

A summer of success!



This summer saw our students celebrate considerable success in both GCSE and A-level results.

On A-level results day we welcomed Sky News into the Sixth Form common room, where they interviewed students and staff and witnessed the traditional opening of results live on TV!

Our results were near the top in the city, with 67% of all grades at A* to B, and 30% of students achieving all A or A* grades. The overall pass rate at A* to E was 99.41%. Our average grade is B, compared to a city average of C+.

It was great to see our sixth formers equipped to go on to the next important stage in their life.

Students collecting GCSE results had been the first cohort to go through the major changes to these exams - with the removal of most coursework, and the new numerical grades of 1 to 9. However, they did fantastically well. Our final Progress 8 score looks to be +0.72, which is our best yet and top in the city!



Sixth Formers interviewed live on Sky News

There were some great success stories amongst our students, with many making impressive progress. We look forward to welcoming the majority of them into our Sixth Form.

One student was filmed opening his results for ITV News. You can see both that and the Sky News footage in the news section of our school website at:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/schoolnews ■

Are you 'school ready'?

It is important that students turn up to school ready for the day ahead. This means wearing the correct uniform, having the right equipment, and not letting technology interfere with learning.

With a new term starting it's always useful to take a look at the uniform rules which can be found on our website at:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/uniform

To find more detailed information about uniform, equipment, use of mobile devices, and what happens if students don't come to school ready to learn, see our handy guide at:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/schoolready



Chorus Education Trust

Welcome from the Head of School



Welcome to a new school year. If you are a new parent or carer joining us, then we hope you and your family find the school community to be welcoming. If you have any questions please do get in touch with us.

Congratulations to all our students who achieved such great exam success this summer. We are incredibly proud of your achievements. I am also proud of our staff and how they provided such professional teaching against the backdrop of the funding crisis for Sheffield schools.

On that issue, we have had to carry out some cost-cutting changes within school, but have tried extremely hard to minimise the impact on students. Your support for the Sheffield schools' campaign would be very much appreciated. You can find out more on page 4.

One of our priorities this year is to develop student leadership across the school - as currently exemplified by our sixth formers who already

support students as lunchtime helpers and through the paired reading programme. This will build on the success of the Student Council last year. We will also be further developing our rewards system and our Healthy Minds strategy. Other priorities include reviews of our curriculum, as well as our behaviour, attendance and punctuality systems. We will also be reviewing our communications, and will be asking parents for their views in the coming term.

It would be fantastic to see more parents and carers involved in our PTA (Parents' and Teachers' Association). Last year they donated over £4,500 to the school through their fundraising activities. Their Annual General Meeting takes place on Wednesday 3 October, at 6pm in school. It would be great to see some more of you there - particularly if you've just joined the school.

Wishing you and your family an enjoyable autumn term.

Mrs Sims

Dates for Your Diary

15-16 September 2018: World Challenge weekend	Mon 19 Nov 2018: Year 13 parents' evening.
Thurs 20 Sept 2018: 6th form parents' welcome evening	Wed 21 Nov 2018: Macbeth at the Lyceum.
Tues 25 Sept 2018: Year 6 open evening.	Mon 26 Nov 2018: Year 12 parents' evening.
Wed 3 October 2018: Silverdale PTA AGM	Fri 30 Nov 2018: Year 13 Psychology revision workshop.
Tues 9 October 2018 : Year 7 settling in parents' evening.	Mon 3 - Fri 14 Dec 2018: Year 11 mock exams.
Thurs 18 October 2018: Year 10 Cadbury's World trip	Wed 19 Dec 2018: A-level presentation evening.
Wed 24 October 2018: Year 7 Pumpkin Party.	Fri 21 Dec: Last day of term.
Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2 Nov 2018: Half term holiday.	Mon 7 Jan 2019: First day of spring term.
Mon 5 Nov 2018: Year 11 Alton Towers trip	Further information can be found on the calendars on the school website and Weduc app.
Thurs 8 Nov 2018: Sixth Form open evening	

Weduc and Milk apps

Don't forget to use our Milk homework app and Weduc communications app. Both allow you to gain more insight into your child's life at Silverdale.

