

# N TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Headteacher's Message

Lucie Wainwright  
Headteacher

Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter. There is much to celebrate and reflect upon and it always gives me great pleasure to see how wonderful the young people of Tibshelf School are and what they achieve. The Newsletter gives us a great opportunity to be proud of so many of our students as we move into a busy summer term. Year 11 students will shortly be starting their exams and they have been working with effort and commitment. We wish them the very best and I am confident they will achieve their amazing potential. Over the last few weeks we have seen the new build begin and I would like to praise the students for their behaviour and attitude towards the changes it has brought. We will keep you updated as it progresses. Please take time to read through the newsletter and celebrate our wonderful students.



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# Message from the Chair of Governors



## Peter Wragdale (Chair)

The governing board has been working closely with Mrs Wainwright and the Senior Leadership Team to continue raising the high standards we have become accustomed to.

Both Year 10 and 11 students are working hard in their preparation for GCSE's and PPE exams, that are due to start imminently, we wish them all the very best of luck.

It is a joy and privilege as governors to visit the school and to watch the students flourish, we thank staff and parents for their continued support.

## Prefects of 2023/2024

### A message from Mr Tomlinson - Head of Year 11

The cohort of students are a pleasure to work with and they display enthusiasm to get involved in any capacity. They're the driving force within the year group, and this has made a massive impact on the year group developing during their last year.



### Prefect Involvement:

- Y5/Y6 Opening Evening
- Recruitment interviews and tours of the school
- Assemblies
- Supporting Parents Evenings
- Fundraising Planning
- 'Legacy Project'
- Prom Committee
- Yearbook Committee



# OUR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS!

Throughout the winter season, all years have participated in different sporting activities/events. From October 2023 to January 2024 we played against Tupton Rugby Club, Shirebrook Academy, The Bolsover School, Heritage High School, and Frederick Gent School in a variety of sports. Netball, handball, basketball, dodgeball, football, a rugby festival, and wellbeing events.



Kate Bancroft  
Director of Creative Arts

Our students also participated in Cross Country at Sherwood Pines where their performance was outstanding! Throughout all these extra-curricular events all students have had a positive attitude and showed both integrity and community spirit in their actions. We want to congratulate them on all their victories and hope to carry on with great teamwork and leadership skills.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT



## School Games

In April, we participated in the Bolsover School Games project. Our students showcased positivity and a strong sense of community spirit. The girls' remarkable energy and performance earned them a well-deserved 4th place, while the boys' unwavering enthusiasm and teamwork secured them an impressive 3rd place. Well done!

## Dance Festival



The students dedicated themselves to rigorous practice sessions after school on Thursdays in preparation for the dance festival at the Winding Wheel. Every performance was an original creation by the students, and they confidently showcased their Positivity, Resilience, and dedication in front of an audience of over 300 people. We are immensely proud of their outstanding efforts and congratulate them wholeheartedly..



POSITIVITY



# Spanish Tapas

Specialised for their vibrant flavors and sociable dining experience, these small, shareable dishes highlight the rich diversity of Spanish cuisine.

Some of our year 8,9 and 10 students had the pleasure of enjoying an authentic Spanish meal in a restaurant setting in West Bridgford, Nottingham. The students got to sample Catalan bread, Padron peppers, Baby chorizo, Meatballs, Patatas bravas, and other well-known tapas dishes. It was great to see our students experiencing new cultures and trying amazing new foods.



## GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET



The Birmingham Frankfurt Christmas market is the largest authentic German Christmas market, outside of Germany or Austria.

Students had the opportunity to try traditional Christmas foods such as Pretzels, Schnitzels, Bratwursts, and roasted almonds.

Our students learn about Christmas in Germany in their MFL lessons, so this trip was a great opportunity to bring their learning to life.

## CADBURYS WORLD

An insight to behind the scenes of the business enterprise world and marketing. Our year 11 students enjoyed a fantastic experience with Cadbury World in Birmingham, the students worked on marketing strategies, and branding, gaining valuable insight into the workings of a world wide recognised business.



**YEAR 5/6 OPEN EVENING**

It is always a pleasure to welcome Y5/6 students, and their parents/carers to our school and showcase what we have to offer.

During the visit, the students took part in the faculty stamp challenge where a lucky Tibshelf Town End student won a £25 gift voucher.



