



SHSG

WEEKLY GAZETTE



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The day we broke up for half term was the school's 104th birthday and we celebrated in the usual style - cards were given, cakes were prepared and eaten, Happy Birthday was sung and presents were given. There were two fashion shows one at lunchtime for our World in One Place celebration and the other a recycling show. The World in One event was joyful and it was a pleasure to see the students in costumes which signified their heritage. The recycling was amazing; the students showed such creativity. The School Birthday is a quirky event to say the least but it is a day when the school comes together to remember the past and to celebrate the school's development, continuity and change.

At the birthday Francesca Edwards, our Chair of Governors for the past five years, and Governor for many years before that, announced her retirement from the Governing Body. She astounded us all by also announcing a donation to the school, for the benefit of the students, of £10,000. Her generosity is amazing and we are extremely grateful for this gift. I have asked the school, and year 11 in particular, to think about a suitable way to spend this huge amount of money. I am sure they will come up with some original, creative and probably also weird ideas, but they know what might be of intellectual/ academic benefit to the students.

What a night on Wednesday night! The school was packed with students and parents at our 6th form Open Evening. It was pleasing to see so many 6th formers helping out. Many parents commented on the maturity and enthusiasm of our students, whether guiding or in subject areas. We have a great group of people in our 6th form and they are our best ambassadors.

More on helping your child. This week we have resilience which is something everyone needs if they are going to cope. Managing setbacks, having to go that extra mile, generally having the grit and determination to manage situations.

Draw attention to, and model, positive learning habits

RESILIENCE

- Demonstrate sticking at things even if they are difficult
- Talk about how you feel when you are taking on challenges in a positive way
- Praise your child when they persevere but also encourage them to take a break when they have had enough
- Help them to find interests and activities which are really absorbing
- Talk with them about what helps them to concentrate and manage distractions

Ms Brierley, Head Teacher

There will be a

World in One Place

meeting on Tuesday 7th November

12.40-1.15pm GG1

Well done Kathryn, Year 12

Kathryn M has been awarded the British Nutrition Foundation Award for the most outstanding food work out of all WJEC in Britain. In November Kathryn will receive the award in London which includes £100 to the school and £50 to Kathryn, lunch and the annual lecture by Professor Susan Jebb from Oxford University. Congratulations to Kathryn - everyone is so proud of you.

Anti-Bullying Week

As part of our work on bullying, this year SHSG is participating in the National Anti-Bullying Week running from 13th-17th November. Throughout the week the students will have an opportunity to show their support for anti-bullying by attending the different events that are running, purchasing a wristband and participating in the non-uniform day on Friday 17th of November. The theme of the non-uniform day is "odd socks". This is an opportunity to show our diversity and appreciate each other's individually and uniqueness. All students are expected to do is wear odd socks! It couldn't be more simple. As ever the usual non-school uniform rules will apply. The expected donation to participate is £2 and all money raised throughout the week will be donated to the Anti-Bullying Alliance.



Improving the understanding of what bullying is and instilling an anti-bullying culture throughout the school is an important part of our ethos. I have no doubt the week will be well supported and that the students will benefit greatly from it. I look forward to seeing their involvement and support for anti-bullying during this week.



For more information, support and advice on anti-bullying, please visit the following sites:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/media/facts/index.html>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Mrs Symes
Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator

Maths Online Sessions

Tuesday 7th November

6:50 Maths Angels

7:15 Review of units 1-7 for years 10 and 11 and ext for year 9

Thursday 9th November

6:50 Maths Angels

7:15 Recap of graphs and equations for year 8

REMINDERS - SCHOOL TRIPS AND CURRICULUM DAYS

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

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 Friday 17th November**. There are 73 places which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



Please contact Mrs Page, MFL Faculty Support, in confidence if your daughter would like to participate but you will have difficulty making your deposit payment by 17th November. 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.