As well as using the app, you can also log in via a webpage. Go to the remote login page on the school website to do this (found at the top right-hand corner of the screen) or at:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/remotelogin

For more information about more apps see:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/apps ■

Term dates

To see the full list of term dates for the academic year please visit our website at:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/termdates ■

Other useful information

Remember you can find out lots of useful information at our website. There is a specific section with information for current parents and students at:

www.silverdale-chorustrust.org/currentparentsandstudents

New leadership team



Mrs Sims
Head of School



Mr Horton
Deputy Headteacher &
Head of Sixth Form



Mrs Hussain
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Verney
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Griffiths
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Appleford
Associate to SLT



Mrs Anderson
Associate to SLT

Farewell to Mr Ponsford

At the end of the last academic year we said goodbye to Mr Ponsford, who took retirement.

Having been both Deputy Head and Co-Head of School, he has been a key member of the Silverdale staff team for many years.

His patience, experience, support, and dry wit will be missed by us all. We wish him well with his next stage of life - which seems to consist of lots of sporting activities!

We are sure he won't be a stranger to the school and hope to see him soon. ■

60th anniversary celebrations

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 60th anniversary celebration at Whirlowbrook Hall in July. We raised thousands of pounds for the school, and brought together parents, staff and students, past and present, as well supporters from business and the local community. ■



Clockwise from top left:

- (1) The Sixth Form Head Students Team who helped out on the night;
- (2) Editor of the Sheffield Star, Nancy Fielder & South Yorkshire Mayor, Dan Jarvis MP;
- (3) Silverdale parents;
- (4) The Silverdale School Choir;
- (5) Guest speaker, Lord David Blunkett and his wife, Margaret.



Considerate parking and driving

Thank you to everyone who makes the effort to keep the streets near our school safe for our students.

As mentioned previously, it would be extremely helpful if those who drop off students for school could use roads a few streets away. This will help reduce congestion and keep our students safe.

Local residents in Bents Road (the road parallel to Bents Drive) have contacted the school to say that their drives have been blocked by parents parked and waiting for students.

Please could you consider where you park and avoid blocking driveways.

There are many other roads beyond Bents Road where students can easily walk to and from. Please try using these roads instead.

We hope to run some sessions with students this year about road safety and how to improve the traffic issues in the local area. It would really help our work if you could support us by parking responsibly. ■



Want to train to be a teacher?

Have you ever considered training to be a teacher? Did you know that Silverdale leads the Sheffield Teaching School Alliance, that trains teachers in one year, with placements in local schools?

The Sheffield Teaching School Alliance (STSA) trains graduates for primary, secondary and special schools.

There is a range of funding available for many of these courses too.

Find out more at: www.sheffieldtsa.org/getintoteaching

Students win trip to Copenhagen in Big Challenge business competition

Students from Silverdale beat competition from across the city in the annual **Big Challenge** business competition. For the first time one of our teams, **Weasel Hosting**, won the overall prize and a trip to Copenhagen!

The students (Sepehr, Alfie, Omar & Sophie) bought servers and offered hosting services to customers across the globe. They took over £2,000 and impressed the judges with their innovative idea.

Student team, **Cremesi Albero** (Evan, Matthew B, Musab & Matthew C) won a runners-up prize on the night too, for best use of digital resource. ■



Silverdale teams:

Above: overall winners, Weasel Hosting, at the ceremony and then in Copenhagen with Mrs Charlesworth & Mrs McGuire.

Left: winners of best use of digital resource, Cremesi Albero.

Fair Funding Campaign

Sheffield schools are funded less per pupil than schools in other similar cities in England. That has prompted schools across the city to launch a Fair Funding Campaign.

You can show your support by signing the petition that already has early 8,000 signatures.

You can find it at:

www.change.org/p/fair-fund-for-sheffield-schools

The campaign is supported by the Sheffield Star. Read more at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ya6d8utb>

Please share with friends and family. ■



Local sports celebrities judge annual Masterchef tournament



The Design and Technology department organised their annual Masterchef competition last term.

Our thanks go to local business, **Food Fusion** who, as well as judging, brought along their friends, Amanda Hutt and Atiba Lyons of the **Sheffield Sharks** basketball team.

