Shelfield Standard

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Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy

OUTCOMES VALUES CHOICES

A message from the Principal



As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to congratulate all our students on their hard work, commitment and achievements. It has been a pleasure to see them demonstrating what it means to be ready, respectful and responsible, approaching their learning positively, showing consideration for others and taking pride in their school community. Please join us in recognising their efforts and celebrating the progress they have made.

Thanks to you, our parents and carers for your continued support and encouragement. Your partnership makes a real difference, helping our young people arrive ready to learn, persevere when things are challenging and make the most of the opportunities available to them. There is much for our students to feel proud of, and we hope they take time to reflect on their successes this half term.

I wish all our students and their families a restful and enjoyable half-term holiday, with time to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another half term of purposeful study, new experiences and exciting opportunities. Together, we will continue to build on the hard work and achievements of this half term.

Parent Survey 2026

A huge thank you to the parents and carers that took the time to complete our Parent Survey. Your feedback helps us celebrate what is working well and identify areas where we can continue to improve.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are committed to providing the very best opportunities, experiences and outcomes for all of our young people.



Secondary School Admissions 2027

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2027, it is time to start planning ahead. Applications are now open and must be submitted by 31 October 2026.

- Choose up to 5 preferred schools
- Apply online via Walsall Council
- Do not miss the deadline!

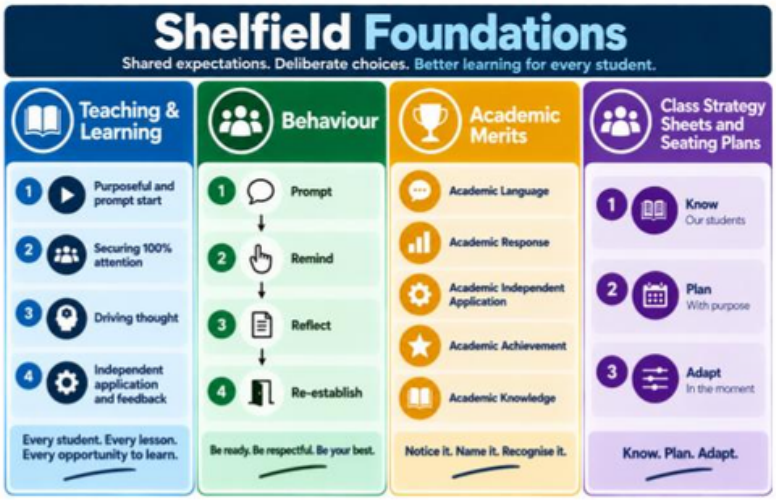
For more information, visit go.walsall.gov.uk

Introducing our Shelfield Foundations

What can your child expect when they walk into a classroom at Shelfield?
This half term, our staff have been working together to identify the things that matter most in every lesson. Together, we've named these our **Shelfield Foundations.**

Our Foundations focus on 4 key areas:

- **Teaching and Learning:** Getting students learning quickly, thinking deeply and applying what they know.
- **Behaviour:** Clear, consistent expectations that create calm, positive classrooms.
- **Academic Merits:** Recognising and celebrating academic success and achievement.
- **Class Strategy Sheets and Seating Plans:**Knowing our students well so we can provide the right support and challenge.



Does this mean every lesson will look the same?
Definitely not! Our teachers bring their own subject expertise and creativity to lessons, but we want every student to experience the same high expectations, opportunities to succeed and positive learning environment.

Our Shelfield Foundations build on the great practice already happening across the academy, helping us make sure every student gets the best possible learning experience.
Every student. Every lesson. Every opportunity to learn.

The James Brindley Foundation









The James Brindley Foundation visited our academy to run a workshop for a select amount of students in October. The workshop was to raise awareness around knife crime.
Every workshop is tailored to the age group and the immersive activities mean our young people can get hands-on experience they will actually remember. Our students showed maturity and engaged with the messages being presented all whilst building knowledge, confidence and practical life-saving skills that will enable them to not only look after themselves and each other.

Staff Milestones

Congratulations to those staff who have reached very special professional milestones, We thank you for your hardwork and dedication.

- Mr Grice - 5 years
- Miss Sanders - 5 years
- Mrs Lee-Bates - 10 years
- Mrs Fletcher - 20 years

A successful start for Year 11

Year 11 returned back strong and focussed in September. The first week of lessons saw students working incredibly hard on their English Knowledge Recall Quizzes- we love to see it!





