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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

As usual staff and students have had cause to celebrate as hundreds of Silverdale pupils have excelled in their A levels' and GCSEs'.

At GCSE results have increased for a second year in a row and the number of students who achieved the English Baccalaureate has reached almost double the national average – at 47%. The percentage of students who gained 5 or more GCSEs has gone up by 4% on last year now at 75%. Silverdale has also maintained its outstanding position in the top 2% of schools nationally for progress made by students during their A Level studies with an overall pass rate of 99.4%, 85% of which were at A*- C grades.

Assistant Headteacher Joe Birkbeck commended staff, students & parents: "We are delighted that our results have increased for the second year in succession. This is down to the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff and the excellent support we receive from parents"

ANOTHER STORY!

A lot of you may not be too bothered about world politics but this article will give you a short rundown of what's been going on since you got back to school. The first labour leadership elections have happened, Jeremy Corbyn will guide the party to the next elections in 5 years' time when a lot of you will be able to vote. Corbyn is a refreshing break from the cookie-cutter politicians who have led major parties in recent years. Since David Cameron won't be running for another term we don't know who will be leading the conservatives.

On the other side of the Atlantic the republicans, a more right wing party in the states, are in the process of electing their new leader after Obama's Democrats won the last presidential election. America's answer to Alan Sugar, Donald Trump is leading the race by quite some margin and his popularity only seems to be growing. Like Jeremy Corbyn he is a controversial leader but for very different reasons. Donald Trump, a man accused of being a sexist and a racist could potentially become the leader of the most powerful nation on the planet. -Right to Reply

The Silvermail is the new newsletter about and around the school, written by students. This is our first ever publication, which has been created by: Sam Bevan, Cal Fraser, Sam Light, Hajira Mohamed, Dan Sherwood, Sa-hood Shabir, Ollie Thompson, & Joe Uhlar.

If you have a question for Awaits or a reply to one of our articles you can email it to RovingReporters@sheffield.silverdale.sch.uk

CANNED!

In light of recent events, Silverdale has taken an executive decision to reform its policy on taking energy drinks. John Vincent, a government advisor, recently compared the drinks to illegal drugs. The excessive sugar and caffeine in them can lead to insomnia, anxiety and hyperactivity in children. Due to this, energy drinks and other energy supplements have been BANNED. The ban will be strictly reinforced and anyone found taking the prohibited drinks within the schools boundaries will be confiscated.

EVERY DRAWING TELLS A STORY

There's been gossip going round the school this last term. Repeated mention of the art breakout, alongside the mysterious "big draw." If you thought Year 7s couldn't draw, think again! Down in the art break out, where arty people hang out, a masterpiece has appeared on the wall, enough to make any A Level student jealous. Using only step ladders, fineliners, coloured crayons, and their imaginations, students have covered two walls with a beautiful tapestry of colour.

The Big Draw is the world's biggest drawing festival. There's also a competition - art teachers here are entering for an award of 500 pounds.

About 100 students participated in total. "The Big Draw gives us the freedom to be creative," said enthused Katrina Caldon-Wright. Students are basically free to draw whatever they like.

Mrs McCabe is really pleased with their artwork: "It's great to see one student start a drawing then another student come along the next day, adapt it to his own ideas, and turn it into a story." Considering the Year 7s have only been here for two months, they're settling really well. Now the big draw is over, students are busy creating etchings of parts of the big draw. These will be sold to raise money for future events in the school.

FAME

Fame rehearsals are tackled with a considerable amount of persistence and enthusiasm by students of all ages as they battle for their desired roles.

Molly Rhodes - Year 11 - said 'we have to sacrifice a lot of time...'. Many students persevere and endure long hours after school to make Fame a reality.

Fame gives students a sense of belonging especially to the Year 7s who are integrating into Silverdale '... we get to spend a lot of time with each other, it's like a big family' Harvey Metcalfe - Year 8. For the majority of pupils performing in fame, it is a starting pathway to pursuing their future dreams of becoming actors, and dancers. Alex Clayton stated 'Fame has really given me essential experience in music theatre as a singer and actor -

I can make it as an actor if I put myself out there" Many pupils like Alex are willing to give it their all, just to make it.

