



SilverMail

Christmas 2016

'Tis The Season

by Olivia Tomkinson (Y12)

The most wonderful time of year is upon us once again, but Silverdale is an extremely biodiverse school, which means it's not just Christmas being celebrated. So instead, let's just take this as an opportunity to say Happy Holidays! The next couple of weeks are about relaxing in class or at home with some Mariah Carey on, going through the Argos catalogue and looking for presents or simply spending some time with your family. The first thing I'd be doing though, if I was you, is putting on the ugliest Christmas jumper to have some fun with your friends. I mean, let's be honest, even Miss Paul loosens up during the holidays... I think.... Either way everyone needs to spend this holiday getting in the spirit, and if you don't, I'll give you one of my nan's mulled wines (only if you are old enough and drink!) because that certainly will leave you feeling merry and bright.



Key Dates

Back to school:

Y12 /13 with exams: 3.1.17

All students: 4.1.17

Y12 mocks: 3.1.17 – 11.1.17

Y13 mocks: 3.1.17 – 11.1.17

Please remember to remain quiet on the corridors during these dates.

Finally, when it inevitably starts snowing, make sure to check the school website for information on snow days, but Silverdale will remain open where at all possible.



DofE

By Natasha Meldrum

We at Silverdale are very excited to now be running the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a very exciting opportunity for students as it is a way of providing young people with life skills that cannot be taught in the classroom. The awards include three sections, volunteering, physical and skills as well as an expedition. This especially benefits those students who enjoy non-academic form of learning. This year the Bronze Award is running for students in Year 9 and the Gold Award for Year 12. Unfortunately, all places have been taken this year, but there will be more opportunities next year as we will be running the Silver Award for Year 10. (See Ms Papaspyrou for more information.)

Jaguar Trip

By Olivia Tomkinson

Jaguar Land Rover a British multinational luxury car manufacturer with headquarters across England; owned by the Indian company Tata Motors since 2008.

On the 5th December the Y12 economics visited the Jaguar Land Rover factory and saw the production of cars like the f-type first hand. They also took part in team activities looking at how the company works and manufactures their cars. It was an amazing opportunity for the A-level class and one I'm certain, next year's A-level students will enjoy.



Bugsy Malone

by Lisa Evans

This year's exciting production was Bugsy Malone!!

Auditions for the show took place in the first week of September at the beginning of the school year, and the cast have been working hard for the past 10 weeks in anticipation for show nights on Nov 30, and Dec 1 and 2.

The cast have worked especially hard this year as not only have they had less time to complete the show, but due to the shortened lunch times, the daily rehearsals have been reduced, meaning that extra effort has been put in by the cast and directors in order to polish off the show.

This year the cast have also been partly directed and choreographed by past Silverdale student Olivia Rembges, who actively participated in the Silverdale shows for many years and she is using her experience to help out. Olivia's unique flare and creativity are apparent in the show, as she has put her heart into making the show as brilliant as possible.

But it's not only members of the cast that have been working hard: the set has been designed by a group of year 11 students, who have been taking on this role for the past few years. The production used lots of props, such as splurge guns and real cream pies, so it sounds like it was a lot of fun to watch!



Meet the new teachers!

By Olivia Tomkinson

Miss Begum

Q: What do you teach?

A: Psychology and sociology.

Q: Why do you like your subject?

A: I did it at A-levels and then at university. I found it really interesting as it covered a range of subjects, I just loved it and wanted to keep developing that knowledge through teaching others.

Q: What do you like about Silverdale?

A: I love teaching sixth formers.

Q: Is there anything interesting to tell us?

A: I do henna designs.



Mr Siddle

Q: What do you teach?

A: History and Geography.

Q: Why do you like your subject?

A: Well I've always been an outdoorsy person, I also like people and places, and that's basically geography. Then history is just one big story; everything has history and you can see all of these links everywhere.

Q: What do you like about Silverdale?

