

## Gifted and Talented

It has been a busy term for our Most Able students! We have been lucky enough to travel to York, Nottingham, York (again) and Sheffield. Students that are identified as Gifted & Talented have had the chance to participate, as well as students who are excelling in the relevant subjects.

### SHINE at the University of York

The SHINE programme at the University of York allows students to visit a University, attend lectures, learn about finance and experience student life. We hope that this will raise the aspirations of our students, so that they work hard to get onto the best degree courses for them. Russell group universities, such as the University of York can be a challenge to get into, and this programme supports students capable of reaching that goal.

At the start of November, twelve Year 11 students were given the opportunity to attend the SHINE Conference in business attire. Our students showed a level of responsibility and formality above their peers and thoroughly impressed all. Most impressively, several students chose to socialise with other schools and received rousing cheers for their efforts during the prize giving ceremony.

At the end of their SHINE journey, our students were shown the options for post-16, including the Next Step York programme as well as Pathways to STEM and Pathways to Medicine. These are available for each student, as well as through Wilberforce and Wyke Colleges.



Whilst they aren't as far through their SHINE programme, the thirty year 9s chosen to participate in the programme visited the University last week. They had a tour of the campus, discovered more about student finance and searched the entry routes to a large range of careers. Throughout the day, students won prizes for their participation and eagerness, with Connor Coxon getting a selection box for his enthusiasm.

### **Further Opportunities**

Our most able students have many opportunities throughout the year. In March, 12 year 10 students will experience student life in a short residential trip to the University of York.

Mrs Leonova is working with Hull University and Hull York Medical School to give our students as many chances as possible to experience the different options available to them, and to inspire them to achieve