



SHSG WEEKLY GAZETTE



Shrove Tuesday

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I hope everyone had a good half term break and did something other than watch TV, social media friends and sleep. I discovered the joys of snow shoe walking in the deep snow of northern Finland and learnt how to mush huskies – great fun and a reminder that there is always something new to try and to learn.

Please can I remind you that the Sims Learning Gateway is where you can access your daughter's or son's assessments and can monitor their progress. Please email sbrierley@shsg.org if you have forgotten your password. The password is not given to students so they should not go to the IT office to ask for this information. You can also check progress in workbooks. In the front of exercise books and planners there should be a progress chart or flight path so you can see how your child is doing over time. Progress is rarely in a straight line but the trend should be towards A or grade 7 (or higher) by the end of year 11. Based on prior attainment students at this school should be aiming for A or A* or grade 7, 8, or 9. Although we understand that level 9 will be very rare. However, these grades do not just happen and the final result depends on the input of the student themselves.

Thank you to the parents who attended the parents' forum this week. Some very useful observations emerged and a couple of things we can act on straight away, such as putting report information on the website. We had already been thinking about changing the year 7 transition arrangements to give parents more information and the parental comments have reinforced the need for this change. As regards the canteen. We would love an extension. If anyone would like to build our extension (for free) or pay for one to be built we would be thrilled!

F Brierley, Headteacher

Inter-House Music Competition



The week before half term saw our annual Inter-House Music Competition take place across four lunchtimes in the hall. Students from all houses in Years 7-13 competed against each other to win the coveted trophy that was won last year by Victoria in Year 13 for Athene.

The standard of Music this year was high and, after much deliberation, our Music Captains chose the winner from each house that would go forward into the final.

The winners were as follows: Mariam in Year 8 for Hera, Lydia in Year 13 for Hermes, Femi in Year 9 for Artemis, Victoria in Year 13 for Athene, Tess and Sara in Year 8 for Aurora and Chi-Chi in Year 11 for Aphrodite.

After an intense final round on Friday the judges, Miss Ryan and Mr Peugniez chose Lydia in Year 13 as the winner. She will receive House points and hold the Cup for Hermes until next year's competition. Additionally, we would like to congratulate the following students who scored the highest mark in each year group: Emily in 7B, Mariam in 8E, Femi in 9B, Elleanna in 10F, Leah in 11N and Victoria in the 6th Form. Well done to all those who took part for a fantastic week showcasing SHSG's musical talent!

Jess, Music Captain



Prize Giving

The evening of Wednesday, 8th February saw the annual Southend High School for Girls Prize Giving ceremony, held at the Palace Theatre. It was a wonderful celebration of achievement and service to the school. The students were treated to a thoroughly engaging and inspiring speech by Katie Turfkruyer; a former student. After leaving SHSG in 1995, Katie studied Mechanical Engineering at Loughborough University and is now a Software and Calibration engineer at McLaren Automotive.

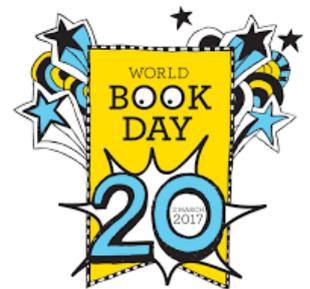
It was a pleasure to see students who have given extra to the school and to their own learning receive due credit.

Congratulations to everyone.

World Book Day – 2nd March

World Book Day 2017 is on Thursday 2nd March, as part of our activities to mark the occasion we have two authors visiting the school.

On Thursday 28th February, the author Saci Lloyd will be speaking to Year 9 and 10 students. Saci Lloyd is the author of the critically acclaimed Carbon Diaries series, which has been translated into fifteen languages and has been optioned by Company Pictures. Two of her other titles Momentum and Quantum Drop were shortlisted for the Guardian prize. Her latest book, "The End of the World as we Know It", is a comedy sci-fi book set in the Hadron Super Collider. Saci will be speaking to all students in years 9 and 10 and running creative writing sessions for selected students.