**TIBSHELF CAREERS FAIR 2023**

Yet another fantastic turnout for our annual Careers fair where our Y10/11 students, parents, and carers have the opportunity to meet and greet with representatives from various colleges, businesses, and uniformed services. This is an opportunity for our students to ask lots of questions and build confidence in speaking with potential employers.

**PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS**

Thank you to all who attended our parents' consultation evenings in 2023/2024, we encourage participation in these events as it is a chance to discuss progress in lessons and in school generally with their teachers. This is an opportunity to ensure we are working together to support your children's achievements.



A group of our KS3 students had the opportunity to attend weekly art & well-being workshops in school. The aim of these sessions was to support the emotional health and well-being of young people through art. They attended these with a curious spirit and a positive outlook. In this art project, we aimed to embody integrity by staying true to our creative vision, maintaining honesty about the process, and ensuring that the work authentically reflects our values.



In March, Autumn R, Sophia W, and Esta W walked 1 mile for every year the students have been alive.....16 miles in one day. This was to raise funds for Autumn's expedition to Tanzania.

"I am traveling to Tanzania to contribute to transforming an entire community. This journey presents an incredible opportunity for me to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate. During my four-week trip, the team will focus on ensuring access to clean water, building a new school, and bringing joy to people's lives." Autumn R - Y11





**WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS**

The world of the imagination is huge! These creative minds have designed outstanding book covers for our competition we hosted and for World Book Day.

**Congratulations!**

Layla B, Annelisa. F, Evangeline. N, Oliver M, and Eli. J-S.



**HALF TERM AWARDS CEREMONY**

An opportunity to recognise the hard work, positivity, and resilience of our students, and to reward their dedication with Dominos pizza by celebrating in a half-term awards ceremony.



**FOOD AND SAFETY**

Our canteen staff has done an immaculate job of maintaining the kitchen! A big well done for achieving a 5-star health and safety report from Derbyshire County Council.



**CHRISTMAS POSITIVITY - G. SKINNER**

“As I've grown older I have realised that presents are not the main reason for Christmas.

The main reason I donate things to different charities around Christmas time is to put smiles on both parents and their children's faces”. G. Skinner - Y9 student

2019 - Donated books to disadvantaged children.

2021- Donated advent calendars to a local food bank.

2022 - I did ‘guess the name of the dog’ (a large Dog that I had) and donated the money to the village for kid's activities.

2023 - I used my pocket money and kind donations to be able to donate new toys, books, and games to children who are escaping domestic violence.



# Boob Campaign



A big well done to our students who led the CoppaFeel Challenge Charity Project in October last year.

Our students came second in the pilot project and have reached many peers in their important marketing campaign.

A "Thank you" to A Moore our student who designed the campaign poster.

We would like to thank "Coppafeel" for choosing our school to take part in such a valuable project. Don't forget if you haven't already, please register for the self-checkout on the Coppafeel website.

[self-checkout.coppafeel.org](http://self-checkout.coppafeel.org)



**A Moore - Poster designer**  
**F Harpham, M Shimwell, E Walker, S Cocking**



## GCSE PRIZE PRESENTATION

Congratulations to all our amazing ex year 11's for all their hard work throughout their time with us.

They really have incorporated the school's character values over the years. (Resilience, Community Spirit, Curiosity, Respect, Integrity, and Positivity)



An unforgettable evening of celebration!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, the enthusiasm of our students and external guests was outstanding!

We would also like to give our thanks to Steve Judge for sharing his personal story with us, this was an inspirational and motivational speech.

It's been a pleasure. The world is your oyster, go and achieve your dreams!





# Remembrance day Sunday 12th November 2023



Thank you to our Army cadet, Police cadet, Sea cadet, and Scout for their participation in our remembrance parade. Thank you also to our amazing musician K. Thorley.

Our students are incredibly proud to put on a remembrance parade for students and staff to honor the 2-minute silence within the school.



## Christmas Charity Shoebox Appeal 2023

We want to thank everyone for contributing to the Christmas Charity Shoebox appeal.

The donated items were added to the shoeboxes and sent to the Sheffield homeless charity and to the Samaritan's Purse appeal.

The Samaritan's Purse project 'Operation Christmas Child' collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items.



## Children In Need

We received contributions from students, parents, carers, and the wider community, raising a fantastic £910.80 for Children in Need.