They decided that the well-deserved first prize should go to Toby in last year's Year 10. ■



Homework Club

The Homework Club for students in Key Stage 3 (years 7 to 9) will start on Monday 24 September, from 3.25 - 4.15pm in the library. It will run Monday to Thursday every week and is a supervised drop-in session to be used for independent study. ■

Starters and leavers

Welcome to:

Deepa Bliss – Science Technician.
Richard Bushell – Cover.
Lucy Cooke – Maths.
David Dalrymple – SENCO.
Harriet Flint – PE.
Dan Griffiths – Assistant Headteacher.
Sean Holder – Science (left June 18 but returning in Sept).
Mel Hunt – Maths.
Matthew Hurt – PE.
Sarah Klafkowski – RE.
Jill Milnes – Key Stage Pastoral Assistant.
Conor O'Boyle – MFL.
Adam Russell – Computer Science.
Ann Marie Sefton – Teaching Assistant.
Bryony Wadkin-Snaith – Art
Dailyn Alfonso Zamora – PE.

Farewell to:

Amy Chatterton.
Liz Coates.
Caroline Hill.
Lucy Trowbridge.
Haleema Zafar.
Dom Murphy.
Huma Mir.
Chas Ponsford.
Jane Hall.
Sarah Rose.
Daniel Grubb.
Eleanor Saul.
Naomi Ryan.
John Hunter.
Juanita Shepherd.
Sarah Pugh.
Kate Robertshaw. ■

Maths Challenge success



Four pupils from last year's Year 8 and Year 9, Alex, Cameron, Krithicck and Emma, were chosen to represent Silverdale School at the Team Maths Challenge regional competition in Rotherham in April.

Out of 31 schools who took part, the Silverdale team performed brilliantly, reaching second place. This is the best result we have ever had and difficult to achieve!

They were beaten only by Birkdale School, making them the top state school in the region. What an impressive result!

From this, the team were invited to the National Final in London on 18 June.

One of their tasks was to produce an A1 poster about the mathematician, Leonhard Euler, which took a lot of research and mathematics. They also trained hard for the other sections they would face on the day: a shuttle, a circus round and a crossnumber.

On the day they competed against 88 schools. They reached 58th place!

As there were 1742 schools who started off in the regional finals this puts them in the **top 3% of mathematicians in the competition**. Wow!

Huge congratulations to the 2018 Maths Challenge team and a huge thanks to Miss Hassan for all of her work and time with them – what fantastic mathematicians you are and a credit to the school. ■

Student gains medals as part of England's Badminton Squad



As reported earlier in the year, Silverdale student, Krithicck, has been representing England in national badminton events. In early September he won three gold medals in singles, boys' doubles and mixed doubles in an international tournament in Croatia. Everyone at Silverdale is extremely proud of his success! ■

Biology Olympiad success

Last year's Year 13 students, Morven and Katie entered the national Biology Olympiad competition. They did really well with Morven gaining a Silver medal and Katie a Bronze.

64 of last year's Year 8 and 10 students also took part in the Biology Challenge. There were some great results with Year 11 students, Ivan and Ming both achieving the Gold award (top 5% of 42,000 students).

The Silver award students were Joseph, Sam, Jacob Eyre in Year 9, and Finlay, Beth and William in Year 11.

Bronze awards went to Alex in Year 8; Lauren, Matthew, Louis, Sula and Peter in Year 11.

8 other students were Highly Commended and 13 Commended. ■

Students star in Sheffield Theatre productions

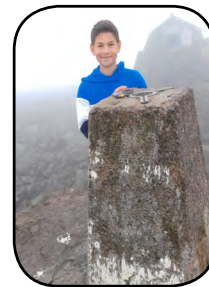


A number of our students have appeared in productions at Sheffield Theatres over the past few months. These included

Sheffield People's Theatre's *The Changing Room* and *Songs from Seven Hills*, as well as an Arts Council funded project, *Inherited Cities*, with Third Angel theatre company. Some of these productions drew on the students' own personal experiences. You can read an article about them in the Guardian at: <https://tinyurl.com/y746zxoo> ■

The global reach of Geography

Congratulations to new Year 7 students, Abe and Aayan, who the Geography photo competition that was set during the transition days in the summer term.