Russia Trip February 2018



Please be reminded that an instalment for the Russia trip was due on Friday, 27th October 2017 and the final balance by Friday, 1st December 2017. Students attending have been emailed a visa questionnaire, due back by Friday, 10th November 2017. We also require a scan of their passports which must be valid until 23rd August 2018 and we would request that any applications for renewals are undertaken immediately, so we can start the visa application process. A letter will be sent to parents/guardians soon with further details.

Maths Year 7 Flexible Friday – 17th November 2017

As part of our Flexible Friday programme the Maths department has once again booked Dr Matt Pritchard to deliver a “Magical Maths” show during the day on Friday 17th November. Students who experienced the show last year found it both entertaining and thought provoking.



A letter giving details of the day's activities was emailed to parents and students on the Friday that we broke up for the half term holidays. The letter is also available to download from the school website. If you do not have internet access, please ask your daughter to go to the Reprographics Office to collect a printed copy of the letter.

We need to ask for a voluntary contribution of £4 to cover the cost of the show and would be grateful if you could make your payment via ParentPay by Friday 10th November. Unfortunately the show will not be able to go ahead should insufficient contributions be received. Thank you to everyone who has already paid!

Shoeburyness Model Railway Club <http://www.shoeburynessmrc.co.uk>

Mr Roy Ginn, Club Chairman
91 High Street Shoeburyness
Essex SS3 9AR
Tel: 01702 294926 Email: Chairman@shoeburynessmrc.co.uk

The largest two day show in Essex, Shoeburyness Model Railway Club presents it's 35th Annual Festival of Model Railways & Hobbies on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November 2017 at the Southend Leisure & Tennis Centre, Garon Park, Eastern Avenue, Southend on Sea, Essex. SS2 4FA.

The exhibition features nearly 90 exhibits of all shapes and sizes, including stands from local charities. Come and See many fascinating model Trains, Boats, Planes all assembled in one place. Try your hand at driving a train or Plane on Laptop computer based simulators. Have a ride on a miniature train, or just marvel at the trains running around the many layouts on display. There are so many things to see and do.

Admission is very reasonable

Adults £6.00 (up to 60)

Senior £5.00 (over 60)

Children £4.00 (up to 16)

Under 3yrs FREE Family £15.00 (2+2)

For further Information please visit our website <http://www.shoeburynessmrc.co.uk>

£££s for (POUNDS FOR PIANOS!)

We are fundraising to replace the grand piano in the main hall and the three pianos in each of the music practice rooms that have served the school well for over forty years, but are now sadly beyond repair. We are inviting the school community, both past and present, to help us raise enough money to replace the four instruments so that students for the next forty years will be able to continue playing high quality 'real' instruments, rather than electronic equivalents.



There are a number of ways you can help us:

1. Adopt a key - there are 88 keys on a grand piano, and each will be looking for a sponsor! In return, sponsors will receive one complimentary ticket (face value £6) to every Music Department concert, for life! This is an ideal option for existing members of the school (and their parents!), as it is current students who will benefit from the new instruments immediately, particularly those having instrumental lessons in the practice rooms or performing in any of our concerts.

Chosen key	Cost (plus Gift Aid, if you are eligible)
A white key	£50
A black key	£75
'Middle C'	£100
A (440Hz)	£100
'Top C'	£100
'Bottom A'	£100

2. You can help us, for free! Don't worry if you cannot spare any change, you can still support us by voting for our cause using the link below. You have ten votes per e-mail address, and every vote will take us closer to winning '25 Grand for a Grand':

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-1987>.

