



SHSG WEEKLY GAZETTE

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Thank you to the geography staff for bringing all the students back safe and sound from the field trip in Wales. Field trips are a great experience but do take a lot of organising. I know the students were out in the field all day and then worked well into the evening. I hope that they will have gained some useful information and resources, and will have seen some of the geography they have only read about previously.

At the end of last week, German staff and students went on their exchange to Münster. Again I am very grateful to the staff who give up their time to support the girls in these opportunities. Any residential involves much more than learning, there are real benefits in social development and cultural understanding.

James Duddridge (MP) came into school this week and spent the morning talking to the LGBTQ+ group. I sat in on the last part and was impressed with the level of conversation. The students were sharing information with the MP who intends to present some of their thoughts in Parliament. It speaks volumes about our community that the LGBTQ+ group feel able to speak openly and that we positively promote students to be who they are.

Sims Learning Gateway was down earlier this week just as year 10 TAs were going out! This is a SIMS (Capita) problem and out of our hands. SLG is not the most reliable piece of software and we are going to investigate alternative electronic reporting systems to see if there is anything more robust. Apologies if you were trying to log on; we are very frustrated with the service we get from SLG.

F Brierley, Headteacher

Year 12 Field Trip to Wales

Year 12 Geography students enjoyed a week in rural Wales last week for their A-Level field work. The group of 41 students stayed at Orielton Field Studies Course Centre and completed a number of field work techniques along Saundersfoot Bay, Milford Haven and Tenby.

Despite the cold, gale force winds and wet weather earlier in the week, we had a lovely blue skied sunny day in Tenby which lifted spirits of both students and teachers.

The week provided a fantastic opportunity to gather primary data for individual investigations and students had a great time practicing Geography out in the field.

Ms H Patel, Head of Geography



Please Note New Dates for Drama Examinations

A Level/GCSE Evening Exams
GCSE Exam

Wednesday 29th March 2017
Thursday 30th March 2017 between 9.00am-12.30pm.

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers - Reminder

Don't forget to hand your Sainsbury's vouchers to Reception.

Sainsbury's Local

In local stores they issue one voucher for every £5 spent.

Sainsbury's Supermarkets

In store one voucher is given for every £10 spent at the till.

Online at sainsburys.co.uk

One voucher will be given for every £10 spent, but they will all be printed on one piece of paper up to a maximum value of 50 vouchers. Thank you very much!



A Level History
Russia – St Petersburg & Moscow Trip
Saturday, 10 - Thursday, 15 February 2018

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. This exciting trip is being offered to current Year 11s, and Year 12s who will be staying at SHSG and taking A-Level History.



The trip will be a six day residential visit to St Petersburg and Moscow in Russia from **Saturday, 10 February to Thursday, 15 February 2018**. We will visit a number of sites including the Kremlin, Red Square, Hermitage Museum, the St Peter and Paul fortress, Catherine Palace and a guided tour of both cities. Accommodation will be in 3 or 4 star hotels, with one night being spent on the night train to St Petersburg. In the evenings, pupils will have dinner in local restaurants and evening entertainment will be arranged closer to departure, when performance schedules are released.



Students who expressed an interest in this trip, have already been given a letter, which can also be found on the school website.

Mrs Carter, History Department

Year 8 Day Trip to France:
Wednesday 10th May for tutor groups 8A, 8B and 8C
Tuesday 23rd May for tutor groups 8D, 8E and 8F



A few places still remain on each day. If you would like your daughter to go on this trip, please make your payment and return the necessary forms and documentation as soon as possible. The trip letter is available to download 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. If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Mrs Page, MFL Faculty Support.

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Southend is 125 years old this year! What is it that you love about our brilliant town? Send us your answers on a postcard! Join in the celebrations by sending a love letter to your town. Whether you paint, write, draw, stick or sew, here's a chance to get creative!

Post your card to Metal and we will exhibit it at:
Village Green (8th July) and Village Green Next Generation (7th July). For more information head to 'Love In' at www.villagegreenfestival.com

The deadline date to send your postcard is Friday 26 May 2017

Have Your Say competition

A reminder in case it was missed last week that students in Years 7 - 10 are invited to take part in this year's Have Your Say competition in French, German and Spanish. The dialogues can be found in the MFL resources on Fronter and languages teachers will have already told their students about the competition. The internal heats will take place next week on the following days;

Monday 13 March at lunchtime	French (all year groups)	rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4
Tuesday 14 March at lunchtime	German (all year groups)	rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday 15 March, at lunchtime	Spanish (all year groups)	rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4

Students do not need to fill in entry forms; simply turn up on the day and be ready to perform the dialogue. Unfortunately students cannot compete if they are native speakers or have a native-level fluency in the language. They can enter for more than one language; if they are not the chosen pair to go through to the first external round in French, for instance, they can try again in Spanish or German.

