



Snapshot of Sixth Form Life

Terms 3-4 | January-March 2023

Message from the Head of SHSF

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of Snapshot!

The past two terms have been jam-packed with exciting events, trips and opportunities!

We have just spent a week celebrating National Careers Week in school, with departments offering work-focused activities, alumni and expert talks. It was a great week and hopefully raised awareness of all the different pathways out there! Over the past few months, we have also been meeting our applicants – it has been such a pleasure meeting everyone and getting to know you.

Our own Y13s have been awaiting university offers, with students being offered places onto a whole suite of courses including Aeronautical Engineering, Chinese, Costume Design, Environmental Science, Law, Midwifery, Performing Arts and Wildlife Conservation. Some students have also been offered degree apprenticeships and I just want to take this opportunity to say how proud we are of all your hard work.

For those of you taking your GCSEs shortly, everyone here at SHSF wishes you the very best of luck!

We hope you enjoy this edition of Snapshot.

Best wishes

Miss Tapscott
Head of Sixth Form



Gloucestershire Young Musician



Congratulations to Lizzie in Y13 who made it through to the finals of the Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year Competition.

An amazing achievement!

Career in Stage Management



Former student Zoe came to talk to our A Level Drama students about her job as a freelance stage manager working on operas, plays and musicals around London and the UK

Talk by Professor Chris Whitty



A Level Biology students attended a talk by Professor Chris Whitty entitled 'Careers in medicine: reflections from the Chief Medical Officer'.

Professor Whitty discussed his journey into medicine and the various roles he has had, including reflections from the last few years as England's Chief Medical Officer.

Fundraising Award – Bullies Out



Congratulations to Kelley in Y13 for winning the Bullies Out UK School Fundraiser of the Year Award 2022.

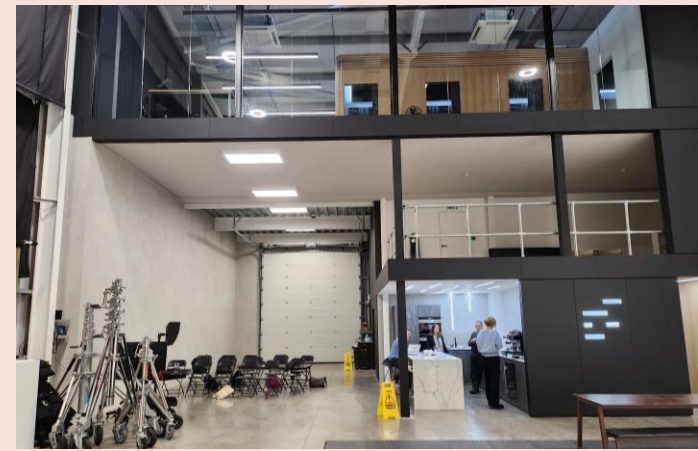
Kelley has enthusiastically campaigned and arranged many events such as raffles, cake sales and even an odd sock day to collect money for this brilliant charity.

Visit to Local Media Company



Art students visited commercial film and photography production company Still Moving Media in Bishops Cleeve. The afternoon started with a presentation from the CEO and photographers Phil and Nathan who talked about roles within the film industry.

Students were given a tour of the studio, editing suits, storage units and photography studio. An enjoyable and worthwhile experience highlighting the opportunities available within the film industry.





Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our Sixth Form Open Evening in January.

Students were able to find out about post-16 pathways, chat to teachers and our current Y12 and Y13 students and find about more about the SHSF community.

Legal Careers



Our Y12 cohort attended an interesting and informative law workshop delivered by Catherine Crampton, Senior Lecturer of Law from the University of Gloucestershire.

Catherine explored how people are found guilty/not guilty of crimes and the research lawyers carry out using real life cases.

Former Student Gets Her Wings



Congratulations to former student Abby Kemp who started as a First Officer for EasyJet on 23 January!

A fantastic achievement.

Visit to Production of Antigone



The Drama Department took our A Level Drama students to see a production of Jean Anouilh's *Antigone* at the Hall Green Little Theatre in Birmingham. Jean Anouilh's *Antigone* adapts the play of the same name by Sophocles and is studied by our A Level students as part of the course.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to see their set text for the 'Deconstructing Texts for Performance' paper live to give them ideas when they have to write a whole exam on how they would direct the text themselves.

Inspiring talk from Director of Mathematics at St John's, Cambridge



Many thanks to Dr Matthias Dörrzapf, Director of Mathematics and Director of Scholarships and International Programmes at St John's College, University of Cambridge who gave an inspiring talk to our prospective Oxbridge applicants on the benefits of a broad higher education and the diverse career pathways available following a degree.

Dr Dörrzapf also provided valuable insight into student life at St. John's and the application process, in particular the nature of interviews at Cambridge.



South Korea Partnership

We were delighted to welcome South Korean Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, His Excellency Minshik Park to SHS.

Students will be visiting South Korea in May as we work together with our partner Hanbit High School to forge strong links between our two countries.

Team GB - Archery



Congratulations to Emily in Y12 who was selected to represent Team GB in the European Indoor Archery Championships.

Emily competes in the Barebow Junior Women competition.

Spanish Exchange



Our Y12 Spanish A Level students were able to develop their language skills during their exchange in Albacete by taking part in work experience placements in kindergartens



Morehead-Cain Scholarship Award to Study in USA



Huge congratulations to Scarlett in Y13 who has been accepted as a Morehead-Cain scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study International Relations and Political Science.

