



# **SHSG** **WEEKLY GAZETTE**



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I thanked Mrs Wood in the Gazette last week. However, she is known professionally as Ms Elliott, apologies. Indeed, I have to thank her again as she is stepping in for Mrs Symes in conducting the Carol Service. Thank you Ms Elliott for all that you do in the music department.

The Carol Service is next Tuesday evening at Holy Trinity Church, just down the road from school. You are all very welcome, it is a wonderful occasion. The choir is also singing at Chelmsford Cathedral on Monday night another opportunity to hear the beautiful voices of SHSG students.

Year 11 are receiving their mock results and whilst some will be pleased there are others who will be disappointed. One of the purposes of a mock is that students learn what they need to do to improve and achieve their targets. The summer examinations start early in 2019 but there is plenty of time for the students to address any weaknesses. Year 11 is a very able year group and with preparation should do well in the summer. As part of the transition from year 11 to sixth form SLT will be meeting with each year 11 student individually to chat through their thoughts for the future.

Next week is a short week and there will not be a Gazette. We end the term on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and students will be leaving school around 12.30pm. May I take this opportunity to wish you all well. Enjoy the Christmas holiday and all the very best for 2019.

**F Brierley, Head Teacher**

## ***Maths Competition***

The mathematics faculty has been running a maths competition whereby the students use their knowledge of graphs to draw line segments to make a Christmas tree picture. The entries have been truly exceptional - just shows the quality of imagination, problem solving, perseverance and motivation that our students have!

Florence was one of a team of four year 8s selected to represent the school in the National Young Mathematicians of the Year competition. They successfully gained entry to the second round and showed great resilience in being prepared to take on this challenge.

"Taking part in the NYMA competition has helped me expand my mathematical skills, as well as learn that maths can also be a creative subject that involves thinking outside the box and applying logical thinking. In order to progress in this competition, we had to incorporate not just mathematical skills, but also team-work, which helped us move through the tasks more efficiently and thoroughly and ensured minimal errors."

***Florence***

This animated picture has been made purely from using equations to graph the line segments. The mathematics theory here is grade 9 GCSE standard - here from Ines in year 10. Please click on the link below.

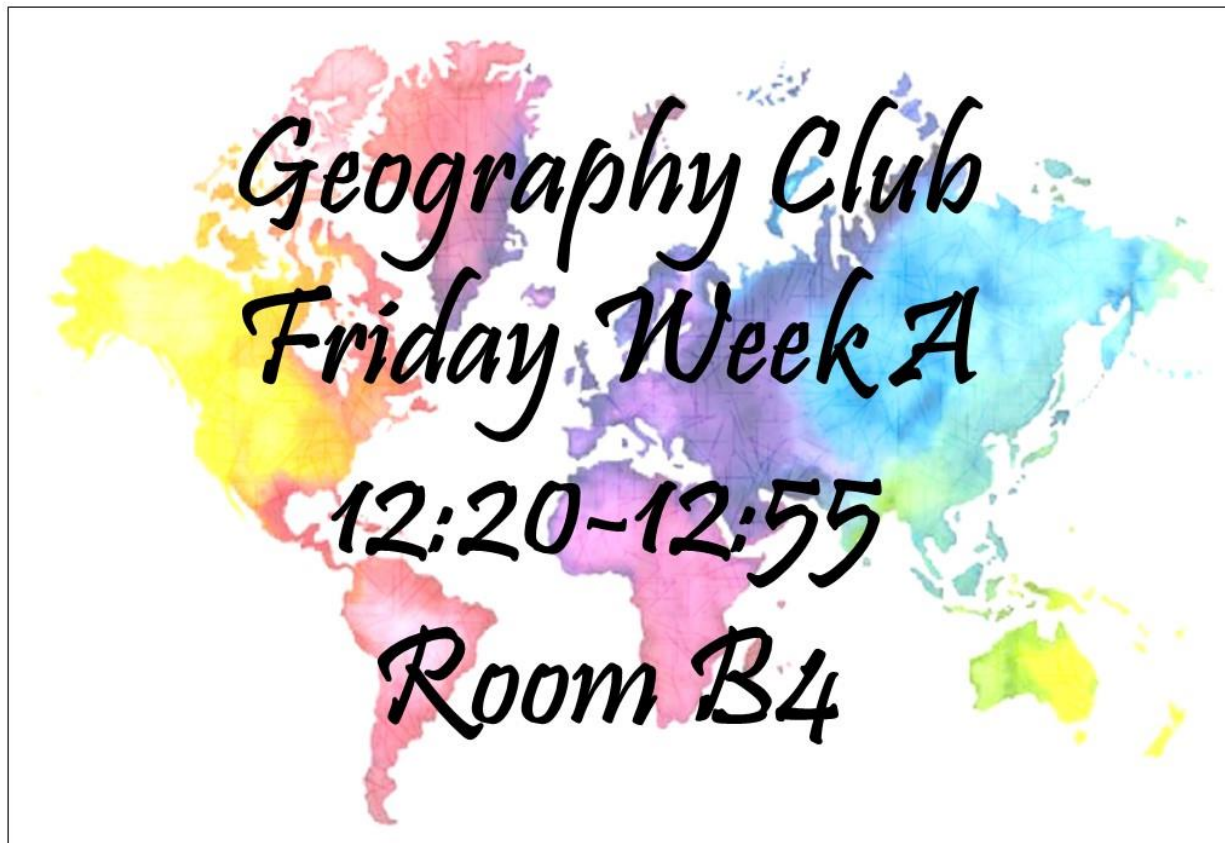
<https://www.desmos.com/calculator/z2qjrnv8ea>

