

Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Middle School Head Prefect interviews

This week we have been holding the first round of the Middle School Head Prefect interviews. This entailed four group interviews whereby the applicants were required to discuss and convey ideas around education and the role of leaders in education. Mrs Bowman and Mr Morgan have been impressed by the exceptional levels of teamwork and communication demonstrated by all the applicants. The applicants came up with some very intriguing and innovative ideas which they articulated very well. What this has clearly highlighted is that, regardless of who takes up the mantel of Middle School Head Prefect, the new middle school prefect team will be a fantastic one.

Year 13 Last Day Celebrations

Students had a wonderful last day at SHSG today celebrating in fancy dress, as well as breakfasting in Scholars and participating in a fun assembly in the Hall. We finished off in true SHSG fashion by singing *Jerusalem*, with Mr Peugniez on the piano. On behalf of the SHSG family and community, I would like to wish Year 13 good luck with their revision and A Levels. Wishing you every success for the future!

Year 13 French students made a farewell video, which can be seen here.



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Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Good luck to Year 9 students completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh this weekend in Danbury. Thank you to all the staff involved, and especially to Mrs S Brierley who has coordinated Duke of Edinburgh and World Challenge for many years. Hopefully, the rain will hold off tomorrow.

Open Evening Advance Warning

Please note that our Year 5 Open evening will be taking place on **Thursday 30th June 2022**. Students will be dismissed at lunchtime on this day and there will be no food available in the canteen at lunchtime. More details about tour guides and students helping in departments on this evening will follow.

Non-Uniform day

A reminder that Friday 27th May is a non-uniform day. The money raised from this event will be donated to <u>Precious Sight Foundation</u>, a charity that aims to help people who suffer with sight loss. A video explaining the work of the charity will be shown in house assemblies and donations of £2 can be made via ParentPay before Friday 27th May. Please note that students that have exams on that day will need to be in school uniform.

PE News – regional finalists!

Congratulations to all athletes who competed at the first round of the National Schools Track and Field Cup on Wednesday 17th May. Both the Junior Girls and Inter Girls performed very well and have qualified for the regional final at the beginning of June. Well done to all involved! Congratulations also to Shiloh O (year 8) for breaking the school record for 300m with an extremely impressive time of 39.7s!

PE Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that skorts or leggings are acceptable around school; leggings must be plain black opaque (no mesh) and ankle length (any logos small and discreet). Lycra running shorts are only acceptable in PE lessons.

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 <u>here</u>.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Jason Carey Headteacher