The winning pairs will compete against students from other schools from this area of South East Essex. This first round will be held after school here, at Southend High School for Girls, on Thursday 23 March. Students should bear this date in mind when entering the competition.

If students have any questions, please email me at jmckeown@shsg.org or speak to a languages teacher. Have fun perfecting dialogues over the weekend.

Ms McKeown, Director of MFL

Maths Online 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 14th March

6:50 Maths Angels
7:15 No teacher-led session this week

Thursday 16th March

6:50 Maths Angels
7:15 Year 8 on calculations with decimals and fractions

Southend High School for Girls'
Chamber Choir
presents
An Evening of Song
featuring
Southend High School for Boys'
Chamber Choir
Friday 24th March
7.30pm
Southend High School for Girls
Southchurch Boulevard
SS2 4UZ
01702 588852
Tickets
Adults £6
Concessions £4

Parents' Associaton

**Parents' Association Quiz Night
Saturday 18th March 2017 at 7.30pm
Main Hall, SHSG**

Calling all Pointless and The Chase fans!! Here's your chance to test your knowledge at the Parents' Association Quiz Night, which will raise funds for the school. The event is open to all and tickets cost just £5.

Please feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. The quiz starts at 7.30pm so please make sure you arrive by 7.15pm and have your table ready to start on time. Teams can be made up of a maximum of 8 people.

Tickets are available from the school bank and can be paid by cash, cheque (made payable to SHSG PA) or via Parentpay.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

Lindsay Oakley
PA Quiz Master



Parents' Association Meeting

Our next PA meeting will take place on **Wednesday 15th March at 7.30 pm in Benfleet**. If you would like to attend, please email me at sanne@bartonworld.com.

Please remember that you don't have to join the PA as a permanent member, but are more than welcome to come along to the meetings and see what it is all about (apart from the enthusiastic parents getting together for a cuppa and cake or drinks and nibbles!) and maybe help out on various occasions, without having to commit long-term. You might actually find that we are having a lot of fun and then want to get more involved.

Susanne Barton

ADVENTURE ISLAND

Tickets are available to purchase from the School Bank.

Adventure Island Tickets: £17.00

We have a few Adventure Island Tickets that cannot be used during Bank Holiday Weekends for £15.00

Payment can be made by cash or cheques made payable to SHSG -PA.



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEK B

Monday 13 th March	Japanese Club (Years 7-9) History Homework Drop in Club (Years 7-9) Orchestra Clarinet Ensemble Highly Strung <i>Netball Club Year 7</i>	12.30-1.10pm in room 3 12.30pm in room 15 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 12.55-1.15pm in Music Tech 3.30-4.30pm in MU1 <i>3.30pm</i>
Tuesday 14 th March	Maths Angels for Year 7 and 8 Russian Club (Year 8) Latin (Years 8-11) Art Club (Years 7-8) Chemistry Open House for all years Wind Band Novem Consort Psychology Society <i>Japanese Class with Mrs Baxter</i> <i>Hurdles Year 7</i>	12.40-1.10pm in M4 12.30pm in room 2 12.30pm in M2 12.30pm in studio 2 12.30pm in CH2 12.25-12.55 in MU2 12.55-1.15pm in Music Tech 12.40pm in MH4 <i>3.45-5.15pm in room 3</i>
Wednesday 15 th March	Nature Club AS/A2 Chemistry Weekly Tutorial Sessions K-Club SHSG Choir Alice Music Theory Russian Club (Year 8) <i>Parents' Association Meeting</i>	12.30pm in GS2 12.20pm in GS3 12.30pm in room 1 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 3.30-4.30pm in MU1 12.30pm in room 2 <i>In Benfleet</i>
Thursday 16 th March	Anime and Manga Club (all years welcome) MAT/STEP Preparation for Year 12 Football Club (Years 7 & 8) Geography Open House BBC School News Report Club History Club Training Strings Training Wind Sax Ensemble Alice <i>High Jump Year 7</i>	12.20-1.10pm in room 10 12.20pm in M3 12.30-1.00pm on the pitch 12.30pm in GG1 12.30pm in the media studio 12.30pm in room 18 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 12.25-12.55pm in MU1 3.30-4.30pm <i>3.30pm</i>
Friday 17 th March	Junior Film Club History Film Club Chamber Choir Brass Band Beginners Brass Big Band	12.30pm in the media studio 12.30pm in room 18 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 12.25-12.55pm in MU1 12.55-1.15pm in MU1 3.30-4.30pm
Saturday 18 th March 	<i>Parents' Association Quiz Night</i>	<i>7.30pm in the hall</i>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

