



SHSG **WEEKLY GAZETTE**



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Is your child interested in Oxford? Here are a few of the outreach activities the university offers:

“Explore is an innovative digital outreach portal from the University of Oxford. As the ‘Home of Big Questions’ it aims to engage those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and draw on the latest research undertaken at Oxford. Explore aims to realise aspirations, promote broader thinking and stimulate intellectual curiosity.”

“Target Oxbridge - Created and run on a pro bono basis by diversity recruitment specialist Rare, Target Oxbridge aims to increase the number of black African and Caribbean students at Oxford and Cambridge by helping talented pupils to apply. The Target Oxbridge programme has some fully funded places. The development programme, which runs over the course of a year, involves residential visits, academic sessions, and mentoring by current and former Oxbridge students. A critical part of the programme will be its Easter and summer residential courses, which will give the students a taster of life at Oxford, with university tutors teaching sessions, and the students experiencing the city.”

“UNIQ began in 2010 as a summer school with the aim of raising the aspirations of students studying at UK state schools and colleges regarding their higher education choices. UNIQ, through its range of summer schools, residential conference and digital learning platform, will help 1,900 students each year to make informed decisions about higher education and make competitive applications to Oxford.”

UNIQ is open to students studying in their first year of further education (year 12 students) and who are based at UK state schools/colleges. Students make a single application between December and January and can be selected to participate in one of three activities. In all of our activities we aim to give students a realistic view of Oxford student life. On UNIQ Spring or Summer participants live in an Oxford college/annexe and attend lectures and seminars in their chosen area, and workshops about applying to Oxford. You can register your interest for 2020 now.

For more information about these schemes; <http://www.ox.ac.uk/about/increasing-access/widening-access-and-participation>

As the summer is here and the black tights give way to bare legs please can I ask you to ensure that no-one comes to school in a skirt which is too short; it should be no more than 10 cms above her knee.

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent’s forum this week. Mr Boney reported back a very positive meeting with some sensible and practical ideas which we will look into further. It is always good to have a different perspective to help us improve.

Enjoy your half term break.

F Brierley, Head Teacher

Competition news from the MFL Faculty

It has been a busy half term with GCSE and A Level speaking examinations and other examination preparation. Apologies for the delay in announcing some of the winners of earlier competitions.

Certificates and badges – thank you to the PA for their kind donation - are ready to be given out and a special assembly after the half term break will be announced to celebrate all of the success in languages and the other Education Perfect competitions in which our students have participated.

Ms McKeown
Director of the MFL Faculty

Education Perfect Science Championship – 28th May to 4th June

Students who already have a log-in for Education Perfect can take part in the next Education Perfect Championship, which will start on the Tuesday of half term. It runs for 7 days and badges will be awarded to students who achieve Elite or Emerald awards.

Please email me – jmckeown@shsg.org - if you have issues logging-on or if you would like to take part and don't have an account. It is free to sign up and you will have access to specific content for the duration of each Education Perfect Championship. Maths and Languages Championships will be coming up in July and August.

Have Your Say Languages Competition – results from the Regional Finals in Colchester

On Wednesday 15th May, Ms Bailey and Sr Lastra took our 20 finalists to the final round of the Have Your Say competition in Colchester. The competition was very strong this year, with Chelmsford County High School for Girls winning many of the top prizes. Our students performed very well and the following pairs were awarded top places as follows:

French

Dhvani P and Jessica P, 3rd place in Year 7

Jennifer W and Ekaterina H, 1st place in Year 10. (Jennifer and Katya have won the French competition every year from Year 7, an incredible achievement.)

German

Hannah W and Charlotte P, 2nd place in Year 9

Shushi M and Anna C, 2nd place in Year 10

Spanish

Hannah P and Phoebe C, 2nd place in Year 8

Ellie W and Lily M, 3rd place in Year 9

Congratulations also to Mridula P, Annie J, Jasmine T, Shriya V, Tushita A, Yemisi O, Tobi A and Alicia M for getting to the finals and for their excellent performances.

Spelling Bee – students going through to the finals at Westcliff High School for Boys on 16 July

In the week before the Easter holidays, class winners in Year 7 took part in the SHSG finals for the Spelling Bee competition. Students had to learn an additional set of 50 words to say and spell. The following students are invited to compete against the other Southend grammar schools in July.

French

Lucy A, Allegra L and Rebecca G.

Spanish

Isobel W, Ananya S and Allegra L.

German

Dhvani P, Jessica P and Amelia B.

Letters and more details about the finals will be given out in the next half term. There will be certificates for all the class winners after half term. Thank you to all the students who gave up their lunchtimes to attend the second round. In addition to the names above, these were:

French

Tilly R, Ashmin B, Ellen M, Jessica P, Dhvani P, Hannah H, Hannah P, Abigail S, Hau Ming L, Kara N.

Spanish

Hau Ming L, Zorah T and Isabelle W.

German

Darcey D, Hibah A, Anabel H, Ishita A, Jumana O and Christian T.

