



SHSG **WEEKLY GAZETTE**



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The birthday cards have been arriving in celebration of the school's 105th birthday this week. Last year I quoted Miss Cowell, the headmistress many, many years ago. This year it is Wendie Tribe and Ruth Alinek's turns to be quoted. I hope these have a resonance with you and is still applicable to this fantastic school.

Southend High School for Girls aims to provide a sound, well-balanced and responsible academic education and to discover and develop the talents of individual pupils so that they can take a valuable and active place within society. We plan that girls will be able think for themselves, to express their opinions clearly in speech and in writing and develop a decent moral attitude. Wendie Tribe

Surely this school represents the very best of Grammar School tradition. It has been at the forefront of women's education since the earliest years of the century and has battled against inequality and injustice. We should be proud that we stand firm that ours is not a tradition to let go of; proud that we are the community that is Southend High School for Girls. Ruth Alinek

In my birthday speech this year I have concentrated on the 1990s when Wendie Tribe and Ruth Alinek were headteachers (by then we had moved away from the term headmistress) and technological change in school was rapid. We began the decade with BBC computer which were essentially used for typing, we had one internet point in the library, and it was slow, very slow. We ended the decade with IT suites, internet access across all the school and IT was taught as a discreet subject on the curriculum. We were worrying about the 2000 predicted computer crash at the end of the decade; it didn't happen! We still had Guild Shows at the beginning of the 90s. These were charity events every November when students brought in old toys and books or made handcrafts and each form put on a display – the Guild Show - there were prizes for the best table and the best handcraft.

Just for information I have had a letter from the German host school saying that all families have been approved in terms of personal and family suitability to host. The system used in Germany is not as rigorous as the DBS system we have but we do have confirmation that the parents have been checked.

A much less pleasant note than birthdays or exchanges, - on Tuesday I attended a meeting for Southend Heads in which "County Lines" were discussed. These are much in the news and concern drug dealers using young people, as young as 8 but going up into the teenage years, being used to deliver drugs. This is particularly prevalent where there are train lines carrying young people from the source (dealer usually in a city) to the sale. Obviously with two train lines into Southend (and stops in between) from London this is something the Council is concerned about. There is clear evidence that it is taking place on a daily basis, especially in the morning and late afternoon – when children are going to and from school. Southend Council is embarking on a campaign to raise awareness. I hope that our students are more sensible than to get involved but we all need to remind them not to carry packages for anyone and not to deliver money to anyone. If any students see any transactions the email to let the LA know is seethesigns@southend.gov.uk

F Brierley, Headteacher

Vote for SHSG – Community Spirit Award

SHSG has been nominated for a well-deserved award for being Deaf Aware and extremely supportive of our deaf students.

"The mainstream school has embraced having two deaf students by offering taster BSL sessions, specialist assemblies, deaf awareness and overall creating a fully inclusive environment."

If you would like to vote for us, please visit www.signatureannualawards.org.uk and scroll down to find the *Community Spirit Award*, there you will see *Southend High School for Girls*. Please click *vote now*, enter your email address in the correct box and select our school in the drop box, then *Submit Query!* Thank you.

Voting closes on 9th November.

8A's Three Legged Race



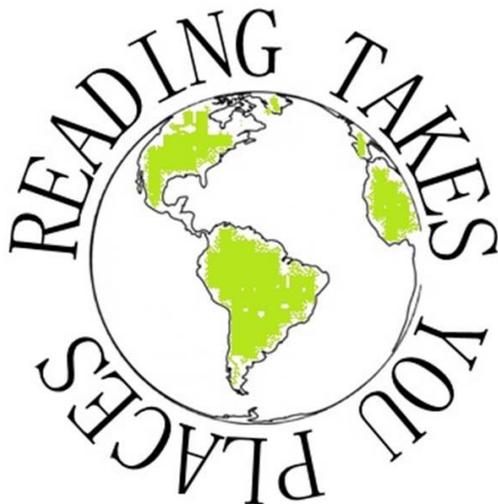
As one of their new year targets set back in September, 8A made a pledge for the school birthday to try and raise £200 for their chosen charity 'Acres Way', a dog rehoming scheme based in Thundersley. After inviting one of the volunteers from Acres Way into their form assembly to tell the whole of Year 8 about the valuable work Acres Way do, 8A began their fundraising last Friday with a sponsored three legged race. The dog loving form dressed up in onesies and braved the mud of the school field to run around tied to each other. By shaking buckets they managed to raise an amazing £80 with more to follow from sponsorship forms.

