



# The Bulletin

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**SUTHERS**  
SCHOOL

Your Weekly News Update from The Suthers School

## THE STORY SO FAR...

**We welcomed our very first Cohort** of Year 7s on Monday 4 September 2017.

**TSS becomes Founding Partner School of Chartered College of Teaching** giving all staff access to national networks and the very latest research to inform their practice.

**The Reading Challenge launches** the creation of our School Library with successful students choosing books for inclusion.

**Student Ambassadors appointed** creating a team of students with a strong commitment to our 'Work Hard, Be Kind' ethos.

**House System created** which establishes link with Notts Wildlife Trust and the work of Martin Suthers OBE as well as EPraise.

**Head Boy and Head Girl elected**, marking an historic milestone in the development of student leadership.

**Personal Development Days** create opportunities for work on healthy relationships, careers and future pathways.

**House Captains appointed** creating a team of students who will champion Attenborough, Beacon, Skylark and Treswell.

**The First Golden Ticket Reward Trip** acknowledges the incredible achievements of our first cohort.

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## Celebrating a Year of Success

Welcome to this special edition of The Bulletin, marking the end of our very first year. What a year it has been! From humble beginnings in the college building to a thriving community where students have been empowered to shape the future direction of learning, rewards and more, The Suthers School really has been a story of success. In this edition, we've pulled together some of the highlights from a year's worth of weekly bulletins as well as stories from what has proved to be an action-packed final week.

We are all really looking forward to our 'Celebration of Success' event at Newark Town Hall and the chance to recognise the achievements of our incredible students and as we look forward to welcoming our second cohort in September, we are also really excited about the ways in which the school will be even further enhanced with the addition of brilliant new opportunities in sport, student leadership and more. Amongst other things, the introduction of our Leadership Academy and Advanced Learning Programme will equip our young people with the character strengths and academic skills they will need to thrive in modern society—to stand shoulder to shoulder with young people from even the most privileged starting points.

Finally, a massive thank you to you as parents for your unwavering support and for your commitment to our ambition to create a truly amazing school. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to welcoming Year 8 back on Wednesday 5 September!

## ACTION FOR ALEX: SPONSORED RUN SUCCESS!

Staff and students took to the track last week in aid of Action for Alex, our campaign to raise funds for a six year old girl battling cancer. They clocked up 200km with some students pushing to 10K and beyond! The total raised will be boosted by House Point donations but we look set to smash our target of £100! Sponsor forms and monies raised need to be in by 24 July.



*Celebrating their success—staff and students finish their sponsored run in high spirits #ThereAreNoShortcuts*

### HEALTHY BREAKFAST CHALLENGE



We ended our very first term with our very first Healthy Breakfast Challenge where students competed in teams to assemble the most nutritionally-balanced breakfast, within budget and on point presentation. The bar has been set pretty high so here's to HBC2018!

### FIRST VICTORIES FOR SUTHERS



Suthers walked away victorious after they took on Toot Hill last month in their first ever sports fixtures, coming out on top in both Rounders and Cricket.

### STUDENTS BAKING A DIFFERENCE

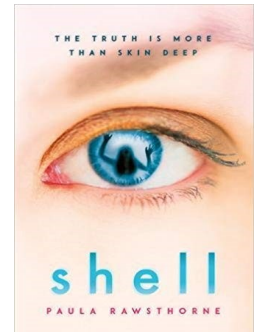
Members of SAVE, our very own charity team (set up by students), held a bake sale with a difference back in May, gathering a huge number of donations for their nominated charity, The Emmaus Trust. Inspired by their study of a poem by Dylan Thomas, the students came up with the idea of a cake exchange where people could donate essential items to support those experiencing hardship in Newark. Great work girls!



Students with their mountain of donations, ready to hand over to Deputy Manager of NET, John Thompson.

### AWARD-WINNING NOVELIST GIVES GLIMPSE OF THRILLING STORIES

Award-winning author, Paula Rawsthorne, inspired students to take their writing to the next level when she visited us at the end of term. Sharing extracts from her books and talking about what it takes to be a writer, the Nottinghamshire-based author really engaged students in questions of genre, pace, character and plot lines. Students also had the opportunity to purchase signed copies of her books including *Shell* and *Blood Tracks*.



### ONE STEP CLOSER TO OUR PERMANENT HOME

We were delighted to learn last month that planning consent has been given for our permanent home in Fernwood. There are still some final details to resolve but we expect building to commence very soon and we are looking forward to marking this historic occasion. Keep up to date by clicking [here](#).



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BAG YOURS

House coloured PE bags and House coloured water bottles are now available to purchase online via SIMS Agora. Both products can be personalised and if you buy both together you will be able to take advantage of our discounted package price (available whilst stocks last).

## SUTHERS STUDENTS REALLY MAKING A SPLASH!

On Friday 20 July, our Golden Ticket holders soaked up the sun and a whole lot of water at the National Watersports Centre at Holme Pierrepont. From the Warrior Assault Course to raft-building, kayaking and the awesome Lagoon Wipeout, our students had an action-packed day, topped off by the chance to give their teachers a good soaking! To get a place on the trip, students had to meet the eligibility criteria which included attendance levels, House Point totals and behaviour records—everyone on the trip had well and truly earned their place. And whilst our clothes may barely have dried, thoughts have already turned to where we might go next year...

