



Southend High School for Girls

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day Assembly was delivered to all years in form time. The focus was on the part played by women in wars from WW1 to the modern day, and it ended with a video of a performance of the Last Post by the Australian violinist Rachel Bostock. All staff and students took part in a two-minute silence at 11am.

Medical careers workshop

On Wednesday, 3rd November we welcomed Samantha Crawford from Surrey University and Tia, a student currently studying veterinary medicine, to support Sixth Form students who have an interest in medically allied careers. The sessions aimed to provide students with an insight into interview strategies for careers in medicine, physio, veterinary, and dentistry etc. The feedback from students was very positive. We wish this cohort the best of luck as they pursue their exciting career journey in medicine.

Year 12 Cyber security Hackathon

On Thursday, seven Year 12 students participated in a Virtual Hackathon run by the Cardiff School of Technologies. We are so proud to announce that Ophelia B gained first place! Congratulations on this fantastic achievement.

Anti-Bullying Week 2021

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place from 15th to 19th November 2021; the theme this year is *One Kind Word*. More information about Anti-Bullying week can be found [here](#). As part of Anti-Bullying Week, SHSG is taking part in *Odd Socks Day* on Monday 15th November to celebrate what makes us all unique. We are inviting students participating to donate £1 for the Anti-Bullying Alliance via ParentPay.

Pre-loved Uniform Donations

Due to parents' overwhelming generosity, we are currently not taking donations of pre-loved uniform. We will update you when this situation changes.

Multi-Faith Room

With effect from Monday 15th November, Room 12 in the Tower will now be designated a lunchtime multi-faith room for students to use if they so wish. Well done and thank you to Deputy Head Student, Sara for leading this initiative and working with Mrs. Clarke to create a suitable space for students.

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Message from DFE to schools and colleges about the importance of reporting test results

We continue to encourage staff, students and pupils to test twice-weekly for COVID-19 at home. Reporting your tests, whether positive, negative or void, is as important as taking the test itself, as reporting results helps us understand the spread of the virus in local areas.

Lateral flow device (LFD) tests have been widely and successfully used to detect asymptomatic COVID-19 cases. A recent [report](#) has shown that the accuracy of LFD tests was more than 80% effective at detecting any level of COVID-19 infection and likely to be more than 90% effective at detecting the most infectious people at the point of testing.

The [GOV.UK](#) notify service enables education settings to remind pupils and parents to test and report easily, quickly and at no extra cost. Please do make use of this service. We have also provided a [toolkit](#) to support you in encouraging pupils and students to test and report regularly.

Christmas Song Day

Today, Year 7 have been writing their own seasonal songs in their form groups with the assistance of two A level musicians per form. Well done to Year 7 for being so enthusiastic and bringing such creative ideas to the day and thank you to the A level musicians for leading each choir. Parents and students can see the final performances in our Christmas Concerts, which will take place on Tuesday 7th (7A, 7B, and 7C) and Wednesday 8th (7D, 7E, and 7F) December at 7pm in the School Hall – tickets can be purchased from the School Bank from next week.

Year 11 PPEs

Good luck to Year 11 Students starting their PPEs on Monday 15th November for two weeks. The DfE have written to students with information about the 2022 examinations. Please find a link to this letter [here](#)

PE News – district champions and first places

This week has been a very successful one in the PE department. Well done to everyone who competed at the Borough Cross Country Competition on Wednesday. We saw strong performances from everyone who competed and took first place in the Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 races! (We are awaiting confirmation on the year 10/11 race). Outstanding performances from Annalise B, Shiloh O, Lilianna T, and Sophie M who are now District Champions! Congratulations!

Well done to this week's U13 Netball Squad who will progress to the fourth round of the School Sports Magazine National Cup after a strong 18-11 win against Finborough School. The Year 7 Basketball Team also progress to the second round of the Essex Cup after beating St Martins in their first cup fixture. An amazing performance from the whole team.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey
Headteacher