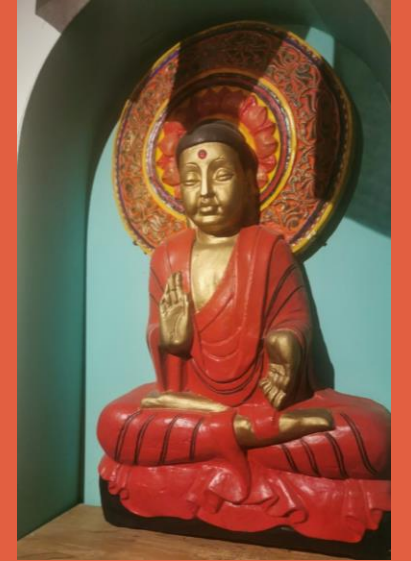
The Moorhead-Cain Scholarship programme is a four-year, fully-funded educational experience for exceptional students at Chapel Hill. Scarlett has also been accepted onto the honours and research development programme which only 10% of the cohort are allowed into each year.



Scarlett competed against 7,500 other applicants and was one of only 70 students to be awarded this prestigious scholarship.

PEB Students Visit to Buddhist Centre

Students of Philosophy, Ethics & Belief visited the Cardiff Buddhist Centre as part of the Buddhist philosophy element of their A Level course



Y12 Treats

Y12 had an afternoon of hot chocolate to say well done for their hard work this term



UK Polar Network

Our Y13 Geographers took part in the UK Polar Network Antarctica Day flag competition and Emily Rowlands volunteered to take their winning flag to the Signy Research Station, an Antarctic research base on Signy Island, run by the British Antarctic Survey.

In the photo are Emily Rowlands, Angelika Slomska and Ryan Saunders. Emily and Angelika are Polar marine ecologists investigating plastic pollution from the surface to the deep waters of the Southern Ocean, which surrounds Antarctica. They also research the impact of plastic pollution on Antarctic krill. Krill are one of the most important animals in the Southern Ocean since most other animals including whales, seals, and penguins feed on them. Ryan led the science expedition which is part of a long-term study exploring the distribution and abundance of Antarctic krill. The data collected helps us understand the influences of climate change, fishing pressure and predation on this important Antarctic animal.



World Book Day



Another fantastic turn out to celebrate World Book Day!





Small Business Owner Inspires Y12 Business Students



Entrepreneur and owner of Churchdown-based The Village Cakery Noushien Khazeni-Rad spoke to Y12 business students about her journey to owning her own business. She detailed her experiences from a career in events and international travel to opening The Village Cakery at the start of the pandemic. Noushien outlined the risks and rewards of entrepreneurship, how she sourced finance as a small business, the process of securing customer loyalty and contract work, how she diversified her product range and much more. Thank you so much for your insight Noushien – you really did bring entrepreneurship to life!



Road Safety Talk

Thanks to the What If Roadshow Team involving members of Glos Fire and Rescue, Glos Police, GCC and individuals for sharing their experiences of RTC, empowering students to make good decisions about road safety





Drama Production

SHSF students were part of the band and backstage crew supporting the lower school production of Little Shop of Horrors. Sixth formers played bass guitar, drums and percussion as well as acting as Stage Manager and helping to oversee Choreography, Lighting and Sound.



Linguistics Olympiad

Well done to Jemma, Katie, Lizzie and Mia for taking part in the United Kingdom Linguistics Olympiad (UKLO), and to Gina and Sarah who both achieved a Bronze award as part of this competition!



International Women's Day / Careers Week

On International Women's Day we were interested to learn about the work of Professor Averil Mansfield CBE, grandmother of Harry in Y13. A pioneering surgeon who blazed a trail for women in medicine, Averil was the UK's first female professor of surgery.

Averil has recently appeared on the BBC discussing her life as a surgeon and has just published a book called *Life in Her Hands*. She has previously come to visit us at SHSF to speak to the MedVetDent group and is an inspiration to all, especially potential medics.



Restorative Justice

Restorative Gloucestershire gave an informative and interesting presentation to our A Level Psychology and Sociology students which gave an insight into a challenging but rewarding career path.

Thank you so much to Becca and Anneliese for taking the time to explain their roles.



Advice for Prospective Medics

Many thanks to Dr Tamsin Griffith from The Cotswold Medical Practice who gave a talk to aspiring medics about her career path and life as a GP



Sister Act Musical

A Level Music students travelled to the Bristol Hippodrome on 13 March to see 'Sister Act'.

The trip was to support the students in their study of Musical Theatre.



Raising and Giving

Thank you to all staff and students who helped raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Turkey-Syria Appeal and Comic Relief Red Nose Day.

Well done to our whole school community including our Student Leadership Team and our new Rag Rep Ava.



Graphic Art Competition



To celebrate Careers Week SHSF Y12 students took part in a careers in graphic design competition. Students were set a design challenge by local graphic designer Sadie Gart to design a floral wreath for either a greetings card or hanging decoration. The graphic designer was thrilled with the SHS entries, but special congratulations go to the competition winners:

- Florence who designed a vintage inspired Mothers' Day card, using the design app Affinity Photo
- Sophie who created a hand drawn wreath decoration, using the design app Pro Create

Students received personalised feedback from the designer and can include their highly marketable designs as part of their University portfolios.

Y13 Vocalist



It was great to hear that Lotty in Y13 will be appearing as a backing vocalist for 80s band Johnny Hates Jazz on the track Turn Back the Clock.



After recording her vocals last year, the track is being mixed with a full orchestra and will be released this summer as part of a 1980s classical album.



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