A: I like the view outside my classroom of trees and fields; as well as the food cooking downstairs, even though it makes me hungry.

Q: Is there anything interesting to tell us?

A: I like football and support Sunderland but that means I can be in a bad mood on Mondays.



Mr Steadman-South

Q: What do you teach?

A: Philosophy and RE.

Q: Why do you like your subject?

A: I loved it at school. I thought it was very colourful and interesting especially with the philosophical nature and the different beliefs.

Q: What do you like about Silverdale?

A: The diversity and there is a good community spirit.

Q: Is there anything interesting to tell us?

A: I'm a strict vegetarian and grow my own vegetables. Oh and I once met Tom Hanks.



GCSE Celebration

by Natasha Meldrum

On Tuesday the 15th November we welcomed our Class of 2016 and their families back to Silverdale to celebrate their outstanding results in their GCSEs. There were many awards given out on the night such as the Community Award for Georgia Harris-Grayson, the Greatest Distance Travelled award for Joe Carey, the Cantor Prize for Creative Writing for Ciara Shiles and the Headteacher's Award for SilverMail team member Lisa Evans. As well as awards from each subject for achievement, effort and progress. This evening started with light refreshments served by KS4 Food Tech students, including chickpea saag and Eton mess. Once the celebrations started we welcomed back Mrs Wardman to Silverdale to make a speech to the students, as she was their former head of year. The evening also included musical performances from Maddie Appelqvist and Lola Bateman-Bejarano, who performed the song 'For Good' from Wicked, as they both were celebrating their achievements in Music GCSE. We also welcomed back Mr. Sheer Khan, former student of Silverdale, to make a speech to the students inspiring them with his successes post school. There were also speeches from Mr Ponsford- Deputy Head, Mr. Jon Mordecai- Chair of Governors, as well as a photo tribute to Class of 2016 by Lead Students, Lydia Housley and Bobby Wymer.



Y11 Student Chun Cho wins Go for Gold Challenge!

by Lisa Evans

We have been immensely impressed by the achievements of Year 11 student Chun Cho for his amazing achievement of coming first in the national engineering competition 'Go for Gold' in London! His passion and interest in engineering encouraged him to enter the competition, and through his independent hard work he managed to achieve this prestigious award. Chun presented his ideas about 'How the world's aerospace will change in 50 years' in front of a panel of judges at the Royal Aeronautical Society, and in spite of his fear performed remarkably well, winning a prize of £1000 as well as £500 for our school! It looks like we have a budding Nobel Prize winner in our midst...



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

By Natasha Meldrum

This Christmas at Silverdale we took part in The Archer Project for homeless people in Sheffield. Each form in the school collected items such as tinned food, toiletries and other things vital to get through winter such as hats and gloves. These were put in festive shoe boxes and will be given as touching gifts to local homeless people this Christmas. Great news this year collectively we donated over 137 boxes, our biggest total yet so far.



Another success for Silverdale

By Reuben Saunders

| The top comprehensive schools | | | |
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| Schools ranked by proportion of A*-B grades at A-level, double weighted, and GCSEs at A*/A | | | |
| 2018 rank | | A-Level (% A*-B) | GCSE (% A*/A) |
| 1 | The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, London | 83.2 | 49.8 |
| 2 | JFS, Harrow, London | 81.0 | 50.0 |
| 3 | The King David High School, Manchester | 80.1 | 50.2 |
| 4 | Gordon's School, Woking | 80.7 | 45.8 |
| 5 | Yavneh College, Borehamwood | 82.1 | 44.5 |
| 6 | Hasmonean High School, Haringey, London | 75.4 | 54.2 |
| 7 | Waldegrave School, Twickenham, London | 74.9 | 51.5 |
| 8 | St John the Baptist School, Woking | 75.8 | 47.2 |
| 9 | St Andrew's RC School, Leatherhead | 75.3 | 45.1 |
| 10 | Salford Walden County High School | 75.0 | 41.8 |
| 11 | Durham Johnston Comprehensive School | 78.4 | 37.6 |
| 12 | Fortismere School, Muswell Hill, London | 70.8 | 45.6 |
| 13 | Lady Margaret School, Fulham, London | 67.5 | 46.3 |
| 14 | Salesian School, Chertsey | 72.0 | 37.0 |
| 15 | Mossbourne Community Academy, Hackney, London | 70.9 | 38.6 |
| 16 | St George's School, Harpenden | 67.0 | 45.0 |
| 17 | Silverdale School, Sheffield | 70.8 | 39.9 |
| 18 | Alexandra Park School, Haringey, London | 70.0 | 37.5 |
| 19 | St Mark's RC School, Hounslow, London | 71.0 | 34.8 |
| 20 | Coloma Convent Girls' School, Croydon, London | 67.1 | 39.8 |

