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**School Productions  
Christmas Events  
Student Achievements  
School Trips  
Children in Need  
...and more!**



## Wendy and Peter Pan Enchants Audiences

Our School Production of *Wendy & Peter Pan* was a great success full of laughter, music and magic. The swashbuckling show highlights the talent in our Performing and Expressive Arts faculty and allows students to shine both on and off stage.

The show follows the well loved tale



of Neverland and the Lost Boys but updates the story to create a strong female alliance of Wendy, Tigerlilly and Tinkerbell to rescue Peter and defeat Captain Hook.

Wendy & Peter Pan is the first show directed by our new Head of Drama, Miss Waller, under the leadership of our new Head of Performing and Expressive Arts, Mrs Brunt.

The production brought together all departments of the PEA Faculty as it was supported by choreography from Miss Spalding in Dance, gorgeous set design by our Art Club



and musical numbers performed by Mr Goldsworthy and the production band. It is a truly whole school production with students from every year group participating in the ensemble cast.

Thank you to all of the cast and crew for their hard work to put this show together, as well as all of the staff that worked extra hours after school to support our students in the production.

[View more photos of the production and backstage antics here](#)



## Our Christmas Concert Rings in the Festive Season

On Thursday 5 December our School Hall was filled with fairy lights and festivity at our annual Christmas Concert.

The concert is the unofficial start of the Christmas season at Sheldon and is always a delight. Our students showcased their extraordinary talents as they played everything from classical pieces to Christmas standards, with a few pop hits thrown in for good measure.

Performances included the Sheldon Orchestra, Sheldon Voices choir, Flute Group, Brass Group, Ukulele Group and String Group, as well as vocal and piano soloists and duets. We were also treated to performances by student bands FUZZHEAD and Insignia.

It wouldn't be Christmas without a little carolling, so the entire audience joined in to sing *Silent*

*Night and We Wish You a Merry Christmas* accompanied by the Brass Group.

Thank you to our wonderful music faculty and peripatetic teachers for working with the students over the last few months and providing accompaniment during the show.

We'd especially like to thank our Head of Music, Mr Goldsworthy, for putting together such a fun night and allowing our students a chance to shine on the stage.

The show couldn't happen without our dedicated Sixth Form Music Tech students who helped with set up between performances and ran the sound and lights. Thank you to Brajan, Henry, Owen and Zach for their hard work (and missed lunch breaks) to set up the show!

[See more photos here](#)



Thank you to the Sixth Form Charity Team for providing refreshments during the intervals at the Concert and School Production. All proceeds from the evening's refreshment sales were split between the flood relief appeals by Doorway and the Scouts.

## Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for wearing your festive Christmas Jumpers and for turning Sheldon into a winter wonderland! Our Sixth Form students opted to wear Christmas PJs today, adding a cosy feel to the Common Room.

Our annual Christmas Lunch looked and smelled amazing! It's a real credit to our catering staff that prepared over 300 plates of Christmas dinner...that's a lot of pigs in blankets! They made the Refectory magical with tinsel, lights and Christmas tunes!

[Read more here](#)



## Teachers Get Soaked for Children in Need

We had a wonderful Children in Need Day, raising over £2000 to help change the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

BBC Points West visited us at lunchtime. Our events were featured on the national Children in Need broadcast montage of activities happening around the region!

Thank you to everyone who generously donated and provided cakes for our many bake sales! We'd like to say an especially big thank you to the family of Max in Year 9 for always providing the most beautiful and delicious cakes and cookies. Next time we have a sale, they are not to be missed!

Our Sixth Form students looked fantastic in their fancy dress representing their childhood dreams and ambitions. We had doctors, lawyers, lifeguards, builders, cooks, pilots, dancers, farmers and a few favourite cartoon characters. We hope that studying at Sheldon Sixth Form helps them achieve those dreams. Although we don't currently have any courses to become Elmo!

The sponges were flying all in the name of charity during our Splat the Teacher event. Our students were feeling very generous today and upgraded their donations to purchase many, many buckets of cold water to dump over the heads of our staff. We have to thank all the teachers that volunteered to get soaked by students during a very chilly lunchtime.

[See more photos here](#)



## MDSAs Have Christmas Spirit

Thank you to our fabulous MDSA staff for bringing the Christmas spirit to our last lunch break of the year. We loved seeing them dressed up, especially the Grinch!