Our Y7 student Darcie-Mai O'D showed an amazing amount of community spirit by doing 1,000 Bearpees resulting in her raising an incredible £315!

The Sheffield Homeless charity focuses on collecting shoeboxes for adults to receive donations of the little luxuries we all appreciate.

Well done on such a fantastic achievement!

£910.80

AMAZING



## WALK FOR PARKINSON'S

Maddison D our superstar in year 8 completed a sponsored walk in aid of Parkinson's Charity.

The 6-mile walk took place at Chatsworth Estate, where Maddison was joined by her family in support of her grandad.





## Message from Health and Safety Officer and Site Manger

As the leader of a team who's responsibilities include maintaining and improving the school site there is more and more emphasis being placed on sustainability and the environmental impact with every decision we make. Whether it be a repair job or a large project there are several questions we need to ask ourselves. How are the materials sourced? What is the impact on our carbon footprint? Will we have redundant parts to dispose of and, environmentally, how best can we do this? Will the system be more efficient going forward?



**Craig Selby**  
Health and Safety Officer  
and Site Manager



One of our more recent, and successful, larger projects has been the conversion from lamp to LED floodlighting on our astroturf pitch. This is a massively used facility, particularly after school hours by lots of local groups and clubs so we highlighted this as an area where we could make a huge impact on both our decarbonisation drive and improve the facilities for our users. After extensive research, we decided to use a local, but world-leading company, so Abacus Lighting was contracted to carry out this project. During the school holidays in the summer of 2023, the project was undertaken and I hope you will agree the end result has been well worth the investment. From an environmental perspective, the new lights have given us an immediate reduction of 45% in Kilowatt hours (Kwh) used and it has been calculated at our current usage levels a financial return within four years will be achieved.



## Sustainability Activities We Have Participated In...



- Bulbs and bedding plants donated by Tibshelf Green Bunch and planted by student volunteers
- All students attended an assembly about being more sustainable during the festive season
- Students in Y9 and Y10 have green careers sessions to work through during their tutor time careers slot
- Students in all year groups have been reading material linked to sustainability during their tutor-time literacy sessions
- Tibshelf Eco Champions has been created – a group of students who will meet up every two weeks, to discuss issues around sustainability and come up with ideas for events, competitions etc.
- Signed up to Zellar as a school and we have been working to build our school profile



# Royal Navy Team Building Activity

RESILIENCE

A huge thank you to Richard and Mark who took the time to meet with our students and help with future team-building skills. The students were eager to start the rocket-building activity and they all learnt valuable communication and teamwork skills. It allowed them to experience downfalls and setbacks, but they ultimately showed resilience by learning from their mistakes. The students didn't hold back on asking Richard and Mark questions, the smiles, laughter, and enthusiasm showed overall positivity and respect in this task.



## FACILITY HIRE

PLEASE CONTACT ACTIHIRE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON [0330 808 1965](tel:03308081965)



COMMUNITY SPIRIT





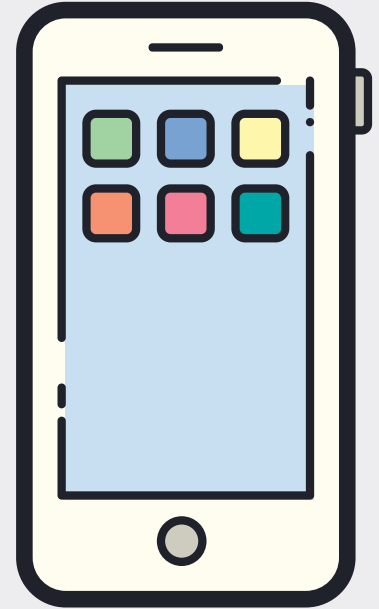
# Arbor

Make sure your notifications are turned on!

Arbor- learn about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information. You can find all the details on your students' trips, attendance, and positive and negative marks through the Arbor app.

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App, or the Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, to safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.



## Parent Pay

Please remember to use the secure online payment system, ParentPay, to pay for school lunches, purchase any resources and equipment from ParentPay Shop, or donate to any charity event.

If you have any questions, or concerns or experience any difficulties using ParentPay, please see our website for further details or contact the Finance Office.

Email: [finance@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:finance@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk) and a member of the finance team will contact you.