Students at Silverdale have always known our school was capable of encouraging progress, but now we have proof.

Thanks to the hard work by students at A-Level and GCSE Silverdale has ranked 17th amongst the top comprehensive schools in the country; a feat we should all be proud of.

The community at Silverdale has once again proved to strive beyond expectations and so this is just more evidence of the success our hard work can achieve.

Hopefully next year, we will continue rising up the ladder, proving to everyone and most importantly ourselves, just what we are all capable of. For now, however, I extend everyone my sincere congratulations.

Sixth Form Open Evening

by Olivia Tomkinson

Once again Silverdale School was home to many Y11s as we had our sixth form opening evening on the 2ND November, allowing students from Silverdale and many other schools to see what Sixth Form life would entail and deciding if they would like to come here next September.

The evening was incredibly informative, allowing Silverdale to showcase the high-quality education they have to offer and showing why Silverdale gets some of the best A-level results in the country. In fact, there wasn't a single corridor that wasn't full of students eagerly waiting to see if this course was the right one for them. After witnessing the incredible work of current students and the enthusiasm from all the staff, it was no surprise that all students left with a smile.

However, it wasn't just the displays and staff that seemed to be most helpful on the night; it was in fact Silverdale's current sixth form. Whether it was in the classroom offering information on course content or on the corridors showing people around, the current Y12's and 13's were all on hand with smiles on their faces and nothing but positive words to say.

Overall the night was a success with many students and parents leaving impressed and commenting on how helpful they found the open evening. With students saying they now knew what courses they wished to take and with one even saying "Silverdale's definitely my first choice now."



PTA School Disco

by Tegan Harris

On Friday the 14th of October the PTA and associated teachers organised a disco for the year 7 students. The aim of this dance was to raise money for rewards that will benefit all students in year 7. Tickets were sold for £2.50 and a raffle was held at the disco as well. With an amazing turn out of around 109 year 7 students, they managed to raise an incredible sum of £500. The generosity of the year 7 students and the hard work of the PTA and associated teachers has been rewarded with the purchase of new football, basketball and table tennis equipment; providing students with an improved and more enjoyable learning experience here at school. When asked what they thought of the disco the year 7 students responded positively also stating that they “really hope there is another one soon.”

Sport

by Lucas and Sailor

Football

Y7: Tipton 0-7 Silverdale / Tipton 7-8 Silverdale (1/11/16)
Y7: Meadowhead 1-0 Silverdale (7/11/16)
Y7: King Edwards 0-2 Silverdale (7/11/16)
Y7: Silverdale 1-0 Tipton (7/11/16)
Y7: Silverdale 2-3 Ecclesfield (14/11/16)
Y7: Dronfield 3-3 Silverdale (22/11/16)