The Sheldonian  
Newspaper Club



**Read the latest issue here!**

If you want to join the Newspaper Club, sign up on epraise or come to E8 on Thursdays after school.

## More BBC Coverage of Student Activities

In November, our Ten Tors group was featured on BBC Radio Wiltshire and BBC Points West as they headed out for their first training walk of the year.

The BBC Reporters will be checking in with the group as they prepare for the Ten Tors Challenge later in the year. Stay tuned for more info about their next appearance on the BBC.

If you want to learn more about Ten Tors or want to join the challenge next year, [click here](#).

Another club embarking on an epic challenge was also featured on BBC Radio Wiltshire. Members of our new Dungeons & Dragons Club were interviewed about their love of the game, along with club leader and maths teacher Mr Davies. He explained that the club is an excellent way for students to think creatively, especially for neurodiverse students.

This term Mr Davies is opening up the club to all students in Key Stage 3. If you're curious about how to begin, come by M2 on Tuesdays after school.





## Christmas Carol Service

Students from Sheldon Sixth Form attended the annual Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas Church. Students and staff came together to celebrate the season through song and readings.

[Read more here](#)



## Crime Scene Day

In November, our Y13 Criminology students had their annual Crime Scene Day with training provided by Simon Smith of Zakon Training. We asked Magda in Year 13 to share her experience of the day.

[Read her account here](#)



## Photography Competition Winner

We'd like to congratulate Dylan in Year 12 for winning the Chippenham Youth Council Photography Competition.

[Learn more about the competition and view his photograph here](#)



## Y12 Visit Parliament

Our Year 12 Politics Students travelled to London to visit Parliament. They had an opportunity to meet with our local MP, Sarah Gibson, and attended a workshop about British government. Two of our students, Ellie and Maddie, prepared a recap of the trip [that you can read here](#).



## Congrats to Filip, Jujitsu Champ!

Filip continues to dominate in Jujitsu, winning gold in the Pro Sport Grappling Somerset Open in October. He'll be heading to Belgium in January to represent the Team GB Youth team!



## Winter Varsity

Congratulations to Year 13 for dominating the Winter Varsity!

It would have been a clean sweep with wins in hockey, badminton, volleyball and football, but Y12 took the W for netball after Y13 failed to field a team. The Sixth Form Varsity is a tradition that happens three times a year, pitting each year group against each other in a variety of team sports.

[Read more here](#)



## Save the Date!

**Year 13 Revision and Parents' Information Evening**

**Wed 15 June @ 6pm  
in the Sixth Form Study Centre**

[Click here for all your Revision Resources](#)



## EAL Christmas Celebration

Each year we hold a Christmas celebration for students at Sheldon who speak English as an additional language (EAL). It was a lively event hosted by Mr Davies and Mrs Henzl who provided an impressive spread of party food!

There are over 192 students at Sheldon that speak over 54 languages in addition to English. The

students joining the party all arrived to the UK in the last five years and many are active members of our EAL Club, a weekly lunch club that allows students an opportunity to socialise, play games, share their language or practice English. We also have a room available as a prayer space.

Thank you to the Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund for providing the funding for the party and for supporting our EAL students.

[Read more here](#)



## Reverse Advent

Thank you to everyone who generously donated items during our Reverse Advent Day. We were able to put together 22 Christmas hampers that were donated to families in the Sheldon community, along with donations to local foodbanks.



## Sheldon's Trampoline Star

Congratulations to Conor in Year 8 for being selected for the DMT English Squad Programme with British Gymnastics. He adds this to his already impressive accomplishments, including being named the U15 DMT South West Champion!



Thank you to all the parents who attended our SpaxReader workshop. We look forward to launching soon.

## Remembrance Day

On 11 November, we held our Remembrance Day ceremony. Thank you to everyone who participated, especially to Mrs Rahn and our DT students for the amazing display of poppies at our flagpole.

Our ceremony included remarks from Headteacher, Mr Lynch, as he laid our Remembrance wreath before inviting the whole school to participate in two minutes of silence.