Mrs S Imbush  
Director of Mathematics Faculty

**Notice from the School Admissions Team, Southend Borough Council**

The admission authorities across the borough have requested that we inform you that they are consulting on their admission arrangements for admission in 2020. The following schools are currently consulting: Bournes Green Infant School; The Eastwood Academy; Southend High School for Boys; Southend High School for Girls; St Helen's Catholic Primary School; St Mary's, Prittlewell, CoE, Primary School; The Deanes High School; Westcliff High School for Boys; Westcliff High school for Girls.

Please visit their website to view the proposal and respond if you wish. Further schools may be consulting and parents can check on respective schools web sites.



# Geography Open House

Every Thursday Lunch

KS4 in Room B4

KS5 in Room B2

## SCHOOL TRIPS AND REMINDERS

### **Payment reminder – Year 9 Battlefields Trip Thursday 10th October – Friday 11th October 2019**

Students who wish to attend the year 9 Battlefields trip to France and Belgium are reminded that their reply slips and a deposit of £50 are due in to the School Bank by TODAY, Friday 14th December 2018. There has been a lot of interest in this trip and there are limited spaces so please ensure you hand in all the required documents as soon as possible to secure a place on the trip.

### **PAYMENT REMINDER - Year 8 German trip to the Black Forest, 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Please remember that the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of £100 for the Black Forest trip is payable by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January, reminder letters have been sent home today. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Page in confidence if you will have difficulty making your payment by the due date. Thank you to everyone who has already paid.



### **Used Postage Stamps – Reminder**

We are still collecting used postage stamps.  
We collect for RNIB and also Essex Air Ambulance.  
Please bring them to the front reception desk in school.

### **Maths Online Sessions**

Online sessions restart on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **PE News**

The under 19 netball squad produced an outstanding performance in the fourth round of the “Sisters N Sport” national netball cup. They met the Lady Eleanor Holles School in this round of the competition. After taking a 5 goal lead in the first quarter they never looked back. The play was truly outstanding across all areas of the court and the final score was 72 goals to 55 to SHSG. Monet J was nominated the player of the match, for our team, by the opposition. The girls are now in the South East England semi-final and will play Sevenoaks or Reigate Grammar School at home.

Well done to all the athletes in year 8 and 9 who competed in the semi-final of the Lee Valley indoor athletics cup. The final will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Fixtures the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January:

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Mixed under 14/16 squad to play Fitzwimarc in a friendly match at home
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 7 netball squad playing against Jo Richardson School at home
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Final of the Lee Valley Indoor Cup
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Under 16 Essex Cup match vs St Marks School at home.