Netball

Y7: Ecclesfield 3-21 Silverdale (9/11/16)
Y8: Ecclesfield 15-8 Silverdale (9/11/16)
Y8: Silverdale 2-29 Notre Dame (14/11/16)
Y9: Silverdale 19-11 Hope Valley (22/11/16)
Y10: Silverdale 20-5 Newfield (3/11/16)
Y10: Silverdale 8-11 Hope Valley
Y12: Silverdale 41-14 King Edwards (10/11/16)

Rugby

Y8: Meadowhead 25-15 Silverdale (3/11/16)
Y9: Meadowhead 0-50 Silverdale (3/11/16)

Hockey

Y7: SHS 1-0 Silverdale (15/11/16)
Y8: SHS 2-0 Silverdale (24/11/16)
Y9: Westbourne 4-0 Silverdale (17/11/16)
Y10: Silverdale 0-0 Tipton (8/11/16)
Y10: Silverdale 0-0 SHS (8/11/16)
Y10: Silverdale 0-0 King Ecgberts (8/11/16)

Basketball

Y8: Birkdale 12-10 Silverdale (23/11/16)
Y8: Notre Dame 10-4 Silverdale (23/11/16)

Football Top Goal Scorers of the month

Y7: Jacob Priestnall- 6 goals in total
Y10: Kasib Razaq- 2 goals in total
Y11: Adam Morley- 3 goals in total

Netball Star Players of the month

Y7: Izzy Murray (2)
Y8: Saffron Kahn, Emma Saxby
Y9: Francesca Wilson
Y10: Lela White

Rugby Star Men and Try Scorers of the month

Y7: Carter Hill, Sam Hooper, Darcey Bridges
Y8: Abdullah Ali, Jonah Raby
Y9: Max Channer, Ryan Choudhaug
Y11: Amro El-Saadawy, Matt Williams, Max Hancock

Basketball MOTM of the month

Y8: Tommy Marshall, Zaki Ali

Happy Holidays

by R Paul

We have come to the end of another successful and very busy term and even though everyone is tired and looking forward to a good holiday, there is a wonderful positive feeling around school. The highlights this term for me have included the wonderful Bugsy performances, which showcased many of our incredibly talented young people, the Y11 mock exams, which our students approached with a mature and positive attitude, and the celebration evenings for both GCSE and A levels, when together we celebrated the amazing success of our young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our brilliant staff, who, even though they are facing the challenges of re-writing and resourcing all of the GCSE and A level courses, are still enthusiastic and passionate about their day to day teaching and support of our students.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your on-going support. It is a privilege and a joy to be Headteacher of Silverdale School.

Meet the SilverMail Team!

by SilverMail

Hi, I'm Reuben.

I'm one of the new journalists of this year's SilverMail. I'll be writing about everything that happens in and out of Silverdale, ranging from anything interesting to the students and also to the wider community. Coming from Firth Park Academy, I'll hopefully be able to bring an outsiders look at what happens in Silverdale School.

Hi, I'm Olivia.

I've been at Silverdale since y7. I'll be writing something at some point, just after I'm done distracting everyone and trying to get a gossip column green lighted. Yep. That's me summed up.

Hi, I'm Lisa.

I've been in Silverdale for the past 6 years, and now I'm also guesting at High Storrs. I'm excited to work on the magazine because I think it will be a great opportunity to give something back to the school!

Hi, I'm Natasha.

I've been in Silverdale since Y7 and I am now in the first year of sixth form studying philosophy, history, maths and biology. I joined the SilverMail team this year and will be writing articles about various events in school and the achievements of the Silverdale community.

Hi, I'm Tegan.

I went to Hope Valley College. I'm studying English literature as well as English language, media studies and classics. I joined SilverMail because I like writing and I'm interested in pursuing journalism.

Hi, I'm Sailor.

I moved from Hope Valley College to Silverdale school as well as guesting at High Storrs. I like sports, specifically football. I will be doing sports article with Lucas, covering all sports news from Silverdale including results and pictures.

Hi, I'm Lucas.

I moved from King Ecgberts to Silverdale school. I really like sports and support Sheffield United.