**GOLDEN TICKET REWARD TRIP 2018**

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## CHINESE CLUB GETS UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

Plans to expand our successful Chinese Club have been welcomed by the University of Nottingham whose Masters-level students teach at The Suthers School as part of the programme. Plans are underway to develop a progressive mastery programme as well as another beginners course open to new Year 7s in September.



*Chinese Club have had the chance to explore Chinese culture and try their hand at the ancient art of calligraphy as well as learn the language.*

## TECHNOLOGY DAY AT NUAST

On Wednesday 18 July, Suthers students had the chance to design and create their own motor-driven products in a day devoted to giving them a taste of design, technology and engineering. The students had a really inspirational day, getting to grips with design specifications, Computer Aided Design (CAD) and product assembly in state of the art facilities at the university of Nottingham Academy of Science and Technology (NUAST) in Nottingham.



*Soldering circuits—Students developed designs and built their own motorised products as part of the inspirational insight into design and technology.*

## INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2018



The entries are in and the short-listing has been done. Judges will be looking for innovations that show creativity and originality as well as the potential to have a positive impact on our lives and the world around us. The winner will be announced at the end of term.

## Meet the House Captains



Congratulations to Anya, Ellen, Ellie, Emily, Hannah, Megan, Tom and Leah who have been appointed as our first ever House Captains. They'll be working closely with Mr Pettit to plan House events for the start of the new academic year as well as taking on responsibility for the House Point shop #Futureleaders.

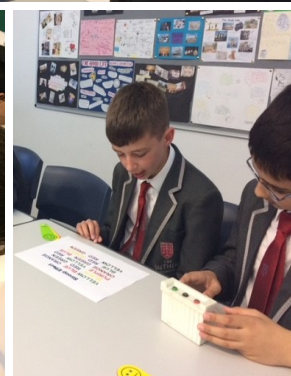
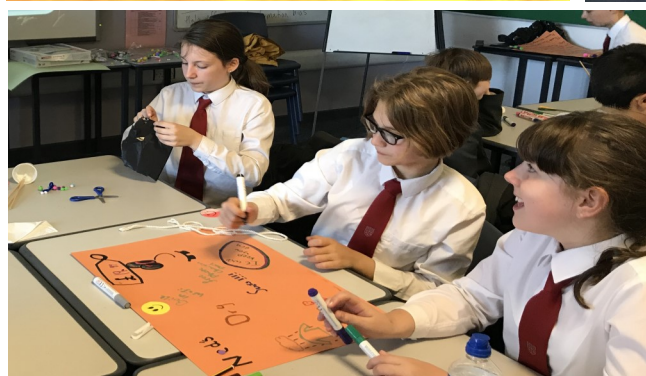
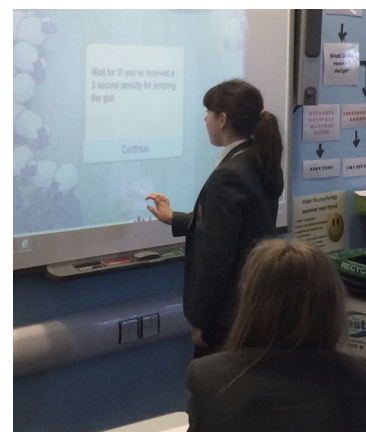
## SPOTLIGHT ON FILM INDUSTRY



We were delighted to welcome Sophie Dewey, an Executive Producer from Black Sheep Studios into school recently. A part of the advertising giant Bartle Bogle Hegarty, Black Sheep produce advertising, documentaries and short films. Sophie delivered a fascinating presentation to students showcasing the work of her team as well as talking them through the film-making process and answering questions about her job.

## A Taste of Future Success @MV16

On Wednesday 27 June, our students spent the day at MV16, an outstanding post-16 centre in Melton Mowbray. In a 'Futures Day' that was partly planned by Year 12s at MV16, Suthers students got a taste of what it's like to be a sixth former, heard about possible pathways to success and sampled some A Level subjects. From uncovering the anatomy of attention and the Stroop Effect in Psychology, taking to the stage in Theatre Studies and creating their own ponchos in Business Studies, Suthers students got a real insight into what is possible at Key Stage 5—and where those subjects could lead. And so as we look forward to the end of Year 7, students are already thinking about a future far beyond Key Stage 3.



Students got the chance to try their hand at A Levels in Psychology, Business Studies and Theatre Studies.

## STAFFING UPDATE

From September 2018 we are delighted to be welcoming 5 new members of staff to our team. All have a great range of skills and experience to offer and they are all firmly committed to our mission to empower young people and deliver the very best education possible. We welcome Mr Jack Sykes-Wood as Head of PE, Mrs Rachel Humber as Head of Humanities, Mrs Marie Beecroft as Head of Science and Mr Jonothan Ubhi and Head of Mathematics. We will also be joined by Miss Nicole Friend as School Receptionist and Admin Assistant.