They have been helping share a love of Geography across the globe! Did you know that the Geography department has its own Twitter account where it shares useful resources for students working at all stages? You can find them @silverdalegeog ■

Could you be missing out?

Is your child registered for free school meals but not taking them?

Pasta Dish

Filled Baguette

Main Meal

These are examples of our meal deals, they include a Drink or Dessert.

If your child takes their free school meal allowance every day that would equate to 190 two course meals over the year. At a meal cost of £2.10 you could be missing out on an annual entitlement of

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Taylor Shaw

Current job vacancies

We currently have the following job vacancies within our Trust. You can find out more at: www.chorustrust.org/jobvacancies

Learning Resource Centre & Communications Assistant

Help run the library at Silverdale School and contribute to school communications on our website and social media.

Closing date: 30 September 2018

Assistant Headteacher for English

As part of the leadership team at Westfield School, transform student achievement in English and then develop a Trust-wide strategy for raising achievement in English.

Closing date: 3 October 2018

Cover Supervisor

Based at Silverdale School, provide short-term cover for absent staff.

Closing date: 23 September 2018

Exploration and inspiration in Activity Week!

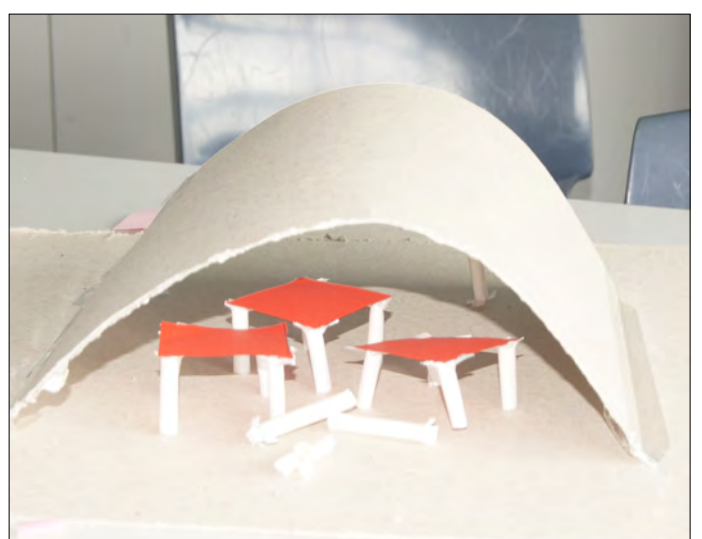
This summer's Activity Week saw students take part in a range of activities, including school trips, visits from guest speakers and a variety of project work. Each year group had a theme that was reflected in their activities for the week.

Year 7 students looked at sustainability, visiting Yorkshire Sculpture Park and looking at artwork made from natural materials.

Year 8 students focused on regeneration, visiting Magna, hearing from a local architect and artist, and creating models of local buildings (see photos).

Year 9 students' theme was 'Living the Dream' which included a trip to Manchester and a focus on future careers and life skills.

Year 10 students were on their work experience placements; some students were also in London on the performing arts trip or abroad on the languages trips. Thursday saw the annual sports day tournament, along with some other 'get moving' activities.



A big thank you!..

..to the local people and organisations who helped us during Activity Week. You can find out more about them here. And to **Silverdale PTA** for the generous bursary which was used for prize money and helped to support our costs of workshops and trips.

Amina Drury, yoga teacher



Amina Drury is a passionate yoga teacher (200-hour Yoga Alliance certified) and has been practicing yoga since childhood. She currently teaches full time in Sheffield. Her classes aim to inspire people to work intuitively with their bodies and develop a light hearted and loving attitude towards their practice. She teaches a variety of different classes, including: yoga for better sleep, yoga for women's wellness, meditative yoga, slow flow, and reggae yoga. She also holds events such as Rain or Shine Yoga walks, and Meditation and Coffee Mornings.

To find out more please visit: YogaLuaUK.wordpress.com ■

Paula Rist, yoga teacher



I am a qualified adults and kids yoga and mindfulness teacher that discovered the powerful effects of yoga through my own quest to destress and keep fit over 10 years ago now.

