



# Southend High School for Girls

## AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

### **Music Lecture**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May we welcomed Dr Tim Summers, lecturer and admissions tutor at Royal Holloway University, to deliver a short lecture on Video Game Music to our GCSE and A level musicians, plus a few additional students who were interested in the broader topic area. It was interesting to hear, not only how music for gaming is composed, but also the subtle ways that music can influence our actions and mindset within a game. We are grateful to the staff at Royal Holloway for giving their time to enrich our students' academic experiences, and hope that those in attendance felt the lectures gave them an insight into what undergraduate study might entail.

### **PE News**

Congratulations to Sitara S in Year 8 who took part in the Havering Youth Games for Archery on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Sitara was presented with a medal for second in her category. Well done on this achievement!

On Wednesday, forty-six students went to the Eastwood Academy, the first outdoors Athletics fixture this year. This was an incredible turn out and a valuable training event where lots of personal bests were achieved. Well done to all involved. It is important to keep attending training sessions in preparation for the busy athletics season!

### **PJ Murray Visit- Media Studies**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, we welcomed entrepreneur, author, and the founder of *Pride Magazine* to school to talk to students about his experiences in the Music, Magazine and Media industry. The day started with the Media Captains and Year 12 Media students greeting him at reception, visiting Scholars and having their first introductions. It was such an honour for the students in Year 11 and Years 10 and 12 to listen to an exclusive masterclass with Murray, as well as his talk to the rest of the school at lunchtime. Some students were fortunate enough to join Mr. Murray for a private lunch!

We received some great reviews from his talk, including:

Anna K: *'The advice for getting involved in the Media industry was so informative and inspirational!'*

Chiana P: *'A very inspiring man proving that no matter what your background, you can still have huge success in whatever you put your mind to... and a Lamborghini!'*

Marnie G, Year 12 Media Captain: *'Thank you to Mr McGarvey for organising this event as well as Ms Casson, Mrs Arnold, the Media Captains, students who helped in Year 12, and of course, Mr Ford, who catered the lunch. The day could not have run so smoothly without you all!'*

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### ***News from the Parents' Association***

We are very happy to announce that the Parents' Association have received £1,000 from the Tesco Community Grant scheme. Thank you to the Parents' Association for their continued support.

### ***Year 11 and Year 13 Last Day(s)***

A reminder that the last day for Year 11 students is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May and for Year 13 students it is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Students will be enjoying celebrations on those days. Good luck to all students taking their GCSE's and A Levels this year and we hope you enjoy your last few days before you go on study leave!

### ***Year 10 and Year 12 PPES***

Well done to Year 10 who are working hard on their PPE examinations, and good luck to Year 12 who start their PPEs on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

### ***Extra Bank Holiday Reminder - Queens Platinum Jubilee***

I am sure you are aware that the Culture Secretary has announced plans to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 with an additional bank holiday on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. As this additional bank holiday falls within the half term break, in line with Southend Borough Council, we have allocated an additional school closure day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. There are some exams taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and those students will have been contacted and informed separately.

### ***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](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey  
Headteacher