Education Perfect Humanities Championship (19 – 22 March) & English Championship (2 – 8 May)

Congratulations to the students who took part and achieved an award in either or both of the recent Education Perfect Championships. Certificates and badges will be awarded to students who achieved Elite, Emerald and Gold in these championships.

Humanities Championship

Emerald Award = Michelle C

Gold = Olive T, Jessica E, Riya P, Oyinda O, Suraya G, Ananya S

Silver = Ashmin B, Joely L, Dhvani P, Ella C

Bronze = Komal B, Soha I, Amelia B, Vanessa O, Jessica B, Kashmira H, Rose W, Sophie P, Isobel W

Credit = Drishti K, Chloe L, Lucy A, Sude P, Marine K

English Championship

Elite Award = Riya P, Shredha M

Gold = Vanessa O, Olive T

Silver = Michelle C

Bronze = Ishita A, Oyinda O, Kalyani N, Soha I, Sophie P, Dhvani P, Mae M

Credit = Isobel W

2018 Emerald and Gold winners from the Humanities and English Championships will also be awarded badges and certificates, following the funding from the PA. (The Elite winners received badges from Education Perfect.) The students are:

Humanities Championship 2018

Elite = Amelia S, Shredha M, Naomi N (badges already awarded)

Gold = Jennifer W, Yemisi O, Abinaya S, Eva D, Amelia F, Leyla I, Katya H, Mridula P, Monica S & Chloe L

English Championship 2018

Elite = Shredha M, Abinaya S, Naomi N (badges already awarded)

Emerald = Robyn W, Imogen F, Emma B, Amelia F

Gold = Jessica E, Tushita A

Ms McKeown

Director of the MFL Faculty

SCHOOL TRIPS AND REMINDERS

Russia – St Petersburg & Moscow Trip – OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 & 12 Friday 14th February – Wednesday 19th February 2020

When studying History at A-Level the largest unit of the course is Russian History; the History Department will therefore be running a trip to St Petersburg and Moscow to visit some of the key sights, and to experience the culture for the students to gain a better understanding of Russia. The trip will be a six day residential visit to St Petersburg and Moscow in Russia from **Friday, 14th February to Wednesday, 19th February 2020**. We will visit a number of sites including the Kremlin, Red Square, Hermitage Museum, the St Peter and Paul Fortress, The Catherine Palace and a guided tour of both cities.

If you would like your child to attend this trip, please return the reply slip to the School Bank and secure their place by paying a deposit of £350 as soon as possible. **This trip is open to current Years 11 & 12 (not just history students) and is live on Parent Pay.** If you wish to pay in instalments or have any other queries about the payment schedule, please email Mrs Johnson kjohnson@shsg.org

Maths Online Sessions

Angel one to one sessions 6:45 Tuesday and Thursday online. Book an angel session ahead with Mrs Imbush on simbush@shsg.org

PE News

Mary B competed at the Essex Clubs Athletics Championships in the under 13 javelin and took the silver medal with a throw of 22m.33cms.

A huge well done to Mary as this is a big throw for a year 7 girl.

On Wednesday 22nd May 3 girls, Scarlett year 10, Uche year 9 and Joyce year 8, took part in the Essex Schools' Multi Events trials at The Brentwood School.

Essex Athletic Association will select a team of 4 girls per age group at this trial to represent Essex at the English Schools' Combined Events Regional Competition taking place in June. It was a fantastic day for the 3 athletes with each of them taking home a medal at the end of the day.



Mary B, Silver Medal Javelin

Scarlett finished 2nd in her age group as in intermediate with some credible results during the day in;

80m hurdles	12.4
Long jump	5:03
Shot	8.96m
Javelin	19.58
200m	26.00s

It was also noted that due to Scarlett's talented display last year as a junior girl, she is now 5th in the Essex all time record books for a pentathlete. Uche and Joyce competed in the junior girls pentathlon competition, Uche finished 2nd and Joyce finished 3rd.

Uche		Joyce	
75m hurdles	12.6	75m hurdles	12.3
Shot	8.13m	Shot	8m
High Jump	1.51	High Jump	1.45
Long Jump	3.95	Long Jump	4.52
800m	2m34s	800m	2m45s

Well done girls!

Miss Jenkins

Fixtures after half term:

Wednesday 5th June

Year 7 and 2 x 8/9 athletics teams are competing at the Lee Valley outdoor cup. Leave SHSG at 8am. If any parents can help with transport it would be really appreciated.

Thursday 6th June

Year 7 and 8 athletics fixture at home vs WHSG and Thorpe Hall.

Saturday 8th June

Essex Schools County Athletics Championships for selected athletes.

The following week

Tuesday 11th June

Borough heats for 100m 200m and 300m athletes and all year 10 field events athletes

Wednesday 12th June

Year 7 high jump competition for the borough sports at The Eastwood Academy

Friday 14th June

Borough Athletics Championships at Garons. 9am arrival for all athletes in years 7 to 10.