The PE staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas and an active new year!

Mrs S Simpson, Head of Physical Education



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

To parents/carers, teachers, staff and students,

Before we are off into the Christmas holidays, here a couple of things we would like to draw your attention to:

If you have ordered a **SHSG Christmas Pudding**, please make sure you collect it **by the end of today, Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>** as we won't be able to store any uncollected ones during the holidays. And it just won't be Christmas without your delicious SHSG Pudding!

The draw for our fantastic annual **Christmas Cracker Raffle** is taking place on **Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>** so please make sure you purchase your tickets at £5 each via ParentPay or the school bank by then, as you might be in with the chance of a wonderful Christmas present you had not counted on! Please see the attached leaflet for more information on the prizes up for grabs.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a wonderful Christmas!

The SHSG Parents' Association

**Easyfundraising:** Thank you to all of our supporters who have helped raise over £125 in the last month. Please continue to visit [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shsg](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shsg) in the final run up to Christmas and in those January sales!

You can win daily prizes of £250 with the easyfundraising **Advent Calendar**. All you have to do to be in with a chance to win, is to click on the advent calendar each day. No purchase is necessary. An amazing £5,000 is being given away to one cause in a prize draw on Christmas Day!

### PA 200 CLUB - DECEMBER 2018

Many congratulations to the winners of this month's draw!

1st prize: £59.75 - Mrs Joanne Eeles  
2nd prize: £35.85 - Mrs Mi-Lin Hurlock  
3rd prize: £23.90 - Mrs Emma Brind

### PA 200 CLUB - CHRISTMAS 2018

Congratulations also go to the winners of this month's bonus draw!

1st prize: £59.75 - Mrs Alexandra Lakhani  
2nd prize: £35.85 - Mr Temitope Adesanya  
3rd prize: £23.90 - Mrs Katy McGurk

Membership of the 200 Club costs only £12 per year. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning one of three cash prizes every month, please email [hinna02@me.com](mailto:hinna02@me.com).

## SEALIFE TICKETS - AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL

The PA has a supply of tickets for the Sealife Centre in Southend at a cost of £6 per ticket, which is quite a saving as the current entry prices are £13 per adult and £9 per child.

## ADVENTURE ISLAND

*Adventure Island Tickets £17.00*

*Tickets are available to purchase from the School Bank.*

***Payment can be made by cash or cheques made payable to SHSG -PA.***

Tickets for Sealife and also Adventure Island can be purchased through the school bank in the usual way or, if the school is closed, please contact the PA Treasurer Kim Foster, who has a supply of tickets as well. Her email address is [shsgpatreasurer@yahoo.com](mailto:shsgpatreasurer@yahoo.com)  
For up to date information, please join our Facebook page: **SHSG Parents' Association**



## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

## WEEK A

<p><b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Compulsory Team Training Elite Athletes Training Group Cross Country All Years Orchestra GCSE Music drop-in GCSE Music composition catch-up GCSE English Unseen Poetry Drop-in LAMDA Coaching Netball Club Year 8 Football Club Years 7 to 9 <i>Under 19 Essex Cup netball match vs Barking Abbey School</i></p>	<p>12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 12.20-1.15pm in MU1 12.20pm in B8 12.30pm in Drama Studio 3.30pm 3.30pm <i>Away</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Training Wind Hurdles Years 7 &amp; 8 PE A'Level Open House Handball Club Years 8 to 10 Wind Band A Capella Ensemble GCSE Music composition catch-up GCSE Drama Component 3, writing support sessions Netball Club Year 7 <i>Year 7 Essex Cup netball match vs Davenant School</i> <i>Japanese Class with Mrs Baxter</i></p>	<p>8.30-9.00am in MU1 8am 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 12.20-1.15pm in MU1 12.20pm in Drama Studio 3.30pm <i>Home</i> <i>3.45-5.15pm in room 3</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</i></b> <b><i>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT APPROXIMATELY 12.30PM</i></b> <b><i>New term begins on</i></b> <b><i>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 (Week B)</i></b></p>	

## Thought of the week .....

