



In February, the first Year 7 championship winners were unveiled. These were students who were well on track in their core subjects and met their targets. For this the students received a certificate, Vivos, raffle tickets for the prize draw and even a bacon roll breakfast cooked by Mr Sims. The main draw will take place in the summer.

Smith's Wood also had our first Student of the Term for year 7's who were selected and proposed by their teachers, as students who exhibited constant high levels of effort, attainment and behaviour. Many students were shortlisted and our winners were Demi Parrish and Annalise Goldingay; Congratulations both!



~ Demi Parrish



~ Annalise Goldingay

Mr Sims ~ KS3 Progress Manager

Smith's Wood Sports College were invited to the BBC for a one day experience. The day began with presentations from TV presenter Andy Akinwolere and reality star Sarah Gill, followed by an insight into 'What makes a good story; different stories for different audiences and how factual stories and narratives were developed. Through collaboration and creative working with BBC Volunteers, the participants gained skills in developing and pitching their own story ideas to key decision makers at BBC. Smith's Wood eagerly pitched two equally amazing stories and won!! The winning group have since been invited along to the BBC studios where they received a tour of the studios and met with key staff at the BBC. The whole event was a fantastic experience for students and did Smith's Wood proud. Well Done!!



Amy Hackett ~

Miss Palmer ~ KS5 Mentor

Term Dates

13th April – Term Starts

1st May – Inset Day

4th May – Bank Holiday

7th May – Year 8 Report evening

22nd May – Term Ends

Family Craft Club is every Monday and Wednesday between 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Family Fitness is every Monday from 5.00pm - 6.00pm here at Smith's Wood.

All students at Smith's Wood Sports College had the opportunity to participate in the UKYP Vote for the Solihull candidate for Parliament in London. Students had ballot papers and attended a voting booth to place their votes.

The newly elected candidates are,

The MYP - Kirsty Tuffin

The DMYP - Sophie Maguire.

Mrs O'Donnell ~ Careers Advisor

Year 10 Momentum Winners

James Bott - Gold
Bethany Lloyd - Gold
Megan Wade - Gold
Shane Waters - Gold
Carlie Bristow - Silver
Aaron Jones - Silver
Amy Whittam - Silver
Sophie Bassett - Bronze
Jacob Bradley - Bronze
Tia Bramwell - Bronze
Callum Gibson - Bronze
Thomas Palmer - Bronze

Congratulations to the above for achieving a Momentum Certificate.



Save the Date

On Saturday 11th July from 12.00pm - 4.00pm here at Smith's Wood we have the Community Fun Day and Car Boot Sale.



5-a-side Football



Dance Display

Smith's Wood Sports College year 10 boys basketball team had a victory of 32 -30 on 5th March against Handsworth Grammar School. The team are, Reece Berry, Sam Bissell, Bradley Burley-Hanson, Jack Churchill, Brad Farley, Riece Griffiths, Connor King, Myles Mason, Jon Nally, Ebube Odogwu and Joshua Taylor.

Congratulations boys.

Mr McIlwraith ~ Director of Sport

Smith's Wood Sports College KS3 girls basketball team received runner up medals on the 16th March at the under 14 tournament. The team are; Poppie Dearn, Charlotte Harrison-Hall, Amelia Northall, Katie Roney, Seffrin Chamberlain, Lucy Hancock, Jessica Howlett and Sarah Boulton. Congratulations girls.

Mr McIlwraith ~ Director of Sport

On Thursday 26th February it was Smith's Wood Premiere Night. A-Level Media students showcased their end of year portfolios in front of an audience and did the Media and English department proud. The premiere was solely dedicated to the successful work, produced by the students, with the objective to demonstrate how extremely hard they have all worked throughout the year, and to offer them an opportunity to present what has been produced by them as budding actors, actresses, producers and directors.

The audience which included Professor Phillip Thickett from Birmingham City University, were entertained throughout the whole production. Phillip Thickett and Holly Rowley (an ex pupil here at Smith's Wood), gave an inspiring speech, which expressed support and encouragement to the pupils regarding their future education and achieving the job of their dreams.

The students are on course to achieve a 100% coursework pass rate for this academic year, which is an outstanding figure and will no doubt help them to achieve impressive A - Level grades.

James Williams ~ Former Student



On Monday 23rd February 2015, eleven of our Year 7 students attended a Raising Aspirations Day at Birmingham City University. The day consisted of a tour around the campus, creating their own unique university and finding out about the interesting courses on offer.



The following day the students presented their information to their parents, coming up with their own powerpoints and speeches. All students did extremely well and made Smith's Wood proud. One of the students Robyn King said that "It was a good experience, it made me realise that university will be fun and help me get further in life!" Kirsty Duggins said that she "really enjoyed it and was really looking forward to being able to go to university when she was older."



Mr Sims ~ KS3 Progress Manager

All year 7 students were invited to attend a 'Zoolab' workshop run by the Science department. Emma from Zoolab described all the animal's lifecycles, habitats and their adaptations while been enthusiastic. Students looked closely at, or held a millipede, a giant snail, a bearded dragon, a tarantula, a snake and a guinea pig.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a lot from it. They demonstrated excellent knowledge. Many students were able to overcome their initial fears of holding or touching some of the animals and left feeling really proud of themselves!

One student, Jessica Vale said that "It was really good to spend time with the animals".

