



SHSG WEEKLY GAZETTE

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On Monday representatives from Rethink Mental Illness delivered an assembly to start Mental Health week. You will have seen in the news that there is an increase in reported mental health cases nationally. Nationally one in four people are affected by mental health. SHSG is not immune and we have our share of girls and boys who need extra support because of their illness. I am concerned at the seemingly lack of immediate support for students who have mental health issues; waiting lists to see a counsellor seem to be very long and not everyone has the money to go privately. Obviously as a school we are not qualified to advise but we support any student with a physical or mental illness as much as possible. Please let us know if you have concerns about your daughter or son, likewise we will contact you if we have any worries about the mental health of your child. For further information on Rethink please go to <https://www.rethink.org>

In line with the new grading system introduced by the Government year 7 students will receive numerical grades on their reports rather alphabetical or levels. The new grades will range from 1-6, 1 being the lowest grade and 6 being the highest for a Key Stage 3 student.

You will be receiving the following information as part of our reporting system:

- An End of Key Stage target grade that is based on the government's target setting system and takes into consideration different pieces of information about each student such as their KS2 result.
- An estimated grade that is awarded by your daughter's teacher and gives you and her an indication of what she may achieve at the End of Key Stage 3 if she continues to work in the same way, putting the same amount of effort into her studies. Please be aware that this grade will be fluctuating with time and may drop as the course is becoming more demanding.
- The assessment grade is the grade achieved by your daughter in her latest assessment sat by the whole cohort.

Base	A1 Y7	A2 Y7	A3 Y7	A1 Y8	A2 Y8	A3 Y8
6+	6+	6+	6+	6+	6+	6+
6	6	6	6	6	6	6
6-	6-	6-	6-	6-	6-	6-
5+	5+	5+	5+	5+	5+	5+
5	5	5	5	5	5	5
5-	5-	5-	5-	5-	5-	5-
4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+
4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4-	4-	4-	4-	4-	4-	4-
3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
3	3	3	3	3	3	3
3-	3-	3-	3-	3-	3-	3-
2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+	2+
2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2-	2-	2-	2-	2-	2-	2-
1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+	1+
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The grades are further refined by using +/- signs. If your daughter receives a 4+, this means that she has 'mastered' the skill/content within that grade and is ready to move on to the next available number. A 5- indicates 'emerging knowledge' within that grade, meaning that your daughter knows the basics required. If she receives a grade without a +/- sign her knowledge is 'secure' within the grade.

It was decided that the highest assessment grade achievable by a Year 7 student is a 5, because most of the knowledge/skills required to gain the higher grades would not have been covered in this year. As time progresses this will change and in Year 8 a grade 6 will be available for the top students. In some subjects, such as Languages, your daughter may achieve lower grades than in others; this is because she is learning a brand new subject with no previous knowledge.

It is expected that a student progresses one full grade in a year. It may be that a student does not show progression from one assessment to another; this is normal, the important thing is that she makes one grade progress from one year to the next. "Flight paths" should be in all subject exercise books and your daughter will be tracking her progress throughout the year. The table above shows the expected trajectory of progress. However, we are always happy and impressed if girls leap forward and cross up over the coloured steps.

Ms Brierley, Headteacher

Teacher Training Information Evening



Thursday 10th November 2016 6.00pm
at Southend High School for Girls - information for
courses starting in September 2017

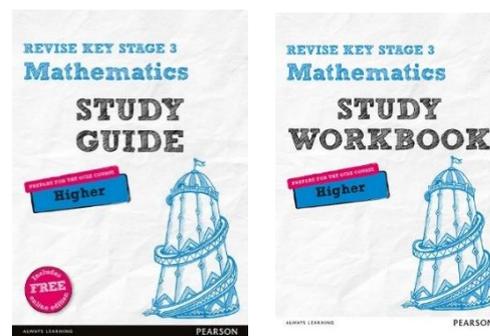
“Turn your talent into teaching”

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in teaching please come along to talk to us. For further information go to www.southendscitt.org.

