

Whitstone News

Dates for your Diary

March

- 14 Maths Challenge Team Event
- 17 Science Family Fun Day
- 19 Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 22-26 Normandy Trip
- 23 Last Day of Term

April

- 9 Term begins
- 12 Year 11 English Lit WTM
- 16 Year 7 Parents' Evening

Extra Curricular

Tuesday

- Rugby - RC - Field
- Badminton - AG - Leisure Centre
- Dance KS3 - KGR - Hall
- Home Learning - Library
- Chess Club - NE - E2

Wednesday

- Cross-Fit - SM - Leisure Centre
- Hockey - DG - ATP
- Drama - CG - Drama Studio
- Home Learning - Library
- Netball - KG - Courts

Thursday

- Football - DH - ATP
- Dance KS4 - KGR - Hall
- Home Learning - Library

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'Brilliant Club' Graduation

Students from Year 9 recently went to a university style graduation ceremony to celebrate their achievements as part of the Brilliant Club.

Emma Wilkin, Alex Amor, Isabelle Glass, Owen Roberts, Keeley Banfield and Sam Davis worked with a PhD Student from the University of Exeter during 7 tutorial sessions examining the topic of 'From Fossil Fuels to Fish.'

The project was particularly relevant in the light of the recent media coverage surrounding the production and usage of plastics in the modern world, and their impact upon our ecosystems.

Students produced 2000 word essays on the topic and were graded in line with a first year university undergraduate degree. Having displayed excellent work ethic, maturity and dedication they were rewarded with grades ranging from a 2:2 to a First.

Isabelle Glass said, "I enjoyed expanding my knowledge about topic areas that we wouldn't normally cover in school. It also gave me an insight into university life and has made me think seriously about higher education."

Congratulations to all of the students involved in this year's Brilliant Club.

High Expectations, Manners and Pride

Snowdrop Festival Photography

Congratulations to Conor Boakes, Year 8, who recently entered and won the Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival Photography Competition. Conor won the 12 to 17 age group category.

Conor's picture was selected by the judges because of his use of the background to create a setting that was evocative, inspiring and locally relevant. The annual competition is an initiative by the Shepton Mallet Horticultural Society.



Netball for Years 2 and 3

Pupils from local primary schools have been learning new skills in a free after school netball club.

The pupils have been working on throwing and catching, movement on court and have even started to explore match-play. They have been assisted by members of Whitstone School's netball team and they will continue to develop their skills for the rest of this term.



What does Jake love about Whitstone?

Whitstone News has been catching up with Jake Cook, Year 10, about what he loves about Whitstone School.

Jake said, "I love the DofE Award. I am currently doing my Volunteering at Shepton Mallet Parkrun, helping with the marshalling. For my Physical section I am attending the gym once per week and for my Skills section I am continuing to practise playing guitar. I am looking forward to the expeditions later this year."



Important Reminders

Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Monday 19 March - students have letters and appointment slips have been sent home.

Normandy Trip 2018 - any outstanding EHIC cards must be given to Mrs Tozer this week.

Student Leisure Centre Memberships - £10 per month

Students are welcome to use the Leisure Centre after school all week, and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Junior classes include:

Monday 3:15pm-4:15pm - Junior Circuits
Thursday 3:15pm-4:15pm - Junior Spin

Visit the website for more details:
www.sheptonmalletleisure.uk