K O N G

Local indie punk act Kong took the stage last Friday at the Leadmill playing a set with songs from their debut EP 'Fake Tan and Desperation' and some new material. Kicking it off with 'Fake Tan and Desperation' the band made no hesitation to get the crowd pumping with mosh pits forming instantly. The band delivered an impressive opener and kept the hype alive throughout the rest of

the gig with songs such as, 'What people say next', 'house of horrors' and '8 ball pool'. Frontman Conor Lindsey delivers the message of the band with passionate vocals supported by guitarist Liam Dawson, the drums of Henry Sansom and the bass of **Niall Dawson**.
-Right to Reply

SOMETHING ELSE!

Well everyone is back to school now, be it suffering from ear splitting, party-borne headaches or stuffed with enough chocolate inside them to be called a human ganache. Halloween was fun sure while it lasted but suddenly it appears the little festive fairy screamed "CHRISTMAS" and already we've been overloaded into the state where we begin to have to judge our friends and families monetary value. Seeing as this article should probably be helpful in some way I've found it relevant to suggest the top items for parents to buy this year in order to buy your child's affection.

As any lover of the Back To The Future series, I'm quite frankly depressed at how little effort was put into that fateful day (October 21st to those poor time-travel free people) I expected parades and events and the only real good news I heard of was Lexus finally building a hover board, of course this is well out of budget for now but after an extremely depressing day of reality I stumbled upon a gem. Nike self-lacing shoes going on sale, there is still hope of a perfect Christmas. You can currently pick your pair up for a cosy \$9,000 (£5,852) and your days of awkwardly tripping over pesky laces will be gone. Of course this needn't be taken seriously it's all about the "thought" that matters.

F I L M

The Martian is without a doubt one of the best films I've seen this year. The Martian masterfully tells the story of Mark Watney (Matt Damon), an astronaut stranded on Mars, separated from his team after a storm, as well as the reaction to his struggle from Earth. I must say, Matt Damon has done a great job keeping the "rescue Matt Damon after a tragic incident" genre fresh after Interstellar

and Saving Private Ryan. The best thing about this film is undoubtedly the pacing, you'd find it hard to pinpoint a boring moment in this, not as difficult as surviving on the surface of Mars for a few years, but difficult nevertheless - 8/10 -Right to Reply

AWAIS'S OASIS

Welcome one and all to Awais's Oasis, this week we're featuring a Q+A interview with one of the most dynamic personalities in Silverdale.

Sam: So Awais, to start us off what's your favourite animal?

Awais: Hmmm, I'm going to go for... Hyenas

S: Why's that?

A: They're a breed of Cat, they...

S: Type of dog aren't they?

A: Well they're sort of both really aren't they?

S: Don't think so, anyway carry on.

A: It's a breed of cat, breaks through bones and you can actually, train them.

S: Can you? Is it the laugh as well?

Because I know you like a laugh.

A: Oh yeah I love it, it's absolutely amazing [Imitates Hyena laugh]...

S: Ok, so... On another note, energy drinks are being banned in Silverdale, what are your views?

A: I don't "mind" energy drinks, I wouldn't particularly drink them myself. If you do spill them, or they are spilled, I mean the fizzy kind, it does make a MESS of the carpet.

S: Well I think the reason they were banned is the caffeine and the sugar, because that can lead to health prob...

A: You see, by that virtue of merit you would also ban Ribena.

S: But Ribena also has fruit, and no caffeine, it's why they don't give monster to kids.

A: I'd agree

S: Lovely, so to finish off, how about an inspirational quote for all of our readers?

A: "Expect the worst and only then will you be pleasantly surprised" I'm quoting a Chinese emperor I think...

S: Well it was great talking to you Awais, have a good day.