There was a competition for designing a fact file for any animal which 'Zoolab' presented. The winners were:

1st – Darcy Dolaghan

2nd – Curtis Richards

Joint 3rd – Kirsty Duggins and Aimee Rickards



Mr Sims ~ KS3 Progress Manager

On Thursday 5th February, pupils from Smith's Wood Sports College, Smith's Wood Primary and Castle Bromwich joined together for a magical night of all things Hogwarts.

It was an evening of developing literacy skills through the fun of Harry Potter. There was storytelling, wand practice, owl making and spell creating. Thank you to Ms Franks, Miss Smith and the magical muggle staff for organising the event.



Mr Sims ~ KS3 Progress Manager

On the 22nd January Smith's Wood held a Careers Fayre for year 11, 12 and 13's. The event was well attended with 75% of Year 11 turning out. The students and parents were able to talk to representatives from Universities and Colleges. It was a great success.

Mrs O'Donnell ~ Careers Advisor

This term has involved both transition events and some major planning meetings for some upcoming sessions next term. On the 6th January a poetry workshop based on the Smith's Wood Way of Value, Respect and Believe took place, involving gifted and talented year 6 pupils from Smith's Wood Primary along with four of our year 7 leaders. This was a fantastic day with activities such as, responsive writing to group poetry. The final result was the impressive Smith's Wood tree which is now proudly on show in the Key Stage 3 library.



On the 4th February

Castle Bromwich Junior

School visited our languages department to observe two year 7 lessons and to also discuss programmes of study and teaching methods in Spanish in that year group.

We are also looking forward to April where we will host a teach-meet event based on transition between year 6 and 7 both in terms of pastoral issues and academic aspects.

Mr Sims ~ KS3 Progress Manager

On Wednesday 11th March, thirteen science club students left school to attend the Big Bang Fair at the NEC. The science club met Oscar the robot from Sellafield, went on an archaeological dig for ammonites and spoke to a psychologist from Warwick University. During the day students received many freebies for their involvement in many activities. All the Science club enjoyed their day.

Mrs Parry ~ Academic Mentor for Science

Since September I have been attending Science club to help out and mentor the students. I have been working closely with the year sevens. We have been doing many experiments like creating active volcanos and much more. I have been asked to attend the Big Bang Fair and take a school group of year nines with me. My experience with the Science club has been used to help me complete the Volunteering section of my DofE Bronze.

Jahnay Reynolds ~ Current student

Year 11 Graduation Ceremony & Prom 2015.

Do you know what you need to graduate and attend prom?

- . 95% or higher attendance
- . Excellent punctuality
- . No external exclusion in year 11
- . Internal exclusions may affect invitation
- . High uniform standards
- . Positive work ethic
- . Attend all Exams
- . All coursework completed by set deadline
- . Locker key returned or £5 paid to replace key
- . Record of Achievement completed (Graduation only)

Easter Booster Classes

All GCSE/BTEC Music students there is an opportunity to attend booster on 30th March, 31st March and 1st April. All GCSE/BTEC group taught by Mrs McCarroll-Davies are required to attend Saturday booster sessions to complete final coursework.

Mrs McCarroll-Davies ~ Head of Music

Erasmus is a European exchange programme that gives pupils the chance to learn, live and embrace the culture of one of our partnership schools.

The recent visit to Hornachos in Spain was a fantastic success.

Miss Braid and Mr Roberts took Amy McAvoy, Katie Ryder, Jacob Crowe and George Woods on a week - long exchange where they lived with a Spanish host to fully embrace the culture.

In Spain they visited some local landmark Merida where the students sang and danced along with many other activities. A great time was had by all and the students were fantastic ambassadors, representing the school. The next trip is Romania in October.

If you are in year 7, 8 or 9 and would like to take part in this project please speak to either Mrs Antonio or Miss Braid.

Miss Braid ~ Teaching Assistant



In January, the travel company "Everywhere Travel" launched a competition amongst our year 7's to write about their dream holiday. The winning entries were then shortlisted and from the six shortlisted entries two were picked as finalists. The finalists were Rachel Casey and Kirsty Duggins.

Their entries are live on the "Everywhere Travel" website. Make sure you go online and vote for your favourite articles.



David Sims ~ KS3 Progress Manager

Fancy Basketball or Dance lessons go to Smith's Wood Sports College Sports Hall

Tuesday - Basketball
5pm - 6pm - 14yrs - 16yrs
6pm - 7pm - 16yrs +
Wednesday - Dance
5pm - 6pm - 14yrs - 16yrs
6pm - 7pm - 16yrs +



Instrumental lessons now available. Please download the instrumental form from the website and complete for lessons in Singing, Guitar, Drums, Woodwind, Brass and Strings.

Places will be reserved on the basis of need. Instruments are available to loan and practice rooms open daily.

On Wednesday 18th March the year 11 Music BTEC students delivered a Showcase concert. All students worked extremely hard, producing and planning the concert. The concert lasted exactly two hours and was a feast of talent that was well attended. The students would like to thank all the performers and staff that assisted them in their production.

Caitlin Wiffen ~

~Amy McAvoy



Mrs McCarroll-Davies ~ Head of Music

All pupils who are studying an instrument or taking singing lessons will be required after Easter to attend weekly theory of music classes on a Thursday from 3-4pm to develop their reading and writing music skills. There will be an opportunity to take the Theory Grades in the Autumn Term. All potential GCSE Music students should also attend.

Mrs McCarroll-Davies ~ Head of Music