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## No Mobile Phones

If your student is to bring their mobile phone into school it **MUST** be switched off and put away in their bag.



If they are seen with a mobile phone on the school site, at any point throughout the school day, including social times, it will be confiscated and stored in the Focus Room. It will be available to collect at the end of that day. If a student persistently breaches this policy, it will be viewed as defiance and escalation up the behaviour ladder will commence.





## Uniform and PE kit expectations

Students should arrive at school in full school uniform every day, including ties and blazers.

Full uniform and PE kit can be found on our school website:

<https://tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk/information/uniform/>

Please also be reminded of our uniform policy which stipulates that jeans/jeggings are not permitted, neither are trainers, hoodies, or face piercings, including clear/skin-colored retainers in the nose. Pupils will be required to remove such items.

We are required by Health and Safety guidance to keep rooms well-ventilated, this can make rooms colder than they would normally be, so we have taken some measures to mitigate against this.

No coats are to be worn in lessons.



## Attendance and Illness at school

### Reminder from our Attendance Officer

If we have not had communication regarding an absence before 8.30am this will be recorded on your child's Arbor as an unauthorised absence.

Students are required to be in tutor time for 8:30am, anyone not present will receive a late mark.

### Illness at school

If your child is ill during the school day, they need to speak to their teacher and a First Aider/Medical Officer will be contacted. If they feel that they are too unwell to stay in school the first aider will contact parents/carers.

If your child is on medical evidence then the First Aider/Medical Officer will seek their Head of Years permission.

Students should NOT contact home without the permission of their Head of Year.



## Reminder from our Medical Welfare Officer

### Medication in school

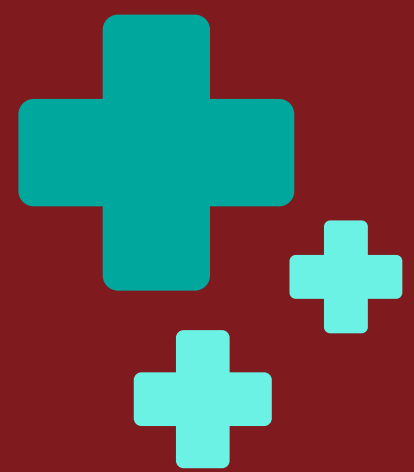
If your child needs to take medication during school time, please fill in the required form, which is available on our website, from reception, or send a letter with instructions and a signature.

You will need to complete one form per medication type.

### Healthcare Plans

If your child has any diagnosed medical conditions that the school needs to be aware of, please ensure a healthcare plan is completed annually and shared with our medical welfare officer, Mrs J Marshall.

Any changes to their plan also needs to be updated with the school at the earliest opportunity.





## Key Dates

### May 4th-7th

Year 9/10 Barcelona Trip

### May 6th

Bank Holiday

### May 10th

Year 8 Lea Green Dystopian Worlds

### May 23rd

Year 7/8/9 Triathlon - Competition

### 27th May - 02nd June

Half Term

### June 10th - 14th

Geography Field Trip

### June 12th

Under 13 Girls Cricket

### June 13th - 14th

Y10 Geography field trip

### June 14th

Under 13 Boys Cricket

### June 19th

Y7 Quadkids - Shirebrook Academy

Y8 and Y9 Girls Rounders

### June 20th

U15 Girls Cricket

### June 21st

U15 Boys Cricket

### June 27th - 28th

Duke Of Edinburgh

### June 28th

Inset Day



## Communication

To communicate effectively with parents we frequently update our website: [www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Our main method of communication is through the Arbor in-app message system, any communication with an attachment will be sent via email.

Please ensure we are kept informed of any changes to your email address by emailing us at [info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk)

You can also follow us on:



## Contact Details

Could you please ensure that when you change your mobile number or address, you give the school office a call or drop us an email to [info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk) with your new details.

Unfortunately, we are finding that a number of parent/carer mobile phone numbers are out of date, and it is really important that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

## Telephone Options

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| Option 1 | Report Student Absences       |
| Option 2 | Report Staff Absences         |
| Option 3 | Site Staff                    |
| Option 4 | Leave a message for Reception |
| Option 0 | Reception                     |



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# TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# CHARACTER VALUES



**Resilience**



**Respect**



**Positivity**



**Integrity**



**Community Spirit**



**Curiosity**