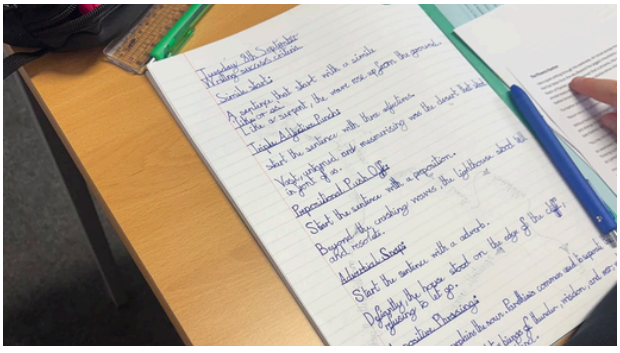
Year 7 Summer Project

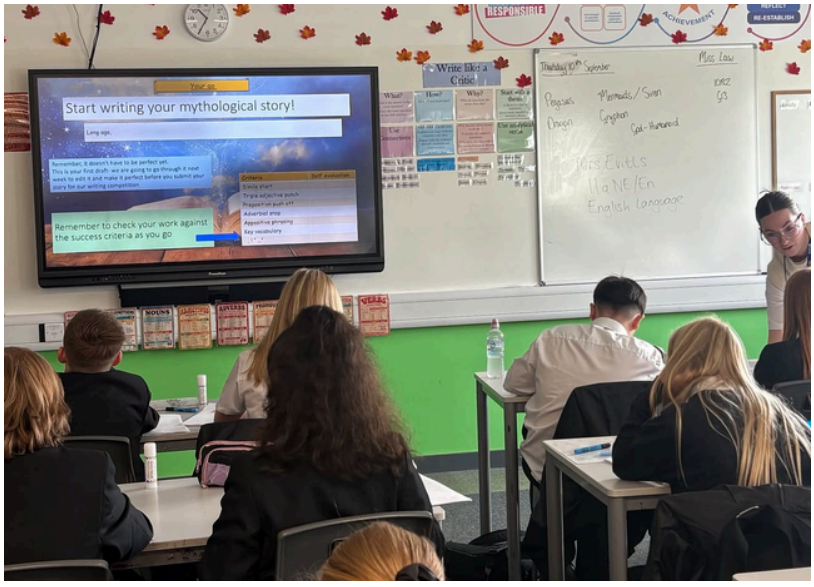
The English department were blown away by all of the summer projects that were handed in. Well done to those who received an award but most importantly, well done to all of those students that submitted a project.



Year 7 Myths and Legends writing competition

In September, our Year 7 students embraced their creativity by taking part in a myths and legends writing competition. Teachers were delighted by the imaginative work that they produced, showcasing their creativity, writing skills and enthusiasm for bringing mythical worlds to life.





Year 11 Parent Workshop



On Tuesday 6th October, we hosted our first Yr11 Parent Workshop of the academic year!
The workshop was aimed at parents attending with their children and for those students who are working towards achieving grades 4–5 in their GCSEs. It provided practical advice, strategies and support to help students stay focused, build confidence and make progress throughout the year.
This was the first of a series of different parent and student workshops that the academy will be running throughout the academic year, but each will focus on different areas to support our students in achieving their full potential.



KEY DATES COMING UP

- 26-30 Oct — Half Term
- 27 Nov — Inset Day
- 3 Dec — Sixth Form Parents evening
- 18 Dec — Autumn Term ends



Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Academy welcomed prospective students and their families to the Sixth Form Open Evening on the 15th October. The night was a great success where visitors got the opportunity to meet our current students and staff, discover the range of courses and opportunities we offer as well as learning about enrichment, leadership and future pathways.



Our 2027 school musical is officially 'Come From Away.' This award-winning musical tells a remarkable true story of hope, friendship and kindness and we cannot wait to bring it to the stage on 22nd, 23rd & 24th March 2027. Students have shown great enthusiasm through the audition process and we are excited to see the hardwork and talent of all involved coming together next year!





On the 9th October we raised awareness for World Mental Health Day by turning the Academy yellow. Throughout the day the students and staff took part in activities to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Activities included special assemblies for all year groups, a staff breakfast, Wear it Yellow for Staff and Sixth Form students as well as signposting to support services. We feel passionatly about raising awareness and together, we can help break stigmas, encourage conversations and remind everyone that it is okay to not be okay.











Y11 Carding Mill Valley Trip

Students got to enjoy the natural elements on their Geography trip to Carding Mill Valley, where they gathered data for their external exam.







Friday Rewards are back!

Every Friday students across KS3 and KS4 will be recognised for their achievements and excellence. Students who achieve their goals and make positive progress as well as showing our academy values will be invited to collect a reward on a Friday afternoon.

Continuing with our rewards, each Friday a random selection of staff are chosen to select one student who has stood out academically or gone above and beyond in displaying our value of being Ready, Respectful, Responsible.
Those students will be awarded a Golden Ticket!



Y12 & Y13 Positively You Workshops





Year 12 and Year 13 attended different personal development workshops this half-term. The 'Positively You' workshops were delivered to support students in reaching their full potential and raising aspirations for higher education. Building resilience, making informed decisions, mastering motivation, goal setting and wellbeing strategies were some of the highlights!

Year Group Contact Information

Need to contact your child's year group pastoral team? Here are the people to ask for:

Year 7
Mrs White - Y7 Progress and Transition Leader
Miss Newton - Assistant Curriculum Leader of Year 7
Miss Lloyd - Guidance Manager

Year 8
Miss Forouhandeh - Y8 Progress Coordinator
Miss Holdcroft - Guidance Manager

Year 9
Mr Mellor - Y9 Progress Coordinator
Miss Beard - Guidance Manager

Key Stage 3 Progress Leader - Mr Carter

Year 10
Mr Batchelor - Y10 Progress Coordinator
Miss Woods - Guidance Manager

Year 11
Mr Preston - Y11 Progress Coordinator
Miss Hoare - Guidance Manager

Year 12/13
Mrs Smith - Sixth Form Progress Coordinator

Key Stage 4 Progress Leader - Miss Cole

National Cadets Week



Cadets and adult volunteers from TP Riley Detachment welcomed members of the public and the Mayor of Walsall last month as they opened their doors in celebration of the first National Cadets Week.The event, held at our Shelfield Ormiston Academy, provided visitors with an opportunity to experience life in the Army Cadet Force and discover the wide range of activities available to young people. Throughout the evening, cadets showcased their skills in Fieldcraft, Drill, First Aid and Navigation, confidently engaging with visitors, explaining their activities and demonstrating practical skills, including how to carry out CPR. The evening highlighted not only the skills cadets develop through their training but also the confidence, leadership, teamwork and communication skills gained through being part of the Army Cadet Force. The visit from the Mayor of Walsall was a particular highlight, providing an opportunity to meet cadets and adult volunteers and learn more about the positive impact the organisation has on young people within the local community.