On World Book Day itself, Sue Hampton will be coming in to speak to all students in years 7 and 8. Sue has written more than 25 books for children, teenagers and adults. Ex-teacher Sue is also Ambassador for Alopecia UK. You may have seen her captaining a winning team on BBC Eggheads – to win £29,000 for the charity she represents. Sue believes in the power of words and stories to change lives. Her books have been praised by Michael Morpurgo who called *Spirit and Fire* "enthalling", *Just for One Day* "terrific" and her alopecia novel *The Waterhouse Girl* "beautifully written". *Traces* made the top three in The People's Book Prize 2012.

There will be an opportunity for students to buy books signed by the author at lunchtime on the 28th February and 2nd March. If your daughter would like to purchase a book, please ensure that she brings money with her on the day.

Safer internet day was 7th February and 8E led a stall in the foyer to promote online safety.



REMINDER:- Pembrokeshire 27th February – 3rd March

There are a few outstanding payments for this trip. If this applies to you can you please pay these to the school bank as soon as possible. There is also a kit list on fronter and the plasma screen in the school reception. Please take a look!

Exam Timetable Summer 2017

The examinations timetable for Summer can now be viewed on the school website under About Us/Examinations Information and Results.

Congratulations to Victoria

Congratulations to Victoria K in Year 12, who competed in the U18 Girls Fencing Eastern Region Qualifiers for Epée on the 29th January at the University of Essex campus, Colchester.

Victoria finished third to receive a bronze medal within this competition, and has qualified to the finals that will take place in May at Sheffield. She should be commended particularly for having only been fencing since September 2016.



Art Students to visit Amsterdam



Fourteen Sixth Form Art students are going to Amsterdam for a cultural weekend from 3rd - 5th March. They will be visiting the Van Gogh Gallery, the Rijksmuseum, the Stedelijk Museum and the Anne Frank House.

This trip is intended to provide students with essential first-hand cultural experience and inspiration for their A Level studies. There will be plenty of opportunities to sketch and students are expected to make a visual journal of their experience.

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 28th February

6:50 Maths Angels
7:15 Inequalities and percentages

Thursday 2nd March

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

Music for Youth at Snape Maltings Saturday, 25th March 2017

Please be reminded that reply slips and consent/medical forms for this trip should be returned to the Music office.

Disneyland Big Band Trip

Please be reminded that payments should be made via ParentPay and the next instalment is due on Friday, 10th March. Reply slips, consent/medical forms and copies of passports and EHICs should be returned to the School Bank.

Battlefields Trip (Current Year 8)

A gentle reminder that deposits should be paid via ParentPay and that reply slips, consent/medical forms and copies of passports and EHICs should be returned to the School Bank.

Berlin Trip (Year 10)

Please be reminded that the next instalments are due on Wednesday 1st March and Friday 31st March via ParentPay. All reply slips, consent/medical forms and copies of passports and EHICs should be returned to the School Bank.

Year 9 DTP Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Immunisations

Year 9 DTP Immunisations will take place on Tuesday 28th February in the Gym from 9am until 12.20pm.



Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm The Psychology of Shopping

As you will be aware, there is a lot of psychology involved in shopping! Why do we select what we do? Why do we enjoy shopping so much? What are the many and varied psychological techniques that salespeople and retailers use to persuade us to part with our money and buy their product? Find out answers to all these questions, and more!

Tickets: £7.50 on the door, or £6.25 in advance from www.mikeculley.uk

Venue: The Tickfield Centre, Tickfield Avenue, Southend on Sea. SS2 6LL

hello

Do you attend Southend High School for Girls? Then this notice is for YOU!!!

We have a number of cool Student Voice projects for YOU to get involved in! You don't have to be a representative at school council.

There are 3 main projects. The information about them and how you can get involved are detailed below:

1. The World in One Place Project (WIOP)

We are going to run a programme of events throughout the academic year devised by student voice. It might include, for example, poetry, drama, art and musical events run by students for students at lunchtimes and after school. It will incorporate Black History Month but that will be part of a wider celebration of our diverse cultural heritage at SHSG.

