



SHSG WEEKLY GAZETTE



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Please check that your children know the identity of all their on-line friends. If there is any doubt, delete the user. We are aware some children accept friends just to be popular, but do they actually know who they are chatting to on-line?

There is lots of advice on the internet in relation to on-line safety which is well worth looking at and discussing with your children. e.g. www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Another trend on the increase is 'nude selfies' being exchanged especially by young people. Once a photo is shared on the internet it is no longer owned by the sender. It can be shared around school, work colleagues or on social media causing embarrassment at the very least and could scupper future job applications.

Please can I ask you to consider health and safety and common courtesy when dropping off or picking up your child from school. A reminder therefore, not to park on the yellow lines outside school, or across the school gate or or across the driveways of houses around school. Thank you for your cooperation.

A Monday of music is taking place on February 13th at St Mary's CofE School, Boston Avenue. It is running from 10am to 3pm and all over 7 years old are welcome. For more information call 01702 215011 or email culturebusinesssupport@southend.gov.uk There will be workshop group sessions, fun and games. No experience necessary. Cost £9 (£8 advantage card holder).

F Brierley, Headteacher

Prize Giving

Our annual Prize Giving ceremony is taking place at the Palace Theatre on Wednesday, 8th February at 7:00pm. The evening gives us an opportunity to celebrate the very best in student achievement, and those students who have been selected to receive a prize, shall be joined by their family members at this memorable occasion.



SHSG - Stonewall Champions



We are delighted that SHSG is now a Stonewall Champion School. We are now a member of the Champions programme which tackles homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and celebrates difference. The School Champions programme helps hundreds of schools from around the country to promote a safe and inclusive learning environment – empowering pupils and staff alike to celebrate difference and challenge prejudice.

We are excited to be involved in this project which will enable us to develop resources to tackle bullying and share best practice with other Stonewall Champion schools.

German Exchange with Münster 2016-17 – MEETING REMINDER!

Please remember that there is a meeting for parents and participants on Thursday 9th February at 7:30pm in the Meeting Room to discuss the final arrangements for our visit. The meeting should last for no more than an hour. Thank you!

REMINDER: Geography Field Trip - Pembrokeshire - Wales

Firstly, thank you to all those who have now paid in full. Please could all final payments and consent forms be handed into the school bank by **Friday 10th February**. Many thanks.



Reminder for School Council Reps

A reminder to SCHOOL COUNCIL REPS that electronic letters/messages and pictures to send to our penfriends at Malaika Kids in Tanzania need to be emailed to Miss D'Auria by **Friday 10th February**.

Miss D'Auria

Year 13 Media Trip on 24th February

A gentle reminder that forms and payment for this trip need to be returned to the School Bank by **Friday 10th February** as the trip takes place the week after half term.

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 6th February

6:50 Maths Angels
7:15 Revision for the year 10 test

Thursday 8th February

6:50 Maths Angels
7:15 No teacher led session

Maths Flexible Friday – 24th February

As advertised in last week's Gazette, as part of our Flexible Friday programme the Maths department is organising a trip to see a "Magical Maths" show at Westcliff High School for Boys on Friday 24th February. Letters giving full details of the trip have been emailed to parents and students and are also available to download from the school website.



The majority of students have now paid for this trip, please could we have any outstanding payments and paperwork as soon as possible.
Many thanks!

Something About Nothing Maths Show for Sixth Form, Year 11 and top set Year 10 (4pm, Friday 24th February at Westcliff High School for Boys)



We are pleased to be able to offer students the opportunity to attend an after school trip to see a Maths show hosted by Dr Matt Pritchard at Westcliff High School for Boys entitled "Something About Nothing". We will be leaving school by coach at 3:30pm and students will make their own way home after the show. There are just 40 places available for this trip, which will be offered on a first come first served basis to Sixth Form Maths students, Year 11 and top set Year 10.
Any student who is interested in attending should see their Maths teacher for a letter.