Well done Alexa

I would just like to express my gratitude to one of your students; Alexa S, 7F; who on Sunday 14th October; joined relatives and staff from Kathryn Court care home and walked 6.9 miles from Shoeburyness to Leigh on Sea to raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk.

Alexa helped others to raise an outstanding £1000 overall and was an absolute pleasure to walk with; motivating the other walkers.

Donna Winterborne, Home Manager
Kathryn Court



Reading takes you places

Reading competition has started this week.

Runs from 15/10 to 30/11.

Go to the school library to get a reading passport and to learn more.

Prizes of between £10 and £20 in vouchers will be available for these passports and tweets about the plotlines.

See Ms Spilstead or Mrs Wakeman for more details.

Maths Online Sessions

Tuesday 30th October

6:45 Maths Angels

7:15 year 9,10 and 11 on Standard Form and Trigonometry.

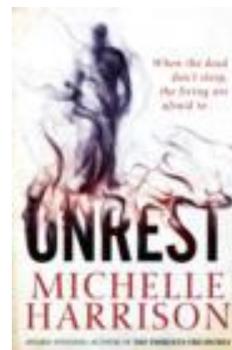
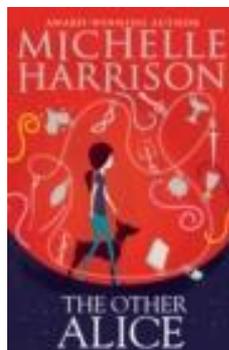
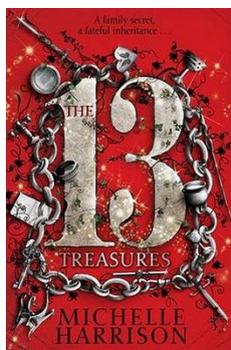
Thursday 1st November

6:15 No teacher led session this evening as it is Sixth Form Open Evening

6:45 Maths Angels

AUTHOR VISIT – 5th November

Michelle Harrison, award-winning author of *The Thirteen Treasures*, *The Other Alice* and *Unrest*, will be visiting SHSG to talk to the Year 9 students about her books and career as a writer. At break and lunchtime there will be an opportunity for all students to buy a book and have it signed by Michelle. If you would like to ensure a copy of a particular title, you can make a pre-order at the school bank (pre orders, with payment, by 29th October please).



Mary Glasgow Foreign Language Scheme

The Languages Department is once again launching the Mary Glasgow Language Scheme for French, German and Spanish. The £6.50 subscription includes five magazines throughout the year packed with articles and activities to encourage your daughter/son to read for pleasure at home, MP3s and unlimited web access. The magazines are available in French for years 7 to 13, and Spanish and German for years 7 to 11 and are a great addition to your child's language learning. Letters have been emailed to parents and students in years 7 to 11 and handed out in Sixth Form French lessons this week. The letter can also be downloaded from the school website. If you do not have internet access, please ask your daughter to go to the Reprographics Office and ask for a printed copy. The annual subscription cost is £6.50 per language and payment should be with the school bank **by Wednesday 31st October** please. Year 7 Pupil Premium students will be automatically funded so that they may sample the magazine subscription for this academic year; eligible students in other Year Groups should contact Mrs Lacey in the school bank to apply for funding. Any Sixth Form French student who is eligible for the Sixth Form Bursary may reclaim the subscription cost by speaking to Mrs Hopkins.

