
- Chantelle
- Muchawaya
- Monique Mungai
- Natalia Pawlowska

**Year 8:**
- Omar Hijazi
- Abdullah Yasin
- Yasser Kasim
- Donte Spence
- Harley Mohammad
- Aicha Bamba
- Eshe Ibrar
- Loleigh Johnsson
- Ilaaf Sabah
- Rebecca Browning
- Lea Colak
- Sharday Cumberbatch
ROBOT DAY

BUILD & CODE YOUR OWN ROBOT
LEARN FROM EXPERTS
EXCITING ROBOT DEMONSTRATIONS
DANCE LIKE A ROBOT
FREE FAMILY FUN THIS BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK!
SATURDAY 9 MARCH 10AM-4PM
COVENTRY TRANSPORT MUSEUM

Coventry Transport Museum, Millennium Place, Hales Street, Coventry CV1 1JD
APPRENTICESHIP OPEN EVENINGS.

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AND MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2019 BETWEEN 6.30-9PM AT BMW PLANT HAMS HALL, NEAR BIRMINGHAM.

Do you want to know more about apprenticeships and what’s on offer at BMW Plant Hams Hall, near Birmingham?

Join us at one of our Apprenticeship Open Evenings where you’ll have the chance to talk to apprentices, managers and recruiters about our apprenticeship opportunities.

Find out more and register at eventbrite.co.uk (search BMW Group Apprenticeship Open Evening).
Instrumental 2018-19
FREE concerts to inspire young people

Over the next 12 months, schools from Coventry, Warwickshire and Solihull will have the opportunity to take part in the Concert Series 2018-19 with access to 1000 FREE tickets across 10 concerts. Warwick Arts Centre will work with individual schools to design and customise their visits, with the option of backstage tours, pre-concert talks and off site visits by Arts Centre staff.

Because of the success of the programme over the past four years we are delighted to continue to offer a restricted number of FREE tickets to our Family Ambassadors and their children, and University of Warwick Students via the Student Union.

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