



SHSG WEEKLY GAZETTE



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I am going to be a little self indulgent in my letter this week.

You may have spotted an advert on the school website or in the national press this week that Southend High School for Girls is looking for a new Headteacher. Whilst I love this school I have decided to retire at the end of the academic year. I will be writing more nearer the time but I am content to be leaving a school in good health. I have achieved everything I intended to do; it is time for someone else to take over the reigns of our community. As things stand, the students are in very good hands with a fabulous staff, both teaching and support, and we have structures in place which are clearly effective if our examination results are anything to go by. I am pleased that all areas of the curriculum continue to flourish, including the arts and that our finances are sound – not something one hears from most schools but we have been very prudent over the past few years and are in a reasonable position.

F Brierley, Headteacher

Conservation in Mexico – Years 11-13 - Place Available

A place has become available for Operation Wallacea, Mexico. The two week trip focuses on conservation and working with a scientist in the Mayan jungle, Mexico. If anyone is interested they should contact Mrs S Brierley sbrierley@shsg.org.



Vote for SHSG – Community Spirit Award

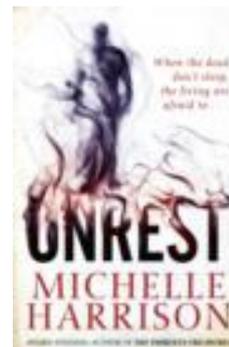
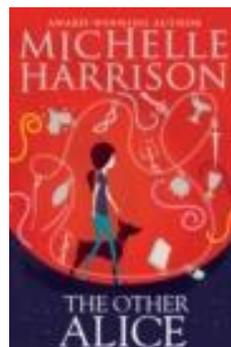
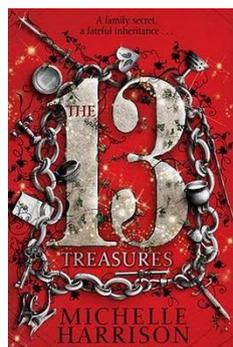
SHSG has been nominated for a well-deserved award for being Deaf Aware and extremely supportive of our deaf students.

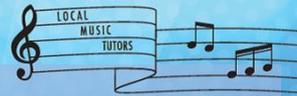
"The mainstream school has embraced having two deaf students by offering taster BSL sessions, specialist assemblies, deaf awareness and overall creating a fully inclusive environment."

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.

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).





ARE YOU AN ASPIRING MUSICIAN OR PERFORMER?...

BATTLE OF THE ARTISTS



TO BE ABLE TO QUALIFY AS A FINALIST YOU WILL NEED TO:



- ✓ Upload a video of a live recording of yourself/ band performing your best song to WWW.LOCALMUSICTUTORS.COM
- ✓ This needs to be uploaded between **OCT 1 – OCT 31 2018**
- ✓ Our panel of judges will pick the best Musicians to compete in Finals which will be held at the **END OF NOV.**

PRIZES

- ★ **1ST PRIZE - £1000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
(£100 cash prize for the band or musician)
- ★ **2ND PRIZE - £500 FOR YOUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
(£50 cash prize for the band or musician)
- ★ **3RD PRIZE - £250 FOR YOUR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**
(£25 cash prize for the band or musician)



*Disclosure – You must have permission from a parent or guardian if under the age of 18 to upload a video and participate.

Mary Glasgow Foreign Language Scheme

The Languages Dept 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



Fosters Schoolwear – Shop Closure for Stock Take

Fosters Bishops Stortford shop will be closed on Monday 15th October and Tuesday 16th October for their annual stock take.

Vocab Express - League of Champions 2018

The latest online languages competition is underway and SHSG is currently leading the Challenge Cup (Medio) very comfortably, with almost 130,000 more points than the second placed school. So far 9 languages have been chosen by our students - French, Spanish, German, Polish, Greek, Italian, Latin, Mandarin and Japanese.

More than 100 of our students have already scored points within the first 24 hours and it is not too late to start this weekend; the competition finishes at 3pm on Tuesday 16 October. Any student who hasn't yet signed up on the MFL office doors or with their languages teacher can email jmckeown@shsg.org to take part.

10,000+ points for an MFL badge; 25,000+ points for the more exclusive MFL badge. Certificates for all competitors.