mary
glasgow



Year 12 Maths Fest 2019 – Tuesday 5th February

We are offering students in Year 12 the opportunity to attend Maths Fest 2019, described as “A festival of Maths for Sixth Formers – a day for Sixth Form students to celebrate and be inspired by mathematics and all its uses”. The UK's top mathematics speakers will talk about their favourite bits of mathematics and show how they use maths in their normal lives. Students will have a chance to meet and chat with maths celebrities and will be given an exam study guide, reinforced by the speakers on stage. The show will run from 10:30am to 4:00pm. There are just 30 tickets available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The cost of the trip is £29.50, excluding train fares, and we are asking that any student who is interested in attending make their payment by Thursday 1st November. Students have been told about the trip during their Maths lessons and have been emailed a copy of the letter detailing the trip, which they can print. Alternatively, they may collect a copy of the letter from either their Maths teacher, the Maths Office or download a copy from the school website. There may be some financial assistance to help pay for school trips for any student who is eligible for the Sixth Form Bursary.



German Exchange with Münster 2018-19

We hope everyone had an enjoyable time with their German partner. The German students liked sampling life in the UK and are looking forward to returning the hospitality when our students return to visit them in March. To enable us to arrange our return visit, the third payment of **£100** is due by Thursday 1st November. Letters have been sent home this week. Please make your payment as soon as possible and by **Thursday 1st November latest**. Spare copies of the letter can be downloaded from the school website or collected from Mrs Page in the 2nd floor Languages Office. If you will have any difficulty making the payment by the due date, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Page in confidence.



Unfortunately, the dates for our visit have had to be revised to Saturday 9th March to Saturday 16th March. Please contact Mr Shipton as soon as possible if this is likely to cause a problem.

Vocab Express - League of Champions 2018, 10th to 18th October

(extended by 2 days because of technical issues)



A huge congratulations and thanks to all of the students who have scored points in the League of Champions 2018. In the end, 253 of our students took part and ensured that we have won the Challenge Medio Cup, with an incredible score of over 1,340,000 points (final score to be confirmed after half term).

At the time of writing, 9 students have achieved over 25,000 points and a further 62 students have reached 10,000 or more points. All 14 languages available were studied, including Arabic, Hebrew, Greek, Mandarin, Japanese, Russian, Greek and Latin. We should finish 1st in Spanish; 2nd in Japanese, Polish, Italian & Russian; and 3rd in French, German & Portuguese.

Full details of the 25,000+ and 10,000+ points winners will follow in the next Gazette.

Education Perfect Language Perfect Northern Championships, 6th-13th November 2018

As Vocab Express ends, it's time to get ready for the next installment of the Education Perfect Language Perfect Northern Championships. All students who have taken part in the past have automatically been entered for the competition and should log on using their normal username and password.

SENDFirstnameLastname

Password is firstname unless it has been changed.

For students in Year 7 and for other students who have never competed before, please sign up on the sheets on the doors of the Languages Offices, first and second floors of the Tower. Your username and password will be written on the sign-up sheets, so do come back a day or so later to check log-on details.

36 languages can be studied as part of the competition, including all of the languages in Vocab Express as well as Korean, Xhosa, Tongan, Thai, Punjabi, Malay, Hindi, Indonesian, Dutch and Finnish. You can stick to a language you know, concentrate on just one or two languages, or earn points trying lots of different languages.

Details of the awards available will be displayed on the MFL office doors. It's great fun and an excellent way to try completely new languages, so don't miss out.

Ms McKeown

Director of Modern Foreign Languages

PE News

There will be a new practice timetable after half term:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Hurdles Year 7 and 8			
Lunchtime	Cross Country All Years Compulsory Team Training Elite Athletes Training Group	A Level Open House Handball Club Years 8 to 10	Cross Country All years Table Tennis Club GCSE PE Open House Year 7 & 8 Hurdles	Year 8 and 9 Netball Club Year 7 Long Jump	Year 7 Netball Club KS4 Dance Club Tag Rugby Years 8 to 11 KS4 Fitness Suite Induction
After School	Year 8 Netball club Year 7 to 9 Football Club	Year 7 Netball Club		Year 7 and 8 High Jump	

On Wednesday 24th October there will be a running session on the beach at Thorpe Bay. Please meet outside Thorpe Bay tennis club at 9am. Please wear warm clothing and bring a drink. The training session will be finished by 9.45am.