Yoga is my passion and I love the way that yoga can help with a multitude of ailments and conditions, mental health issues as well as build flexibility and strength. It's a complete mind and body experience to help heal the body. My classes are fun and rewarding, and all equipment is provided.

Call Paula Rist for further information on 07976970489 or log onto yoga-tonic.co.uk for further information. ■

Dave Taylor, fell running guide



Dave has a background teaching sport and outdoor education. He left formal teaching in 2013 to use this background and his experience as a runner to work for himself as a UK Athletics coach in fell and mountain running.

He offers coaching, training sessions and guided running to runners of all abilities often introducing newcomers to the joys of trail and fell running in the Peak District.

He is a successful, competitive fell runner himself, representing Dark Peak Fell Runners and won the 2015 English Fell Running Championships V50 category. This year (2018) he came 2nd in the British Fell Running Championships V50 category. www.fellrunningguide.co.uk ■

Dr Clare Rishbeth, landscape architect

Landscape Architecture as a career? Landscape architects imagine what an outdoor space could become, and then use their creative skills to solve problems and make it happen. They work with local communities, in harmony with nature, to create somewhere special for everyone. Landscape architects work ranges from big and small scale, from designing the Olympic Park or a new housing area, to a local playground or pocket park.

To be a landscape architect requires a flair for creativity, an ability to solve complex problems, and a passion for improving both environmental quality and people's lives. For more info see: www.chooselandscape.org or the largest Department of Landscape Architecture in the UK here at Sheffield University: www.sheffield.ac.uk/landscape ■

Georgina Simmons, sustainable & safe travel



ModeshiftSTARS is the national schools award scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. ■

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Marina Larios, social entrepreneur



Marina is Inova's director and set up the company in 2001, to support her passion for promoting

equal opportunities and particularly for supporting women in business and non-traditional fields. Marina is an experienced entrepreneur and business coach and also practices Clinical Hypnosis.

www.inovaconsult.com & www.inovaeducation.com/en/ ■

Rachel Newman, Growtheatre



Growtheatre is a theatre company with a difference. We develop theatre and creative projects inspired by our environment and landscape, bringing about a greater sense of community and belonging. Taking

an outdoor space as a starting point, we explore the context in which it has developed as well as the new stories it has to share. www.growtheatre.org.uk ■

Thank you also to **Andrew Wilcox** (Sheffield Theatres) and **Joe Carnall** (Reverend and the Makers). ■



Silverdale Parents' and Teachers Association (PTA)

Silverdale PTA exists to support the school with fundraising activities and to bring together parents and carers in our school community. Everyone is welcome to get involved!

Come along to our first meeting of the year!

We are holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Wednesday 3 October, from 6pm in school**. Just come to the main school reception where you will be met and taken to the meeting room.

We will be discussing our planned activities for the year and would really like to see some of our new parents there. It's a friendly, informal group, who welcome new ideas!

Want to join PTA email group?

If you want to keep up to date with the PTA activities, you could join our Google Group.

Then you will receive regular emails about PTA activities. You can set these emails to be delivered daily, weekly or monthly.

To join please email:

silverdalePTA@silverdale-chorustrust.org ■

Can you help with Facebook?

We are looking for a volunteer to help set up and run a Facebook page for the PTA.

If you are interested please email us at:

silverdalePTA@silverdale-chorustrust.org ■

Where does our money go?

The PTA has provided funding for the rewards system, outside equipment, the Masterchef competition, maths books, welcome events, PE awards night, EAL resources, the DICE games club, library books, and activity week, to name a few!

This year we are hoping to fund some bigger projects in school. Come along to our Annual General Meeting to find out more and to have your say. ■

Earn money for school whilst shopping!



Did you know you could earn money whenever you buy online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday?

Go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sspta

Sign up for free and a donation from all you spend goes towards the PTA.

Join our School Lottery!

Silverdale's school lottery allows the PTA to have regular income to support school throughout the year. It's an easy way to give without having to think about it every time.

You get the chance of a weekly local prize - guaranteed for someone in our school community - plus a national jackpot of £25,000. And last year someone in our school won that jackpot!


To sign up online go to:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/silverdale-school ■

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