



# Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

## **Year 7 Colour Run**

On Tuesday Year 7 were initiated into the House System, with our wonderful tradition of the 'Colour Run'. This was a chance to get to know more about the House System and meet other House members. Led by their wonderful House Captains (Year 13 students) they enthusiastically raced around the Colour Run course, ending up suitably covered in a rainbow of paint. This is the first of many House Events they will participate in during their time at SHSG; well done for starting your House life with such energy and playfulness!



## **Awards Evening at the Palace Theatre**



Guest and keynote speaker, Mr David Mansfield, presented awards throughout the evening.



Parents, students and staff enjoyed a fantastic evening on Tuesday, 20th September 2022 celebrating the achievements of our young people with a 'new look', high octane Awards Evening. Alison Kerren, Chair of the Parents' Association commented:

'What an absolutely amazing evening the awards celebration was last night - totally uplifting & pure joy! Just what's needed after a sad few weeks. Huge well done to all.'

Originally, the evening was scheduled to be in July 2022, but it fell on the hottest day of the year with the Palace Theatre temperatures being unbearable, hence rescheduling to this week. Thank you to all the staff involved and to parents and award winners for making the evening so successful.

### ***Year 11 Geography Trip***

On Wednesday Year 11 geography students spent a warm sunny morning on the sea front measuring along transects to create beach profiles, which they enjoyed drawing in the afternoon. This will be assessed in Paper 3 of their GCSE.



### ***Year 7 Parent and Form Tutor consultation***

On Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, Year 7 parents had a consultation evening with form tutors. Mrs Symes, Head of Year 7, was delighted to hear from so many parents about how happy their daughters are from the moment they arrive at school to when they return home after a long day in lessons, clubs, and teams.

Mrs Symes looks forward to working in partnership with Year 7 parents over the coming year. Please do not hesitate to contact her or a member of the pastoral team should you have any queries or concerns.

### ***Year 7 'It's a Knockout' Activity Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October***

Following the excitement of the Colour Run last week, Year 7 pupils will be taking part in an 'It's a Knockout' teambuilding day as part of our ongoing *Autumn Term Transition Activities Programme*. Year 7 will compete in outdoor competitive games throughout the day. Parents of pupils in Year 7 have been sent a separate letter by Mrs Symes. Year 7 pupils should arrive to school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October wearing their PE uniform.

Please follow the link to the Microsoft form below to complete the permission slip by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/r/bv8vjFruMZ>

### ***PE success***

It's been a successful start to the new academic year in PE. On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, the U13 netball team played their first round of the National Sports Magazine Cup against Woodlands. It was a tough first half, but it was clear that the squad have been attending their weekly fitness training. Congratulations on the win and we look forward to the next round! The U16 netball team also won their first friendly against Appleton in preparation for the Essex Cup.

The cross-country season is now in full swing. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September, we competed at the Lee Valley Cross Country Championships where runners faced a hilly golf course. Each team performed well to receive medals: Year 7 placed third, Year 8 and 9 combined placed second, and Year 10 and 11 combined placed third. This was an exciting competition to transition from our busy athletics season and welcome the cross-country season. With only a few weeks to go until the first round of the National Schools' Cup we would like to remind students that training is on a Monday lunchtime and Tuesday and Friday before school.

***11+ Alternative Date***

Please note that on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 the 11+ Alternative test is taking place during the morning. Registrations take place in the school canteen, therefore there will be **no before school sales for breakfast on that day.**

***Inset Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September***


A polite reminder that Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to students on that day.

***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,



Jason Carey  
Headteacher