The Borough Cross Country Championships are on Wednesday 7th November at Blenheim Park starting at 12 noon and the regional cross country championships are on Saturday 10th November at Felsted School.

Important dates next term:

Boro X/C Championships 7th November

Regional X/C finals 10th November

County netball championships 13th November (under 19)

County netball championships 18th November (under 14 & under 16)

Lee Valley Indoor Athletics Cup for years 8 and 9 :

Round 1 - 14th November Semi-final 12th December Final 19th December

National X/C finals 24th November

All the netball teams are still in the Essex Netball Cup and the under 19 squad are still in the SNS cup. All the football teams are still in all the football cups. There will be round 2 cup fixtures to be played before we break up for Christmas.

Mrs Simpson
Head of Physical Education

Under 14 Football

The girls travelled to Rainham last Friday in the 2nd round of the English Schools Football against Rainham School for Girls. Despite some changes to the squad the girls once again got off to a flying start thanks to some quick goals from Michelle & Hannah. In the windy conditions the girls did not have it all their own way and Maddison was called into action several times to make some good saves and by half time the score line was 6-1 to SHSG. The 2nd half saw only more goals come for SHSG after a series of attacking football whilst still showing a solid defensive display from Beth, Kate and Sofi. At the full time whistle the final score was 10-1 SHSG.

Goals

Michelle A 5 (Player of the match)

Hannah W 4

Izzy 1

Well done girls!

Miss Jenkins

Biathlon

On Sunday we took a squad to Abingdon, near Oxford to compete in the preliminary round of the School Biathlon in the hope of qualifying for the National Biathlon Championship in March. This was the first appearance for SHSG in this competition and despite the late notice and the early start in the very wet conditions the girls were eager to get off the mark. The event required the girls to first swim between 50m and 200m, rest and travel to the track, then complete either 800m or 1600m dependent on their age groups. For each age group and event, the girls had a target to score 1000points in order to get as close to 2000 points as possible. The day was long, wet and nervy but our girls in green performed admirably with some extremely pleasing overall results to make the day worthwhile.

Under 16

- Holly finished 2nd with a brilliant 1600m run in a time of 5:28.59 scoring 2239 points overall
- Gabriella finished 7th scoring 1883

Under 15

- Mia finished 3rd with a solid performance in both events to score 1957 overall
- Antonia finished 7th with a total score of 1790
- Scarlett finished 12th with a total score of 1550

Under 14

- Lizzy finished 10th with a PB in her 200m swim and total score of 1867
- Ruby finished 15th scoring 1650
- Eliza came 17th scoring 1558
- Ella came 19th scoring 1063

Under 13

- Lydia finished 8th scoring over the target of 1000points in each event to finish with 2085

Under 12

- Lucy finished 7th scoring over her target of 1000points in each event to to finish with 2123

It was a challenging day for the girls that saw us leave at 8.30am and not arrive back until 8.30pm. Despite the conditions and the lack of experience in this competition the girls made an excellent team, showed great support to each other through the day alongside some impressive results. We will find out in the new year if any have made the selection for Nationals.

Well done girls!

Miss Jenkins & Mrs Simpson

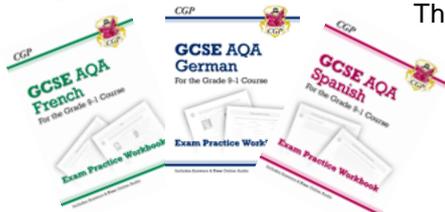


GCSE AQA French, German and Spanish Revision Guides & Workbooks for Years 10 & 11

We are pleased to be able to offer students in Years 10 and 11 the opportunity to purchase GCSE AQA French, German and Spanish CGP Revision Guides and Exam Practice Workbooks at the discounted price of £2.60 per book.



The Revision Guide explains the entire AQA Grade 9-1 GCSE French, German or Spanish course, including all the vocabulary and grammar students will need to master for each topic. There are also exam-style practice questions on almost every page, covering reading, writing, speaking and listening, with free audio files available from the CGP website.