LAMDA

We are holding LAMDA examinations for selected students at school on Sunday 14th May 2017 – these will take place between 9.00am and 5.00pm. If your daughter has returned her application form we will be notifying you of when ParentPay is open for the payment of fees relevant to the exams/grades you wish your daughter to be entered for. Attainment of LAMDA certification can enhance curriculum vitae, and the skills associated with the qualification are sought after by employers. Whilst we encourage every student to look upon this as a valuable opportunity, please be advised that participating will mean that some extra study and preparation time will be necessary. LAMDA coaching sessions will be available in school for those students who enter this examination.

Mrs Wimsett
Head of Drama

Year 9 Careers Day on Tuesday 7th February

Year 9 will be off timetable for the day and will attend a series of talks where guest speakers will introduce a range of careers to them. The students have pre-selected talks of interest to them to attend throughout the day. The day is designed to inspire and further inform students as they make their GCSE option choices.

Education Perfect online learning for Languages, English, Maths, Science & Social Science

“Education Perfect is an online platform designed to make learning fun, engaging and effective”

The Education Perfect website runs competitions throughout the year in Languages, English, Maths, Science and Social Science and girls have thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Their enthusiasm has been infectious and during the latest Languages competition there was not a spare computer to be had any lunchtime during the week of the competition!

Whilst we are granted a limited number of free places for the competitions, access to the website ends once the competition is over. Students can, however, purchase a subscription to the site and we have been able to negotiate a discounted price of £5.20 for a subscription which will run until the end of the academic year (thereafter the price will be £20.50 for a year's subscription to run from September 2017). Letters are being emailed to parents and students today (Friday) and spare copies can be downloaded from the school website. If you do not have internet access, please ask your daughter/son to go to the Reprographics Office to collect a printed copy.

If you would like your daughter/son to benefit from a subscription to the website, regardless of which subjects they are studying at SHSG (there are a whole host of languages on offer, for example. not just the ones studied in school), please make your payment and return the reply slip **by Monday 20th February**.

The National Schools' Netball Championship:

On Saturday, the under 14 and under 16 netball squads played in the East of England Netball Tournament. There were teams there representing the counties of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex. Both teams played 6 games in their sections and won 5 out of the 6 matches. This meant that they went into the semi-final play offs as runners up and had to play the winners of the opposite section.



The under 14 team played Berkhamstead school, who were very fast, agile and extremely accurate in the shooting circle. On this occasion, they were the better team and we lost this match 14 – 3. The PE staff would like to say - “ Girls, you all played incredibly well on Saturday and we are so proud of all that you have achieved so far this season.”

The team squad was: India, Ella, Hannah, Olivia, Sara, Holly, Alicia, Melody, Jessica, Millie and Alice.

The under 16 team played Bedford Girls in the semi-final and they won by just two goals to meet our old rival, the King John School in the final. The game was fast and very competitive with both teams making some errors mainly through tiredness and the desperation to win. The score was goal for goal until the final few minutes when our team intercepted the ball to open up the score line to win by four goals.

The under 16 team are now East of England Champions and will play in the National Schools' Netball final in March. Massive congratulations to all the squad and to Mrs Garnham for getting her first netball team through to a national final.

This is a huge achievement on so many levels. Netball in Essex is a fiercely contended sport and it is very difficult to make progress in any of the competitions we play in. Every single game is a tough one. To have qualified with not just one, but two teams for the regional final is a first for SHSG and it is the first time that a netball team from our school has reached the national final.

The squad was: Sewa, Grace, Eleanor, Lauren, Danielle, Dolita, Elena, Nafische, Beth and Abena.

The School Sports Magazine Cup:

The under 15 team were very unlucky to lose by two goals (49 – 47) to the Lingfield Notre Dame School in the quarter final of this competition and they should be congratulated on reaching the final stages of this competition.

The under 13 team had a very tough match against the Godolphin and Latymer School Hammersmith and after leaving everything they had on the court they lost this match 52 goals to 20. Again the team should be congratulated on reaching the quarter final stages of this national competition.

The Essex Netball Cup:

The year 7 team have won the preliminary stage of this cup by winning their “group”. The competition is now in the “knockout” stages and the girls are playing the Robert Clack School.

The under 16 team are into the quarter finals of this cup after beating Barking Abbey School convincingly 34 goals to 20. They will now play the Harris Academy.