*So what would you like to do to celebrate our cultural diversity? Have you got a skill you can share? Can you teach Bollywood dancing one lunchtime? Read poetry in Welsh? Make origami? If you are interested, come to a meeting on **Monday 27th February at 12.30pm in MH4** to find out more.*

2. The World in One Place Project (WIOP) Map – as part of this project we will be putting a huge map on the wall and linking student and staff profiles to different parts of the world.

Would you like to take pictures for this project and make the student profiles? If so please email Miss D'Auria.

3. The Girl in Green Project – We are going to design and print a journal for students to have from year 7 until they leave in year 13.

*What would you like in your journal? Pictures of your friends? A progress chart? Would you like to help design the journal that will be used by students for years to come? If you are interested in this project then please come along to the meeting on **Monday 13th March 12.45pm in MH4**.*

Miss D'Auria and the School Council

PE News

As mentioned in an earlier Gazette the PE department is part of the Waitrose (Leigh-on Sea branch) Community Matters fund raising appeal starting from Wednesday 1st March. We would be most grateful for your "green" tokens and hope that you can rally up the support of your wider family and friends.

Many thanks
The PE department

Parents' Associaton

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.

In the meantime, the SHSG PA wish you all a very pleasant half-term and it would be great to see some new faces at our meeting in March.

Susanne Barton

PA 200 CLUB

Many congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club's February draw. They are:

1st prize: Mr Walter Logan
2nd prize: Mrs Hilary Hill
3rd prize: Mrs Rochelle Morris

If you would like to join the 200 Club, and be in with a chance of winning one of three cash prizes every month, please email hinna02@me.com or call/text [07742 570404](tel:07742570404).

easyfundraising

Did you know that whenever you book holidays and travel online – from your annual summer holiday to a winter weekend away – you could be raising a free donation for Southend High School for Girls? There are over 3,000 retailers including Expedia, Booking.com and Thomson who will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to the Parents' Association to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/shsg/

2. Sign up for free

3. Get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to Southend High Parents' Association. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Southend High Parents' Association will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

ADVENTURE ISLAND

Tickets are available to purchase from the School Bank.

Adventure Island Tickets: £17.00

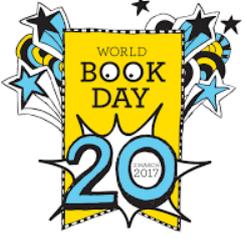
We have a few Adventure Island Tickets that cannot be used during Bank Holiday Weekends for £15.00

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



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<p>Monday 27th February</p>	<p>Japanese Club (Years 7-9) History Homework Drop in Club (Years 7-9) Orchestra Clarinet Ensemble Highly Strung <i>Netball Club Year 7</i></p>	<p>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></p>
<p>Tuesday 28th February</p> 	<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 Wind Band Novem Consort Psychology Society <i>Japanese Class with Mrs Baxter</i> <i>Hurdles Year 7</i> <i>Year 7 and 8 Borough Netball Tournament</i> <i>Saci Lloyd, visiting author presenting to years 9 & 10</i></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 12.25-12.55 in MU2 12.55-1.15pm in Music Tech 12.40pm in MH4 <i>3.45-5.15pm in room 3</i> <i>3.30pm</i> <i>At SHSG</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 1st March</p>	<p>Nature Club AS/A2 Chemistry Weekly Tutorial Sessions K-Club SHSG Choir Alice Music Theory Russian Club (Year 8) <i>Netball Club Years 8, 9, 10 and 11</i> <i>Soloists' Concert</i></p>	<p>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>3.30pm</i> <i>7pm</i></p>
<p>Thursday 2nd March</p> 	<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 Training Strings Training Wind Sax Ensemble Alice <i>High Jump Year 7</i> <i>Sue Hampton, visiting author speaking to years 7 & 8</i></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 12.25-12.55pm in MU2 12.25-12.55pm in MU1 3.30-4.30pm <i>3.30pm</i></p>
<p>Friday 3rd March</p>	<p>Junior Film Club History Film Club Chamber Choir Brass Band Beginners Brass Big Band</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 ...