Ms McKeown, Director of Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish Exchange - Valladolid 27th September to 1st October

Ms Bailey, Mrs Valencia and I would like to thank the twenty-two students on the recent Spanish Exchange for their excellent attitude and behaviour throughout the trip. They represented the school very well and many have been invited back to stay with the families next year. More details of the itinerary for the return visit in January will follow closer to the Christmas holidays.

Ms McKeown, Director of Modern Foreign Languages

SHSG Zombie Survival

Thursday 15th November
6.30pm-8.30pm

During a sixth form science lesson a potent mixture was spilt and released toxins that induce zombie-like symptoms; dozens of the sixth form are infected and they are roaming the school.

Do you have what it takes to go and search for supplies, find the vaccine and save SHSG?

can you survive?



Open to all years.

Tickets £5, on sale now from the School Bank and ParentPay

PE News

Congratulations to all the girls who represented the school in the first round of the national schools' cross country cup. Once again the girls showed their dominance in both races. The junior girls' team of Sophie, Jessica, Daisy, Sophia, Aisling and Carrissa finished in first place followed by Eastwood School and Fitzwimarc took third spot. In the intermediate girls' race, SHSG was missing a few key athletes due to the geography field trip. However, they performed brilliantly as a team to finish in second position behind Eastwood. Both teams now qualify for the regional final on Saturday 10th November at Woodbridge School in Suffolk.

The under 14 and under 16 netball squads have been very busy recently. Both teams played in the pre-county qualifying netball tournament last Saturday. The under 14's were runners up to Fitzwimarc and the under 16's were winners. Both teams now represent the Borough of Southend in the Essex Schools' County Netball Tournament. This will take place in Colchester on Sunday 18th November.

The under 14 netball team played the Frances Bardsley School in the first round of the Essex Cup. They took an early lead which they maintained throughout the match to win 20 goals to 12. The under 14 B squad played Gabel Hall School and also had a resounding victory of 32 goals to 11. This was especially pleasing as the B squad is the year 8 team and they are playing against year 9 girls! The under 16 netball team played King John School and also won their first Essex Cup match with relative ease.

Mrs Simpson

U13 National Cup Football

On Tuesday the Under 13 football team made up of years 7 & 8 played their 2nd round in the English Schools FA National Cup against Castle View. Having received a bye in the first round this was the first time for these selected girls to play together competitively. In the first half the girls showed exactly what they are capable of and produced an 8 goal lead thanks to some excellent attacking football. This continued in the second half despite most of the girls playing out of position and making things slightly more challenging. The final score was a resounding win of 10-3.

Goals scored
Michelle A (3)
Darcey Drewitt (3)
Hannah B (2)
Lucy O (1)
Josie Sully (1)

Player of the match was awarded to Toni, strong and reliable in defence & Michelle for her fantastic attacking play.

Fixtures

Monday 15 th October	EFL Under 13 football tournament at the Chase. Meet at the Chase School at 8.35am. Consortium bus girls meet in the sports hall foyer on arrival at school.
Wednesday 17 th October	Under 19 netball fixture vs Greensward School at home
Thursday 18 th October	Thorpe Hall Cross Country relays at Thorpe Hall. Year 7 girls' race is first at 2.15pm.

Maths Online Sessions

Tuesday 16th October
6:45 Maths Angels
7:15 Surds

Thursday 18th October
6:15 Year 8
6:45 Maths Angels

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

CALLING ALL SHSG PARENTS!

This year, the 200 Club has received 26 new applications but, sadly, we are losing 37 valued members. For the first time, the Club is going to have fewer people joining than leaving and this will have an effect on the money we raise for the school, as well as reducing the monthly prize pot.

Would you consider paying **£12** for a year's membership? If you are an existing member, perhaps you would consider adding an extra number? Grandparents, wider family members, staff and ex-SHSG students are all eligible to join the 200 Club! We are very grateful for everyone's support.

For more information on how you can become a member of the 200 Club, please contact hinna02@me.com.

Easyfundraising



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support SHSG PA via easyfundraising so far. Your support is very much appreciated. Please visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shsg for more information, to register or to shop and help raise funds. Remember it doesn't cost you any extra as it is the retailers who make the donation (and there are over 3000 retailers signed up ready to donate).

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**



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEK A

Monday 15 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 16 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 17 th 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 18 th October	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)	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
Friday 19 th October	HALF TERM MONDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER	
SCHOOL BIRTHDAY		

Thought for the week