We also had readings of In Flanders Fields by students Rhys, Rufus and Sion from Sheldon Sixth Form. Amberly and Tilly in Year 8 joined history teacher, Mrs Tillotson, for a reading of Land Girl while Mr Goldsworthy, Miss Frater and Alice in Year 8 performed The Last Post and Reveille. Mr Lynch also led those in attendance in reciting The Exhortation and Kohima Epitaph. Our cadets, guides and scouts also held a parade around the school grounds to mark the end of the ceremony. We invited all students to take a moment as necessary to pay their respects at the flagpole.

[Read more here](#)



## Farewell to Louise Carver, Chair of Governors

After nine incredible years of service to Sheldon School, including five as our outstanding Chair of Governors, we bid farewell to Louise Carver as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in Scotland.

Louise's leadership, dedication and compassion have left an indelible mark on our school. With a wealth of experience as a senior RAF officer, learning & development specialist and workplace mediator, Louise has guided us through challenges with

wisdom and professionalism, always championing staff and student wellbeing.

Please join us in wishing Louise all the best in her new adventure.

[Read more here](#)





## Y7 Trip to Birmingham Christmas Market

Our Year 7 students enjoyed their trip to Birmingham to visit the Frankfurt Christmas Market. This is the largest authentic German Christmas market outside of Germany and Austria.

Our Languages Faculty arranges the trip each year so that our students get a chance to experience German culture, while enjoying traditional goods and food on a fun adventure outside of school. Our students (and staff) had a wonderful time sampling the bratwursts, pretzels, hot chocolate and sweets among the twinkly lights of Birmingham's Victoria Square.

[Read more here](#)



## German Baking with Mrs Williams

Mrs Williams taught her A Level and Year 10 German students authentic Christmas baking ahead of the Christmas season. The students took over the DT kitchen, creating dozens of delicious treats! Thank you to the Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund for providing supplies for this activity.



## GCSE and A Level Art Trip to Barcelona

During the October break, we took 32 students to the beautiful and bustling city of Barcelona. Students had an opportunity to view the stunning architecture of the city while visiting many cultural attractions. They visited a wide variety of galleries to help inspire their own portfolios.

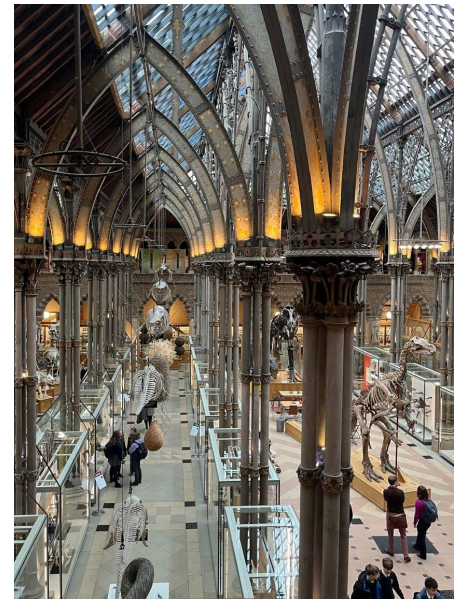
[Read more about the trip here](#)



## Y9 Science Trip to Oxford Christmas Lectures

On 10 December, we took our Year 9 scientists to the Oxford Natural History Museum for the annual Christmas Lecture event. The students had an opportunity to listen to two lectures and had plenty of time to explore the museum and try some of the activities. It was a wonderful way for our students to experience science outside of the classroom. They were wonderful representatives of Sheldon School and had a brilliant time.

[Read more about the trip here](#)



## Achievers Assemblies

We had a great time celebrating our students at the end of Term 2 with our lively Christmas Achievers Assemblies. Keep up the great work!

[Read more here](#)







**Sheldon Student  
Opportunity Fund**

The Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund is a Registered Charity in England and Wales (number 1116688)

**Roz Chandler  
FITNESS  
clubbercise**

# CLUBBERCISE NIGHT

**Friday 24 January 2025  
7pm - Sheldon School Hall**

## Clubbercise Fundraiser

Roz Chandler Fitness is hosting her popular Clubbercise class at Sheldon on Friday 24 January from 7-8pm in the School Hall to raise funds for the Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund! Grab your trainers and get ready to head back to the 90s as we put the FUN in fundraising with Clubbercise!

Everything raised from the ticket sales will go toward supporting enrichment activities for students at Sheldon School.