The under 14 “A” team will be playing the Saffron Walden school also in the quarter final stages and the under 14 “B” team have to play our close rivals, Brentwood Public school also in the quarter stages of the competition. The “B” team have played particularly well to reach this stage of the competition as they are playing as under 15 and most of the teams they are competing against are in year 9.

Girls who are interested in taking netball to the next level should really consider joining a local netball club. Here are a couple of links to local clubs

www.eastwoodnetballclub.co.uk; sandrastarnetball@gmail.com; www.newcambell.com <https://www.billericaynetballclub.com>

Congratulations to all the cross country girls who were part of the Southend Schools’ Borough team to compete at the Essex Schools’ Championships at Hilly Fields in Colchester. Natalie in year 9 came 7th in the junior girls’ race, along with Joanna in the intermediate girls’ race who also finished 7th. Both girls, along with Beth in year 10, have been selected to represent Essex in an inter counties race later on next month.

Eleanor and Ella are attending a national javelin workshop taking place at Loughborough University this weekend. This is a very prestigious course as all the top school throwers in the country will be in attendance. Good luck girls.

Any girls who enjoy athletics and would to receive some top class coaching please look at the Lee Valley Website for workshops which take place over half term. <https://www.visitleevalley.org.uk/go/lee-valley-athletics-centre>

Parents’ Associaton



ADVENTURE ISLAND
AND
SOUTHEND SEA LIFE CENTRE



RE-OPEN FEBRUARY 11TH 2017

Tickets are now available to purchase from the School Bank.

Adventure Island Tickets: £17.00

SeaLife Centre: £2.00

Adventure golf: £2.00

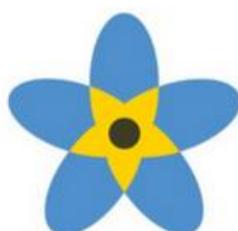
We have a few Adventure Island Tickets that cannot be used during Bank Holiday Weekends for £15.00

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



SOUTHEND YOUTH COUNCIL

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An Alzheimer's Society initiative

THURS 9 FEB 2017. 5.30. CIVIC CENTRE.



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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

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Monday 6 th February	<p>Japanese Club (Years 7-9) History Homework Drop in Club (Years 7-9) Hera and Hermes House Music Orchestra Clarinet Ensemble Highly Strung Netball Club Year 7 Under 14 "a" team v Saffron Walden School</p>	<p>12.30-1.10pm in room 3 12.30pm in room 15 12.20pm in the hall 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 12.55-1.15pm in Music Tech 3.30-4.30pm in MU1 3.30pm At Home</p>
Tuesday 7 th February	<p>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 Psychology Society Foster Uniform Sales Wind Band Novem Consort Japanese Class with Mrs Baxter Hurdles Year 7 Under 16 and under 15 netball match v New Hall School</p>	<p>12.40-1.10pm in M4 12.30pm in room 2 12.30pm in M2 12.30pm in studio 2 12.30pm in CH2 12.40pm in the MH4 12.20pm-1.20pm 12.25-12.55 in MU2 12.55-1.15pm in Music Tech 3.45-5.15pm in room 3 3.30pm At Home</p>
Wednesday 8 th February	<p>Nature Club AS/A2 Chemistry Weekly Tutorial Sessions K-Club Russian Club (Year 8) Artemis and Athene House Music SHSG Choir Alice Music Theory Netball Club Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 Year 7 athletics teams (2 teams) competing Prize Giving Evening</p>	<p>12.30pm in GS2 12.20pm in GS3 12.30pm in room 1 12.30pm in room 2 12.20pm in the hall 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 3.30-4.30pm in MU1 3.30pm At Lee Valley Indoor Athletics Centre 7.00pm at The Palace Theatre</p>
Thursday 9 th February	<p>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 Aurora and Aphrodite House Music Training Strings Training Wind Sax Ensemble Alice High Jump Year 7 Münster Exchange Meeting</p>	<p>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 12.20pm in the hall 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 12.25-12.55pm in MU1 3.30-4.30pm 3.30pm 7.30pm in the meeting room</p>
Friday 10 th February	<p>Junior Film Club History Film Club Chamber Choir Brass Band Beginners Brass Big Band</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM MONDAY 13TH - FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY</p>	<p>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</p>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

