



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Rotary Club annual competitions

The local Rotary Club organises a number of annual competitions for schools in Southend. This year, students at SHSG entered applications for two of these competitions:

Young Citizen - This award is to showcase and celebrate the positive citizenship and important responsibilities assumed by many young people in Southend. What matters is that they, individually or as part of a group, have made a positive difference to their communities or organisation. For example, they might be champions in their school or local community, young carers, fundraisers, volunteers or have shown particular courage in some way. One of our Deputy Head Students, Sude, has won the award this year and her name has now been submitted for the District and National Young Citizen Competitions. Sude supports a number of initiatives for children in local libraries and continues to demonstrate inspirational leadership. We wish her luck.

Young photographer - Congratulations to Sally J and Hristina I in Year 9, who have been awarded 2nd and 3rd place respectively in this competition. The theme of the competition this year was 'Colours of Nature' and both photographs below reflect this beautifully.



Lateral Flow Tests

Students will be receiving their next pack of LFT test kits on Monday morning during tutor time. A reminder that these tests are for students; we are unable to supply parents.

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Post 18 Pathways

This term, Year 12 have indicated their interest in Post 18 Pathways, which has included expressions of interest in Early Entry Universities and courses – The University of Oxford, The University of Cambridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Dentistry. Due to the competitive nature of these courses, students need to build a portfolio of super-curricular work to give them the best chance of securing interviews and conditional offers. To support students with this process, they are able to work with experienced subject specialist in the school who will signpost super-curricular tasks and offer support with the Early Entry UCAS application.

For students considering other universities and courses and post 18 pathways such as apprenticeships and gap years, we continue with our programme of visiting alumni who are embarking on their first year of study, work or travel. These students offer valuable insights into the options available, as well as the routes to achieve their goals.

County Lines Assemblies

We were delighted to welcome Leo Powell to SHSG this week to deliver county lines awareness assemblies to all year groups. Leo Powell is one of the UK's leading County Lines trainers, demonstrating a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the area of gangs, grooming, exploitation and more. More information about Leo can be found on his website [here](#).

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for the generosity of Vincent McCarthy Solicitors for sponsoring our new Year 12/13 football kit. The new SHSG boys' football team are looking forward to their next fixture.



Wishing you wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Jason Carey
Headteacher