



# Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope that you had a wonderful half term break. Please find below information and updates from this week.

### **Storm Damage Update**

I am pleased to announce that further to the storm damage last weekend to the Brierley Building and the Art Block, the site has been assessed and made safe for students and staff to return to their usual rooms. Thank you to staff and students for being so patient during the time that the area was closed.

### **Arts Award Trinity College London**

On Monday the Art Award moderator visited SHSG to view students' work. Every student who was entered for the award passed with 66 Bronze awards, 6 Silver awards and 1 Gold award. This is a huge achievement for the successful candidates. Congratulations to all the students involved.

### **Year 9 Options Evening**

There was an excellent turn out for the Year 9 Options Evening last night with over three hundred parents and students attending. Thank you to all those that came, and we hope that you found the information informative. All the slides will be available in the school website early next week.

### **Appointments with staff**

We are very proud of our open-door policy and are happy to invite and receive visitors into school again. Please be aware, however, that if you do need to speak to a member of staff face to face that you must make an appointment prior to your visit, for a mutually convenient time. Should you require an appointment with a member of staff, please contact our school office in advance, who will be happy to help you.

### **Tassomai Free Webinar**

If your child is preparing for GCSE exams this summer, you may like to join the Tassomai free webinar on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm, which covers practical ways that parents can help. If you are interested, please register on the link [here](#).

### **Year 11 Pre Public Examinations 2 (PPE2)**

PPE2s for Year 11 will be taking place from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and will finish on the morning of Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. I have attached the timetable to this email. The PPE2s will be a rigorous set of examinations assessing the students' attainment and progress since the PPE1s. This will provide a good insight for students to identify any gaps with their teachers and for the school to provide extra support. Coping with pressures around examinations and prioritising wellbeing is very important. We have a programme of wellbeing support in place for students; please let the Pastoral Team know if you or your child have any concerns about exam pressures and mental health. In addition, the following NHS link may be useful: [Help your child beat exam stress - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

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Students will register every morning in their form bases and will then make their way to the canteen accompanied by their form tutor. When students do not have an examination, they are expected to follow their normal lesson timetable. They will be doing silent study in their timetabled lesson with the usual classroom teacher.

Following the completion of the PPE2s, we will analyse the data and structure any interventions. A report of the PPE2 results will be sent home via SIMS in early April; more information about this to follow.

I wish all of Year 11 the very best of luck in their examinations and am confident they will do extremely well.

### **PE News**

After another successful week, we would like to congratulate Shiloh O and Lilianna T for being selected to compete for the Essex Team at the National Schools' Cross-Country Championships on Saturday 19th March. Congratulations also to Francesca P for qualifying to compete at the Diving England National Age Group Championship.

Monday's Year 7 Netball team saw victory in the 'Sweet 16' knockout round of the Essex Cup when they won 27-6 against St Martins. The team played very well, taking on feedback, and improving throughout each quarter of the game. We now look forward to playing in the quarter final.

This week's success continues as the Junior Cross-Country runners competed in the Year 7 and Year 8 Essex Cross Country Championships. All athletes ran exceptionally well in their longest school race yet, against approximately 270 other athletes. The determination and commitment to Cross Country shown by the runners this year is reflected in their success as both year groups celebrated winning the County Champion titles! Congratulations to all involved!

The season is not quite over as some athletes have now qualified to compete for the Essex team in the Inter Counties on Saturday 26th March. Congratulations to Annalise B, Niamh S, Yasmin R, Chloe B, Shiloh O, Chloe F.



### **SHSG Parents' Association Notice**

The Parents' Association will be holding an Easter raffle on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The prizes are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize – two tickets to *Rock of Ages* at the Cliffs Pavilion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – a Katie Loxton handbag/backpack from Quinn's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – a £50 Danielle's school wear and uniform gift card
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize – a Cadbury's Easter Egg from Waitrose

Tickets cost £2 each and are available from the school bank or on ParentPay.

All contributions support SHSG Parents' Association. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Key Dates**

The calendar on our website is regularly updated and contains key dates of activities and events that are taking place in school. A full list can be found [here](#).

Wishing you a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

Jason Carey  
Headteacher