



SHSG

WEEKLY GAZETTE



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On Monday night the BBC came down to Holy Trinity to record Novem Consort. The sound was beautiful and well worth keeping an eye on The One Show to watch them.

Sensible planning and having the concerts last week has made this week less frantic than usual. The snow caused excitement on Monday. However, as all the transport systems were fully functional and the school was open any absences due to the snow (or indeed lack of it in Southend and both limited and declining amounts elsewhere, even in our wider catchment area) means that such absences will be unauthorised.

Mrs Garnham will be leaving us, temporarily, at the end of term when she goes on maternity leave. We wish her well and hope to see her with her new baby in the spring. Mrs Parry will be joining us to cover this maternity absence. Leaving more permanently are Mrs Hitchens who has been covering for Ms Marcel during her maternity leave, Ms Wadley-Smith who will be replaced by Dr Wilsher. Ms Bicknell and Mrs Moffat from our support staff team are also leaving. We wish all our leavers the very best of luck in their new roles and welcome new staff to our community.

A couple of weeks ago this appeared in the Telegraph and is something for us all to think about. *Lucy Elphinstone, head of Francis Holland School in London, believes sensitive girls should be taught "banter" at school to toughen them up for the world of work. She suggests that girls are "perhaps by nature, sensitive and easily hurt," offering that "gentle teasing" is often branded bullying. She adds that boys, on the other hand, "are used to calling each other nicknames, pushing each other around a bit and making fun of each other - but often it's a sign of endearment." Ms Elphinstone adds that "girls need to learn to not take themselves quite so seriously," with lessons at a young age likely to "toughen them up a little bit" ahead of life beyond the classroom. She also suggests girls need to learn "how to blag it" and believe in themselves, saying: "Sometimes we need to be able to take risks, to be braver, and sometimes to learn how to wing it a bit."*

We will end the term on Wednesday 20th December at 12.20. Consortium bus girls can wait in the library as their buses will leave at the usual time, if not just a little earlier, but not at 12.20.

The new term starts on Thursday January 4th.
Year 13 mocks begin on January 8th

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2018.

F Brierley, Head Teacher

Arrangements for last day of term - Wednesday 20th December 2017

Period 1 – Normal lessons
Period 2 – Form time
Period 3 – Assembly in Sports Hall
Students leave at 12.20

There will be no early departures on consortium buses
Students can wait in the library until buses arrive



Reverse Advent Calendar Campaign

Please take a look at the BBC School Report video on the Reverse Advent Calendar Campaign The video can be accessed here: <http://www.shsg.org/page/?title=BBC+News%26%23160%3BSchool+Report&pid=64>

The presenter is Chiana P in year 9.

Well done to Alexandra and Charlotte

Congratulations to Alexandra S, Year 12 and Charlotte S, Year 11 who have just returned from Germany as part of Team GB at the IDO World Tap Championships. They both won a gold medal for the Formation Dance and Alexandra was a finalist in the Adults duo section coming 7th place in the world. Team GB topped the medal table with 9 gold medals. Congratulations!

School Council Meeting

There will be a whole School Council Monday 8th January 12.40pm meeting room.



Christmas Stamps

Thank you for your support in sending your used postage stamps to raise vital funds for the RNIB. We would be very grateful if you could continue to send in stamps from Christmas cards etc on a regular basis.

If you can, please save them up and hand them in to our Reception staff.

REMINDERS - SCHOOL TRIPS AND CURRICULUM DAYS

Iceland 2018 – Kit list!

Please be aware the full payment for the Iceland trip (£1100) is due by 12th January. Please make your December payment of £200 if you have not done so already.

A kit list is now available on Fronter. Please go to the Geography hub and then to the trips folder to see this. If you would like a paper copy of this, please ask your daughter to see me in the Geography Office.

Miss Patel

Black Forest Trip

PAYMENT REMINDER - Year 8 German trip to the Black Forest, 10th – 14th June 2018

Please remember that the next instalment of £100 for the Black Forest trip is payable by Friday 5th January and reminder letters have been sent home this week.

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.



Rochester Synagogue and Cathedral - Year 11 Religious Studies

Students should register as normal on *Tuesday, 19th December 2017* and then meet at the coach.

Please remember to bring a packed lunch and a small amount of money for the gift shop. We expect to return to school by 3:30pm.



Russia - February 2018

Students are reminded to return reply slips for the visit to London for biometric fingerprinting and to get passport style photographs (taken in the last 6 months) for their visa application.

Berlin - June 2018 Year 10 History

There are still places available for the trip to Berlin. Deposits should be made via ParentPay to secure a place and reply slips returned to the School Bank.

Maths Online Sessions

Please note that there will be no teacher led lessons or Maths Angels next week.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents/Carers, Staff and Students,

Thank you to all those who have supported the SHSG Parents' Association in the past term. Your support is very much appreciated and we do obviously continue to rely on it in the forthcoming term!

As you will see from this term's Highlights Magazine, we have raised quite a respectable amount of funds and after the holidays we will work out how to allocate the money to the many items on the Wishlist, put together by staff and students alike. If anybody would be able to sponsor or even donate any of the items listed, please get in touch or attend our next PA meeting which will take place on **Tuesday January 9th, 2018 at 7 pm** in the school meeting room. For further details, please contact Susanne Barton (sanne@bartonworld.com) or Rachel Jones (Rachel.jones1212@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, the SHSG Parents' Association would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2018!

The SHSG Parents' Association

PA 200 CLUB - CHRISTMAS DRAW

Many congratulations to the winners of our Christmas draw. They are:

1st prize: £57.25 Mrs Amanda Morgan
2nd prize: £34.35 Mr Suluku Kalawa
3rd prize: £22.90 Mrs Gilly Terkelsen

Membership of the 200 Club costs only £12 a year. If you would like to join, and be in with a chance of winning one of three cash prizes every month, please email hinna02@me.com.

easyfundraising.org.uk

Huge thanks to all our supporters on easyfundraising.org.uk who have helped to raise almost £300 in the last quarter. This has all come from donations made by online retailers. If you would like to help raise funds this way, please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shsg. It's quick and easy to sign up and it won't cost you a penny. There are over 3000 retailers ready to make donations when purchasing anything online from gifts, clothes, electronics, holidays, hotels and even insurance.

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

For up to date information, please join our Facebook page: **SHSG Parents' Association**

Thank you for your support
PA Committee

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEK A

Monday 18th December	Cross Country Years 7 to 13 Year 9 Netball Football Club All Years Year 7 Netball Club Years 8 & 9 Hockey Club <i>Christmas Carol Service</i>	12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 3.30pm 3.30pm <i>7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Southchurch</i>
Tuesday 19th December	Fitness Club All Years Under 16 Netball Club Year 7 Netball Club Latin Club Poetry by Heart Drop-in Psychology Open House Under 14 & Under 16 Netball Squad Training <i>Japanese with Mrs Baxter (Year 7 & 8)</i>	08.00am 12.20pm in the Sports Hall 12.20pm 12.30pm in M2 12.30pm in the Drama Studio 12.40pm in MH4 3.30pm <i>3.45-5.15pm</i>
Wednesday 20th December	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT APPROXIMATELY 12.30PM</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>New term begins on Thursday 4th January 2018 (Week B)</i></p>	

Thought of the week