**Southend SCITT based at
Southend High School for Girls
Southchurch Boulevard
Southend-on-Sea SS2 4UZ**

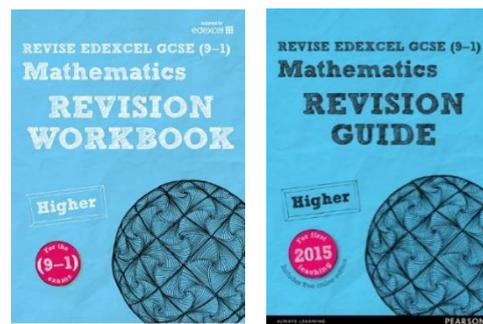
Revise KS3 Mathematics Study Guide and Workbook – Preparing for the GCSE Higher Course (for Years 7 & 8)

We have been offered the opportunity to order “Revise KS3 Study Guides and Workbooks – Preparing for the GCSE Higher Course” at the discounted price of £5.20 for both books. These books have been developed to help build confidence in Mathematics and prepare students for the new GCSE. They focus on problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills and provide plenty of extra practice on every topic. An email was sent to parents and students on Thursday. If you would like to order these books please make your payment via ParentPay by Monday 31st October (which is the last date for orders), print and complete the order slip attached to the email and return it to the school bank. The order form is also available to download from the school website (Parents – Administration Centre – Letter Library) or from Reprographics, if you do not have internet access.



Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Revision Guides and Workbooks for Years 9, 10 & 11

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Maths Angels and Maths online tuition sessions

Maths Angels and Maths teacher led on line tuition sessions will be running on Tuesday and Thursday evenings
The sessions for the coming week are:

Tuesday 18th October

- 6:50 Maths Angels
- 7:15 Finishing off finding the Volume of Cones, Spheres and Frustums. This is for Year 10 and 11, but year 9s welcome to join for extension.

Thursday 20th October

- 6:50 Maths Angels
- 7:15 Topic to be confirmed



Christmas Concert Tickets

Christmas Concert tickets are now on sale from the School Bank. All Year 7s perform their class Christmas song in the concert and we cannot guarantee that tickets will be available on the door – buy yours early to avoid disappointment!

7A, 7B and 7C will perform on Tuesday 13th December
7D, 7E and 7F will perform on Wednesday 14th December

All other ensembles will also be split across the two evenings, please speak to your daughter/son to find out which night(s) they will be performing.



PE News

On Friday the junior and senior swim teams travelled to Saint Felix School in Southwold to swim in the nationals schools' swimming relays. The junior team of Holly, Gabby, Maisie, Annaliese, Antonia, Bethany and Beth swam really well in both freestyle and medley relays to record times of 2.16.61 and 2.32.55. The senior team of Rebecca, Amelia, Lucy, Aimee and Katie swam 2.30.79 in the freestyle and 2.16.58 in the medley. Both teams now have to wait to see if their times are fast enough to qualify them for the national final in November.

On Saturday the under 14 and under 16 netball teams played in the first round of the National Schools' Netball tournament. There was some outstanding play at this tournament and the "girls in green" were right at the forefront of this. The under 14 squad (Alice, Jessica, Melody, India, Holly, Hannah, Ella, Sara and Alicia) won all of the six games to win the tournament and not to be outdone the under 16 squad (Nafische, Sewa, Abena, Kendrea, Dolita, Danielle, Elena, Lauren, Eleanor, Beth and Grace) also remained undefeated all morning to win the under 16 age group. This is a fantastic achievement not only to win both age groups, but also as the standard of netball in South East Essex is incredibly strong. Congratulations to both squads and now we must maintain the momentum through to the next stage of the competition. This will take place on Sunday 20th November at the Gilberd School in Colchester.

Student Data Check Request

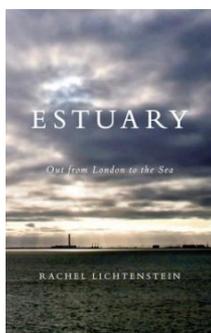
Please could all parents check their daughter's/son's student details using Sims Learning Gateway (SLG) and complete any missing details or make any corrections necessary. The information we hold is required for school trips and emergencies and is therefore important it remains accurate. We are also required by the Department for Education to capture certain information for our Census, much of which remains outstanding for many students. If you have any problems logging on to SLG please contact SLGSupport@shsg.org.

