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News



On Monday, we used our Assembly with Year 7 and 8 to inspire interest in our Rep Satellite group. This is a drama group who meet on Tuesdays to perform and rehearse, developing specific skills, personal qualities and friendships. In previous years, students have gone on to perform in front of audiences at the Rep itself. This is our aim this year: that students from SHLA will tread the famous boards of the main stage at the historic Rep for the first time since COVID_19.

If you want to participate, be sure to attend Tuesday sessions between 3.30 and 4.45pm.

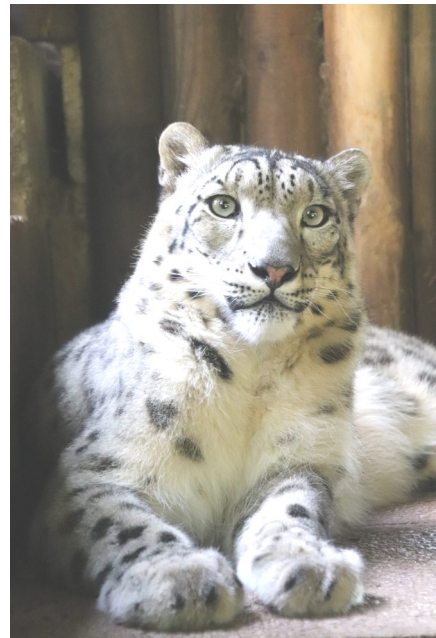
Charity

Following the incredible effort and work from Year 8 for their First Give projects, Year 8 have now revised their chosen charity and will be sponsoring African Relief from hereon.

It gave us pause to think. Perhaps one or two other year groups might want to change their chosen charity too.

Next Monday, Years 7 and 9 will have the opportunity to select a new charity (if they wish) for who they will raise funds.

We will continue to sponsor Makalu our snow leopard at Dudley Zoo. He's part of the family, but he should be the pride of all academy members, not just one year group.



Puzzle: what number should replace the question mark in this section ?

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Leadership



Our Star Diploma award is a key recognition of student attendance, behaviour and service.

Every Thursday, students enjoy the opportunity to record details of any community service that they have performed from reading to their siblings to working in a soup kitchen.

This is recorded in SIMS by tutors, if validated by an adult.

However, many students are not claiming their service points. If your child is making a contribution to the lives of others outside of school, please encourage them to claim their due.

Literacy

Last term, we held a book review competition for Year 7s who reviewed a Roald Dahl book. Our prizes were distributed to winners just before Christmas. Now, we are opening up, for Years 8 and 9, the opportunity to win a prize too by reviewing a Star Reader.

On this occasion, the reviews should focus on the Star Readers that students have enjoyed through Star Read Aloud. For Year 8, this will mean reviewing *The Graveyard Book*. For Year 9, reviews will focus on *River Boy*.

Entries will be shared via Show My Homework, using Microsoft Forms. No review should take more than 30 minutes to compose with winners receiving prizes shortly after the closing date.

