



# 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.

## **Year 11 and Year 13 Proms**

### **Message from Mr O'Brien, Head of Year 11**

Year 11s attended the Year 11 Prom at Hyland Estate, Chelmsford. They really enjoyed the occasion and looked fabulous in their frocks. They behaved very well and danced the night away. A special thanks go to two groups of people. Firstly, a huge debt of gratitude goes to the Prom Committee: Tami, Anjy, Sophie M and Annabelle D who organised the event so well. Secondly, a massive thank you to all the staff who attended the evening: Mrs Poxon, Mr Carey, Mr Hollick, Miss Casson, Miss Riebold, Mrs Bowman, Mr Boney and Mrs Leman. Without these people giving up their valuable time in a very busy part of the year, the Prom would not have been possible.



### **Message from Miss Marcel, Head of Year 13**

After missing their Year 11 prom due to COVID, we were really happy to be able to help Year 13 organise a Prom to remember. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Year 13 spent the evening in the beautiful setting of Boreham House. Mr Carey, Miss Riebold, and I were lucky to see them arrive at the start of the evening. They all looked fantastic and happy to be able to celebrate the end of their secondary education in style. Thank you to Heritage A and Mrs Croysdill for their help in organising the event.

### **Year 12 Art Trip to Tate Modern**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, twenty three Year 12 students walked to the Tate Modern from Fenchurch Street with the Art teachers. At the gallery two special exhibitions as well as exciting work in the permanent collection were viewed.

### **Year 5 Open Evening**

On Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed more than six hundred families to SHSG for our Open Evening event. Mrs Leman and I presented in the Hall along with Head Student, Gracie, and Head Prefect, Sophie, as well as a small team of Year 7s. The Hall was packed with over three hundred people for each of the three presentations. Hundreds of SHSG students helped as tour guides and subject ambassadors. Thank you to all staff and students for helping to make this event such a success.

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### **New Year 7 Induction Day**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July our new cohort of Year 7s starting in September visited SHSG for their induction day. They were welcomed by their form tutors and enjoyed a packed day of assemblies, tutor activities and lessons, with a final assembly singing the school song, *Jerusalem*. We look forward to seeing the students during their virtual sessions with their tutors in the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July and welcoming them to the SHSG family in September.



### **Maths Week**

In the week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July the Maths Captains are running numerous events each day, including origami, mathematical relay, treasure hunt, Desmos art and Kahoot to celebrate mathematics. The events are taking place in M1 at lunchtime each day from 12:40 to 13:20. It would be great to see as many students there as possible.

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – non-uniform day**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July we will have our final non-uniform day of this school year. We will be supporting [Meningitis Now](#) which is the same charity Mrs Neill will be raising money for when she runs the marathon in October. Meningitis Now is the first meningitis patient group in the world, and the only charity dedicated to fighting meningitis in the UK. Over their 30-year history, they have invested over £12m in early-stage research that has played a critical part in the introduction of five life-saving vaccines. Donations of £2 can be made through ParentPay to wear non-uniform.

### **PE News**

This weekend three of our students are competing in the National Age Group championships in Plymouth, representing Southend Diving. We wish Emily A and Sadie S in year 8, and Francesca P in year 7 the best of luck in their respective competitions and look forward to hearing their results.

Good luck to the Junior Athletics team competing in Oxford on Saturday at the National Athletics Final!

We are looking forward to celebrating all of this year's sporting successes at Sports Awards on 13<sup>th</sup> July. A letter with more information will be published next week.

### **Alumni News**

[Sophie Birkin](#), who was a student at SHSG from 2001-2008, has been commissioned to create Royal Mail stamps to celebrate *Pride* month. The stamps, depicting the changing face of *Pride* over 50 years, have also been magically brought to life, frame by frame, by animation studio Animade. Find out about the collection [here](#).

### **Summer Concert**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm we will be holding our wonderful Summer Concert, which we would encourage people to attend as it is a spectacular celebration of music from students at SHSG. Tickets for this event are £6 for adults or £4 for concessions and are available from the School Bank or on ParentPay. Refreshments, including a licensed bar, will be provided by the Parents' Association.

### ***Big Band and BBQ***

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding our Big Band and BBQ event, starting at 5.30pm. This is a lovely, informal end of summer term event which will take place outside, weather permitting, in the CPA quad. Tickets are limited, costing £10 for adults and £8 for concessions, which includes a BBQ. You are able to buy tickets without BBQ for £6 for adults and £4 for concessions. Again, you are able to purchase tickets from the school bank or on ParentPay.

### ***Prizegiving Evening***

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold this event for the last couple of years. We are really excited that it will be taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the Palace Theatre. Students that will be receiving an award have been informed in a separate letter. We are looking forward to this prestigious evening to celebrate student achievements!

In addition to this, there are 6 Summer Hampers provided by Year 7 students to be won. Tickets cost £2 and can be purchased from the school bank or on ParentPay up until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (tickets will need to be collected from the school bank if purchased on ParentPay). All contributions support SHSG Parents' Association. If you miss the cut-off time do not worry, tickets will be available at the event. Thank you for your continued support.

### ***Parents' Association - Adventure Island and Sea Life tickets***

The Parents Association would like to advise you that there is now stock of reduced-price Adventure Island and Sea Life Adventure tickets for sale at the School Bank.

Adventure Island tickets are priced at £17 and Sea Life Adventure tickets are £6.50. This represents a huge saving on the full price of entry.

Please purchase tickets either directly from the School Bank or via Parent Pay. Any tickets purchased will be available to collect from the School Bank. Please contact Mrs Croysdill [kcroysdill@shsg.org](mailto:kcroysdill@shsg.org) if you have any questions about tickets.

### ***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 good weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey  
Headteacher