3. Make a separate donation - if you or a family member would like to contribute to our fundraising outside of the Adopt a Key scheme, then please make cheques payable to Southend High School for Girls Academy Trust; we hope you are also able to Gift Aid your donations if you are a UK tax payer.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Rebecca Ryan, Head of Music

**Southend High School for Girls
Parents Association**



Looking for a unique Christmas present, then why not enter our fabulous raffle prize draw

ONE TICKET - TWO PRIZES



Prize 1:
Chauffeur driven BMW to London with two tickets to see a show of your choice



Prize 2:
An Audi for the weekend of your choice. Value of the car up to £40,000



All proceeds raised will be used to fund a new school minibus
 Tickets cost £5 each. A book of five tickets has been sent home with students.
 We would encourage you to sell tickets to family and friends to help raise much needed funds.
 Please complete the ticket stubs and return these together with the correct money to the school bank. Further tickets available through the school bank.
 The draw will take place on Thursday 7th December 2017 during the Christmas Concert

PE News

The school netball, football, athletics and cross country teams have all been involved in matches and competitions over the last couple of weeks.

The cross-country runners stormed to victory at the Thorpe Hall Relays with our "A" teams winning every age group and the "B" teams all finishing a very close second. For the 12th consecutive year SHSG won the overall trophy.

On Tuesday 4 year 7 netball teams played against WHSG. The A team won 23 – 5; the B team won 12-0, the C team won 10-3 and D team won 10 – 1. A fantastic set of results - well done to all the girls who played.

The under 13 football team had a convincing 7-0 win over Cecil Jones with Hannah W being the top scorer of the match (4 goals).

The under 14 athletes were in action at Lee Valley this week where they took part in the first round of the Lee Valley Indoor Athletics Cup. The "A" team had a draw with Woodlands School Basildon to score 95 points, but SHSG was declared the eventual winner as our athletes achieved more first places. The "B" team finished in 4th place overall. The "A" team will now compete in the cup semi final and the B team athletes will compete in the plate semi final.

Fixtures next week:

Monday 6 th November	Cross country runners will have a trial run at Blenheim to decide who will compete in the Borough Championships. Leaving SHSG at 12 noon and return for the start of lesson 4. If any parents can help with transport it would be a great help.
Tuesday 7 th November	Under 16 B netball team playing against the Harris Academy – away
Wednesday 8 th November	Borough Cross Country Championships at Blenheim Park Westcliff. Leave SHSG at 11.15am
Thursday 9 th November	Under 13 football match vs The Chase School away; 2 year 7 netball teams playing Brentwood School at home
Saturday 10 th November	Regional Cross Country finals at Appleton School Benfleet. First race (junior girls) is at 11am.

1 to 6	The Coopers' Company and Coborn School	Upminster	JB IB JG IG
7 to 12	The Eastwood Academy	Leigh-on-Sea	JB IB JG IG
13 to 18	Woodbridge School	Woodbridge	JB IB JG IG
19 to 24	Brentwood School	Brentwood	JB IB JG
19 to 24	Bancrofts School	Woodford Green	IG
25 to 30	Bury St Edmunds County Upper School	Bury St Edmunds	IB
25 to 30	Farlingaye High School	Woodbridge	JB JG IG
31 to 36	Thurston Community College	Bury St Edmunds	IB JG
31 to 36	Moulsham High School	Chelmsford	JB IG
37 to 42	New Hall School	Chelmsford	JG IG
37 to 42	Southend High School for Boys	Southend-on-Sea	JB IB
43 to 48	St Martin's School Brentwood	Brentwood	JB IB
43 to 48	Southend High School for Girls	Southend-on-Sea	JG IG
49 to 54	The Appleton School	Benfleet	JB IB
49 to 54	St John Payne Catholic School Chelmsford	Chelmsford	JG IG
55 to 60	The King John School	Benfleet	JG IG
55 to 60	The Champion School	Hornchurch	JB IB
61 to 66	Mayflower High School	Billericay	IB
61 to 66	Great Baddow High School	Chelmsford	JB
61 to 66	Saint Felix School	Southwold	IG
61 to 66	Gable Hall School	Stanford-le-Hope	JG
67 to 72	William Edwards School	Grays	IG
67 to 72	St Clere's School		

67 to 72	Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School	Stanford-le-Hope	IB
73 to 78	The FitzWimarc School	Upminster	JG
79 to 84	Westley Middle School	Rayleigh	JB
		Bury St Edmunds	JB

These schools will be taking part. The top 3 teams from each age group will qualify for the final.