[Get your tickets here!](#)

## Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

If your child has outgrown their school uniform, check out our pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday 16 January in the School Hall at 3:30pm. If you have any pieces of school uniform or PE kit that no longer fit, please drop them off at Reception prior to the sale.

All money raised at the sale will go to the Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund.

**Sheldon Student  
Opportunity Fund**

# Outgrown your uniform?

## Visit our Pre-Loved Uniform Sale!

**Thursday 16 January  
3:30pm School Hall**

Drop off donations at Reception prior to the sale.  
Money raised from the sale provides enrichment opportunities for Sheldon students.

## Join our Fundraising Team!

We're meeting on **Thursday 16 January at 6pm in the Library** to discuss fundraising plans for the year, including our annual Spring Raffle and Quiz Night. All parents and members of the Sheldon community are welcome to join us. It's a great way to meet other families of children in the school and to do your part to support our students. The **Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund** helps provide funding for student enrichment activities — like trips, afterschool clubs, playground equipment and more!



## Fantastic Term for Sport at Sheldon!

We've been particularly impressed with the numbers of pupils regularly attending clubs and in turn representing the school.

Highlights in girls PE include the Y7 netballers currently undefeated and their season finished with them being crowned area champions. Our Y8s and Y9s have also had superb netball seasons. The Y8s finished second in their area tournament and the 9s only lost one incredibly close fixture all season. Our U16 girls football team have scored 4x the number of goals than those conceded against them and a highlight of their season was beating Lydiard Park 7-2. Our KS4 badminton girls won their area tournament and are through to county finals next term.

Boys PE highlights include the introduction of inter school varsity with Hardenhuish. Each year group plays a three match 'Test Series' starting with Rugby. Going into the final week the series is on a knife edge with Sheldon up by two games. Boys rugby tournaments saw our Y7 and Y8 teams finishing 2nd and the Y9 team taking 1st place. National Cup football saw some success with teams getting to round 3 and the Y8 team as far as round 5, going out to a strong side that were last year's quarter finalists. County Cup football is going really well with all teams registering wins in the first-round and into the next rounds after Christmas, where Y8 will be looking to defend their title.

In addition, Sheldon won the annual area cross country championships. We were proud to bring this trophy home, and it will live next to our area athletics trophy from the summer—what a double to have achieved! In other PE news our sports leaders and ambassadors have shone this term, and we are grateful for the time and effort they put in to help support the PE faculty in running events. The primary school tough mudder and cross country were highlights. Some of our Y11 core PE students have recently completed a netball leaders module which culminated in them going into a local primary school and delivering sessions to Y5s. Finally, we had a great 6th form varsity last week with the Y13s being crowned champions over the Y12s, after competing in netball, badminton, volleyball, football and hockey. Term two PE clubs will start back on the 13th Jan.

## Christmas Cross Country Delights 500 Primary Students

Our Year 9 and Year 10 Sports Ambassadors marshalled the Christmas Cross Country course for over 500 children. It was a wonderful way to share a little Christmas spirit with the schools in our community and is an annual tradition we love at Sheldon—no matter the weather!

As always we could not run these events without the support of our Sports Leaders and Sports Ambassadors.

[Read more here](#)



## Reel Cinema Screens Paddington 3 with Subtitles

Thank you to REEL Cinema Chippenham for hosting Sheldon School at a special screening of Paddington in Peru with subtitles. We invited deaf students from neighbouring schools and reunited with some retired Teachers of the Deaf, who remember our students as babies! This was a joint trip between Sheldon Hearing Resource Base and Sheldon Sixth Form. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who accompanied us. We had a great afternoon!



## Coming Up in Term 3

For more information about important dates on the school calendar, [view our website](#)

**12-17/1**

Pencelli Trip

**15/1**

Y13 Revision Evening

**16/1**

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

**16/1**

SSOF Fundraising Meeting

**23/1**

Y9 Options Evening

**28/1**

Y9 Parents' Evening (L)

**29/1**

DofE Presentation Evening

**3/2**

Y9 Parents' Evening (R)

**5/2**

Y11 Photos

**13/2**

Y10 Parents' Evening

**15-22**

Ski Trip

## Lettings at Sheldon

Once the school day is over, our facilities are available to let out. We have a wide variety of spaces available for sporting clubs, meetings and other group activities.

[Find out more about our lettings programme on our website.](#)

Need help ICT Support or help with your student log on? [Click here](#)