The Exam Practice Workbook is packed with hundreds of exam-style questions for the AQA Grade 9-1 GCSE French, German or Spanish course. It tests all the reading, translation, grammar and listening skills students need and there are free audio files available on the CGP website. Questions are arranged by topic to provide targeted revision.

An email has been sent to parents and students. If you would like to order these books please make your payment via ParentPay, print and complete the order slip attached to the email and return it to the school bank. The order form is also available from Reprographics or from the 2nd floor languages office. However, as long as we have received your payment the books will be ordered for your daughter whether you have returned the order slip or not.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

To all parents/carers, teachers, staff and students,

Even though we are just about to enjoy the first half-term break of this school year, the SHSG Parents' Association is already preparing for Christmas by assembling lots of fantastic prizes for our Christmas Concerts raffle draw and also by offering the chance to order your very own SHSG Christmas Pudding, supplied by "The Ultimate Puddings Company"! Please find further information and how to order on the attached form.

In the meantime, please note that our **next PA meeting will take place on Wednesday November 14th at 7.30pm** (location to be confirmed) where we will be looking at the organisation of refreshments and raffle sales at the upcoming Christmas concerts. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to help at one or more of the concerts as you will be at the school watching your daughter/son perform, please let us know as any help at these busy evenings is very much appreciated (please contact the PA secretary on shsgpasecretary@gmail.com).

Thank you for your kind support and wishing you all a restful half term week,

Your SHSG Parents' Association

Easyfundraising

Thank you to all of our fabulous supporters on easyfundraising who have helped to raise over £70 in the last month. We have also had 10 new supporters sign up which is fantastic. To earn donations just visit www.easyfundraising.org/causes/shsg, find your retailer and then shop as normal. The retailer will then make the donation at no extra cost to you. Easyfundraising is currently running a competition to win a £250 donation. See easyfundraising.org.uk for more information.



200 CLUB

I am very grateful to the parents who responded to my requests for new members. I am hoping to run the first prize draw soon after we get back after half term. Please make your online payment, and return completed Application Forms, by Friday 2nd November at the latest. Thank you! If you have been thinking of joining the 200 Club but haven't yet been in touch, it's not too late! Please email hinna02@me.com and I'll send you the Application Pack.

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 -P.A.

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**



REMINDER HALF TERM WEEK : MONDAY 22nd – FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEK B

Monday 29 th October	Compulsory Team Running Club Years 7 to 13 Orchestra GCSE Music drop-in GCSE Music composition catch-up Netball Club Year 7 Football Club Years 7 to 9	12.20pm 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 12.20-1.15pm in MU1 3.30pm 3.30pm
Tuesday 30 th October	Training Wind Intermediate Athletes S&C Club Under 16-19 Netball Club Years 7-9 Football Club Wind Band A Capella Ensemble GCSE Music composition catch-up Multi Events Athletics Club Years 7&8 (Long jump, high jump, shot, hurdles) <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 31 st October	Running Club Years 7 to 13 Table Tennis Club Years 9, 10, 11 (with a qualified coach) SHSG Choir Flute Ensemble Guitar Ensemble Music Theory & Open House Years 7 & 8 Netball Club	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 3.30-4.30pm in MU1/MU2 3.30pm
Thursday 1 st November	String Quartet Intermediate Strings Novem Consort Clarinet Ensemble Year 8 & 9 Netball Club Years 9 to 11 Badminton Club Multi Events Athletics Club Years 8, 9 & 10 (Long jump, high jump, shot, hurdles) <i>Sixth Form Open Evening</i>	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 12.20pm 12.20pm 3.30pm <i>6-8pm</i>
Friday 2 nd November	Cross Country Years 7 to 11 Dance Club Years 7 to 9 Netball Club Year 8 Tag Rugby Years 8 to 11 Training Strings Chamber Choir Big Band	8am 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 12.25-1.00pm in MU2 12.25-1.00pm in MU1 3.30-4.30pm in MU1/MU2

Thought of the week

