



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As a community we are deeply saddened by the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II and our thoughts and sincere condolences are with the Royal Family. On Thursday this week, all year groups received a memorial and tribute assembly led by Mr Carey, joining the nation in mourning HM Queen Elizabeth II.



Students, along with all members of the public, can pay tribute to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the in the Royal Family book of condolence [here](#).

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Please find attached a public invitation from the Mayor, Councillor Kevin Robinson, to attend the *National Moment of Reflection* in Southend-on Sea. The ceremony will take place at Victoria Plaza at the head of Southend High Street on **Sunday 18th September 2022 from 7.30pm**.

Reminder – Bank Holiday on Monday 19th September 2022

Following the announcement that the State Funeral for Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II will be held on Monday 19th September 2022, can I remind you that Southend High School for Girls will be closed on this day as a mark of respect. As Monday 19th September will be a bank holiday, please note that no work will be set for students on this day.

SHSG Awards Evening - Tuesday 20th September

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at this special evening of celebration next week. The Palace Theatre in Westcliff on Sea will be open from 5.30pm onwards on Tuesday evening. All award winners must have registered and have taken their seats on the night by 6.15pm at the latest in order for us to make the final preparations. Guests will be able to take their seats from 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available on the evening from the theatre bar.

Year 7 Colour Run - Tuesday 20th September

A reminder that this exciting and colourful event is taking place for Year 7 students on Tuesday afternoon during periods 4 and 5.

This event will see students complete a non-competitive friendship colour run on the school field in their form groups, with Sixth form PE Captains leading warm up activities and throwing colourful powder paint into the air. The paint is designed purposely for this event - more information below*.

Students should wear a light-coloured, preferably white T-shirt/top, and leggings/shorts for the run. These should also be appropriate to wear in the classroom for lessons periods 1-3, earlier in the day. The clothing will get powder paint on, so please use **old clothing** that you are happy for your child to wear in an event like this.

There will be limited changing facilities at the end of the day for students who take a consortium bus or travel on the trains – these students should bring a spare top and bottoms in their bag to change into for this journey. Please note: the paint is washable, but it could transfer to seats or clothes so if you are picking up your child, we advise that you bring something to protect the car seat.

**The paint has been supplied by a specialist company called www.runningimp.co.uk It is non-Toxic Certified / Non-Irritant and conforms to EN-71-3 standards. More information is available on request.*

Uniform Reminder

As we start a new academic year and term, I would like to remind parents/carers of the school's uniform policy. Please see a copy of the policy [here](#).

We expect all students to wear the correct uniform at all times and, as ambassadors for the school, have a sense of pride in their appearance. Please ensure that you send your child to school in the correct uniform. Please note that boots of any kind are not part of the school uniform.

Sutton Trust Pathway to Careers Programme (Y12s)

Year 12s interested in a career in Engineering, Medicine, Law, Consultancy or Banking and Finance? The Sutton Trust offers a 2-year programme to support sixth formers from less advantaged backgrounds to access Oxbridge and other leading universities and gain top quality work experience. They particularly welcome students who are the first in their family to attend university and/or have been on free school meals. Deadlines run from October onwards and we strongly encourage eligible SHSG students to apply for this excellent programme. See here for more details: [Our Programmes - Sutton Trust](#) and speak to Assistant Headteacher, Ms Boyson if you need any help with your application.

School Photos are now live

If you have pre-registered, you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not, please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

All photographs will be sent straight to the home address with limited discounts available for the first 14 days.

Gift Aid Donations – Can you help?

The start of the new school year seems a good time to remind parents about our School Improvement Plan and to request gift aid donations from parents, family, and friends of the school.

Over the past few years, we have continued to invest in the school with significant improvements to our IT provision, the new Scholars café in the Sixth Form, and a brand new sound and lighting system for the Assembly Hall and the Drama Studio. There are many exciting plans in place for improvements to the school this year, including the expansion and modernisation of the Main Library and the enhancement of the Sixth Form private study areas.

Financial contributions from parents make a real difference to our investment and improvement strategies for SHSG. The Parents' Association, for example, does a fantastic job in fund raising and has made significant contributions every year to projects. The sound and lighting system and outdoor table tennis tables are just a few examples.

In addition, many of our existing parents have kindly agreed to make a regular donation to the school and we would like to thank those parents for their generosity.

Although parental contributions are voluntary, they are invaluable to us and can now be made in several ways.

The amount you choose to donate is entirely your choice, of course, but we suggest an annual donation of £150 for each child at the school, just £12.50 per month by standing order.

If you would like to support the school in this way: whichever method you choose to donate, please ensure that you complete a Gift Aid Declaration. Every £1 donated to the school is worth £1.25 when gift aided.

How can I donate?

By Standing Order

Parents can make a regular monthly or annual donation by Standing Order. Further information and the necessary forms can be found [here](#). Please return all forms to the School Bank.

By Cash or Cheque to the School Bank

Please make any cheques payable to 'SHSG'. Please remember to complete the Gift Aid Declaration form found [here](#) to make your gift tax efficient.

Online Payments

Regular or one-off donations can be made via our Gift Aid Donations Page which can be accessed via our website [here](#) or by logging on to your Parent Pay Account. The donation page does not appear in your general list of items to be paid but is found by clicking on the icon for your child on the home page. The option to 'Donate' is then shown on the left-hand menu. Please follow the instructions shown and please remember to tick the box to confirm that you would like your donation to be gift aided.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and supporters, with your help, we can ensure that we are able to provide the very best facilities for our students.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Maya B-P in Year 9 on climbing Mount Kilimanjaro (pictured below) during the summer holidays. What an amazing achievement! Maya started her Kilimanjaro climb on the Lemosho route (8 days) on 29th July 2022; she summited on the seventh day to the Uhuru peak. Maya also climbed Snowdon in June 2021 (pictured below). Well done indeed, Maya.



11+

Thank you to all the staff and students for coming into school this weekend on Saturday, 17th September 2022 to help out with the 11+. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

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 sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Carey'.

Jason Carey
Headteacher