Week beginning 17th June

Tuesday 18th June – Regional Schools' Cup Athletics Final at Chelmsford. Leave SHSG at 8.45am

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

To all parents/carers, staff and students,

Thank you to those parents who have come forward to volunteer their support in the final term of this school year! It is very much appreciated!

If there is anybody else who can help at any of the below listed events, please get in touch with our PA Secretary shsgpasecretary@gmail.com

Event	Date	What	Event time	Set up time	Clear up time
New year 7 induction eve	Thursday June 6	Refreshments before event	6-7.30 pm	5/5.30 pm	6/6.30 pm
Year 8 movie night	Friday June 28	Popcorn, drinks and snacks prior to event	4.30-6.30 pm	3.30 pm	4.30/5 pm
Prospective year 7 open eve	Thursday July 4	Refreshments throughout the evening	5.30-8 pm	4.30/5 pm	8/8.30 pm
New year 7 induction afternoon	Friday July 5	Refreshments for parents who are arriving at 2 pm to watch a showcase in the hall before collecting their daughters by 3 pm	2-3 pm	1/1.30 pm	3/3.30 pm
Summer Concert	Monday July 8	Refreshments before concert and during interval	7 pm-9/9.30 pm	5.30/6 pm (to serve prior to concert)	8/8.30 pm (after interval)
Big Band and BBQ	Thursday July 18	Cook meat and donate salads	6 pm-8/9 pm	4/4.30	7//8 pm

In the meantime, please don't forget that our Early Bird Discount for the Village Green Festival expires on **May 31st** so make sure you get your tickets by using this link:

<https://www.skiddle.com/festivals/village-green/?skcampaign=shsgirls> By using our unique ticketing link, each ticket you buy will generate £1 for the Parents' Association who in turn will put any funds raised towards our the next Wish List!

For latest news and events, please look on our Facebook page '**Southend High School for Girls Parents' Association**' and we can also be followed on Twitter **@shsgpa**. Please check out either for the latest updates and dates and Tweet away!

Though despite a lot of students having to revise for exams during the half term week, we wish you all some time to relax and hopefully enjoy some sunshine!

The SHSG Parents' Association

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Huge thanks to everyone who has registered with easyfundraising to support the PA. It is very much appreciated. All you have to do now to raise funds is visit the easyfundraising page (www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shsg) everytime you shop online and use the search button to find your retailer. Easyfundraising will then direct you to your retailer's website where you shop as normal. The retailer will then make a donation to the PA. Just one small extra step when shopping online will help to raise funds for the PA and it doesn't cost you a penny extra. Many thanks for your support.

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

We currently have a small additional supply of Adventure Island tickets that are restricted to use on a week where there is NOT a public holiday. As these are restricted use tickets we will be selling these tickets for £15 instead of the usual £17. *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 shsgptreasurer@yahoo.com For up to date information, please join our Facebook page: **SHSG Parents' Association**

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEK B

Monday 3 rd June	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 Sociology Open House (Years 12 & 13 welcome) Netball Club Year 8 Football Club Years 7 to 9	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 12.40pm in MH1 3.30pm 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 th June	Training Wind Hurdles Years 7 & 8 PE A'Level Open House Handball Club Years 8 to 10 Wind Band A Capella Ensemble GCSE Music composition catch-up Netball Club Year 7 <i>Japanese Class with Mrs Baxter</i>	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 3.30pm <i>3.45-5.15pm in room 3</i>
Wednesday 5 th June	Cross Country All Years Table Tennis Club Years 9, 10, 11 (with a qualified coach) PE GCSE Open House Hurdles Years 7 & 8 SHSG Choir Flute Ensemble Guitar Ensemble Musical Theatre Club GCSE Drama support sessions DNA production rehearsals Music Theory & Open House	12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 12.25-1.00pm Music Tech or practice rooms 12.20pm in Drama Studio 12.35-13.10pm in Drama Studio 3.30-4.30pm in Drama Studio 3.30-4.30pm in MU1/MU2
Thursday 6 th June	String Quartet Intermediate Strings Novem Consort Clarinet Ensemble LAMDA coaching Year 8 & 9 Netball Club Year 7 Long Jump Geography Open House History Club Years 7 & 8 High Jump	8.30-9.00am in MU1 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 12.25-1.00pm Music Tech or practice rooms 12.30pm in Drama Studio 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm KS4 in B4 and KS5 in B2 12.30-1.10pm in room 18 3.30pm
Friday 7 th June	KS4 Dance Club Netball Club Year 7 Tag Rugby Years 8 to 11 KS4 Fitness Suite Induction Training Strings Chamber Choir Year 7 Drama Club (Leader Leah Collins) Geography Club (Week A only) Sociology Exam Preparation (Year 13s) Big Band	12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 12.30pm in Drama Studio 12.20-12.55pm in B4 12.40pm in MH1 3.30-4.30pm in MU1/MU2

Thought of the week

The biggest adventure you
can take is to live the life of
your dreams.

Oprah Winfrey