PLEASE NOTE – THE NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IS ON SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER IN SEVENOAKS KENT and NOT 2nd December as previously published.

Mrs S Simpson
Head of Physical Education

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Students, Parents/Carers and Staff,

School birthday

It was with great pleasure that the SHSG Parents' Association presented the school on its 104th birthday with **3 brand-new picnic benches** which are due to arrive at the school fully assembled in the next few days and which should enable more students to sit down comfortably for their lunch outside!



Future donations to the school

Thank you so much to those few form-reps who have already forwarded their "wish lists" to us via Miss d'Auria/School Council and we are looking forward to receiving many more and also the list from the departmental heads via Ms Brierley, as to what you would like us to raise funds for. As we mentioned before, we will compile a list of items/events and see what is affordable and also make sure the allocation of funds is evenly spread amongst departments and year groups.

"Christmas Cracker" raffle tickets

We are now well on our way towards Christmas and we are delighted that the ticket sales are going well. However, there is still time to purchase raffle tickets from the school bank and at upcoming events at the school. If you as a family have already purchased tickets, maybe ask other family members, friends or even work-colleagues if they would like to buy some and be in with the chance of receiving a very special Christmas present this year!

The prizes consist of prize 1: a chauffeur driven BMW to a West End show of your choice (tickets for 2 people included) and prize 2: an Audi to drive for the weekend.

Next PA meeting

Our next PA meeting will take place this coming **Tuesday November 7th at 7pm in the school meeting room**. If you would like to attend, please contact Susanne Barton sanne@bartonworld.com or Rachel Jones rachel.jones1212@gmail.com. We will be discussing help needed with refreshments and raffle ticket sales at the upcoming events and also event planning for 2018 and it would be fantastic to have people with great ideas and connections coming along!

PA 200 CLUB - OCTOBER DRAW

Welcome to all of our new members and many thanks to those who have chosen to renew their subscription for another year. We have a record number of members this year, which means that we have a much larger prize pot and can donate a lot more money to the school! Many congratulations to the winners of October's draw. They are:

1st prize: £57.25	Mr Gary Taylor
2nd prize: £34.35	Ms. Nicky Fasey
3rd prize: £22.90	Mrs Debalina Gupta

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 message Hinna on 07742 570404 or email hinna02@me.com.

With kind regards,

THE SHSG PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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 6th November	Cross Country Years 7 to 13 Year 9 Netball Football Club All Years Year 7 Netball Club Years 8 & 9 Hockey Club	12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm 3.30pm 3.30pm
Tuesday 7th November	Fitness Club All Years Under 16 Netball Club Year 7 Netball Club Latin Club World in One Place Meeting Under 14 & Under 16 Netball Squad Training Japanese with Mrs Baxter (Year 7 & 8) Parents' Association Meeting	08.00am 12.20pm in the Sports Hall 12.20pm 12.30pm in M2 12.40-1.15pm 3.30pm 3.45-5.15pm 7pm in the meeting room
Wednesday 8th November	Year 7 & 8 Hurdles Cross Country Years 7 to 13 Years 8 and 9 Hockey Club Fixture Night	08.00am 12.20pm 12.20pm 3.30pm
Thursday 9th November	Under 16 Netball Club Year 8 Netball Club Geography Open House (All Years Welcome) Multi Event Athletics Club Years 7 & 8	12.20pm 12.20pm 12.20pm in GG1 3.30pm
Friday 10th November	Cross Country Years 7 to 11 Year 7 Netball Club Years 8 & 9 Netball Club	08.00am 12.20pm 12.20pm

Thought of the week