German Exchange with Münster 2016-17

We hope everyone had an enjoyable time with their German partners. To enable us to arrange our return visit the second payment of **£100** is due by Monday 31st October. Letters have been sent home this week. Please make your payment as soon as possible and by **Monday 31st October latest**. Spare copies of the letter can be downloaded from the school website or from Mrs Page in the 2nd floor Languages Office. If you will have any difficulty making the payment, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Page in confidence.

Year 8 German trip to the Black Forest, 9th – 13th June 2017

Letters have been emailed to parents and students this week giving details of our very popular Year 8 German Department trip to the Black Forest. In previous years a large number of girls have enjoyed and benefited from this trip which gives them an opportunity to experience a different culture and practice their German skills. If your daughter would like to participate, please ensure we receive your **deposit by Monday 31st October**. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The trip 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. Please note, due to Brexit the tour company is only able to guarantee the price for a short while. If your daughter would like to participate but you will have difficulty making your payment by 31st October, please contact Mrs Page, MFL Faculty Support, in confidence.



Book by 'Old Girl' Rachel Lichtenstein

Former SHSG student and author Rachel Lichtenstein was interviewed about her latest book, 'Estuary: Out from London to the Sea' on the BBC's Countryfile on Sunday. She is currently giving talks in local and London bookshops and galleries about her fascinating book.

Estuary: Out from London to the Sea: Amazon.co.uk: Rachel Lichtenstein: 9780241142882: Books

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Estuary-Out-London-Rachel-Lichtenstein/dp/0241142881/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1476257600&sr=1-1&keywords=Estuary

Parents' Association

Vacancies for the posts of Chair and Secretary of the Parents' Association

This term I will be stepping down as Chair of the Parents' Association, which means that the PA is now looking for a new Chair and Secretary. I am happy to guide the new Chair and Secretary through the first few months in their new roles. If you are interested and would like more information, please email me lizcolin@blueyonder.co.uk or phone me on 07858493722.

Liz Aarons, PA Chair

Sealife Centre

Special offer tickets are available for the Sealife Centre at £2 each. These can be purchased from the School Bank.

Adventure Island

Tickets for Adventure Island are available from the School Bank for £17 each.
Adventure Golf Tickets £2 each for 2 courses



Chemistry

Tuesday is Chemistry Open House for all years in CH2.

Drop in during lunch time if you have any questions or need some help.

Wednesday is AS / A2 Weekly Tutorial sessions in GS3.

Come along at the start of lunch. Wednesday 19th will be on the unit 3.1.2.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

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Monday 17 th October	Japanese Club (Years 7-9) <i>Under 14 and Under 16 netball squads v Essex Met</i>	12.30-1.10pm in room 3 <i>Away at Barking Abbey 6.30pm start</i>
Tuesday 18 th October	Maths Angels for Year 7 and 8 Russian Club (Year 8) Latin (Years 8-11) Art Club (Years 7-8) Psychology Society (Years 9-13 welcome) Chemistry Open House for all years <i>Japanese with Mrs Baxter</i> <i>Under 14 netball match vs King John School</i>	12.40-1.10pm in M4 12.30pm in room 2 12.30pm in M2 12.30pm in studio 2 12.40pm in MH4 12.30pm in CH2 <i>3.45-5.15pm in room 3</i>
Wednesday 19 th October	Russian Club (Year 8) German Conversation (Year 11) Nature Club AS/A2 Chemistry Weekly Tutorial Sessions <i>Year 7 'A' team and under 15 squad v Brentwood Public School</i>	12.30pm in room 2 12.30pm in room 2 12.30pm in GS2 12.20pm in GS3 <i>Away</i>
Thursday 20 th October	Anime and Manga Club (all years welcome) MAT/STEP Preparation for Year 12 Football Club (Years 7 & 8) Carol Choir Geography Open House BBC School News Report Club <i>4 x Year 7 netball teams v WHSG</i>	12.20-1.10pm in room 10 12.20pm in M3 12.30-1.00pm on the pitch 12.50pm in MU1 12.30pm in GG1 12.30pm in the media studio <i>Home</i>
Friday 21 st October SCHOOL BIRTHDAY 	Junior Film Club History Film Club <i>Thorpe Hall Cross Country Relays</i> HALF TERM MONDAY 24TH - FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER	12.30pm in the media studio 12.30pm in room 18 <i>At Thorpe Hall School</i> <i>12 noon start</i>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

If you don't have time to do it right, when will you have time to do it over?
John Wooden

