



# Southend High School for Girls

## AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Please find below information and updates from this week.

### **Literary Review**

On the last day of term, all the contributors to the SHSG Literary Review were presented with their own copies of the review. It also gave the English department a chance to congratulate them on their work. The review will be an annual publication and we will be putting together the best work from this year during the summer term. Well done again to all students who were selected and a reminder that you can read the review [here](#).



### **Year 9 Trip to Colchester Zoo**



The whole of Year 9 had a very informative day at Colchester Zoo on Wednesday linked to what they are currently studying in Geography.

They had a talk about adaptations and also went to find all the rainforest creatures to identify how they survive. Feedback from students was that they had a very enjoyable day and wished they were there for longer!

A selection of photographs from the trip can be viewed on our website [here](#).

### **National Rail Strikes 7<sup>th</sup> Nov and 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**

You may already be aware that the Rail, Maritime and Transport union (RMT) workers have now stated that there will no longer be any strike action. Updates can be found [here](#). The National Rail Enquiries [website](#) will have the latest information on services, as will the [c2c website](#).

### **Forgotten items dropped off at Reception**

We understand that, with the new mobile phone policy, parents are unable to communicate with students during the school day. We would like to remind parents that we can only deliver forgotten items dropped off at Reception if they are urgent. We are unable to deliver any non-urgent items to students during the school day. We will endeavour to deliver urgent items to students through their PSO and/or Reception team but there may be instances where we cannot guarantee a timeframe, especially in busy periods or when students are at break or lunch.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



### ***Year 11 PPEs***

Year 11s should be congratulated on their excellent approach to the PPEs. The PPEs play an important part in our Year 11 GCSE Strategy, helping students to be best prepared for their examinations in the summer term. Well done!

### ***Toilets***

We have informed students this week that, where suitable considering the layout of the toilets, the area will no longer have a door at the toilet block entrance. Many schools, and especially new builds, have open-plan toilets. We are very fortunate and also work hard to ensure that there are no areas in the school where students could feel unsafe or more vulnerable. However, staff cannot supervise and check behaviour in student toilets. The open-plan approach helps us to do this and supports students in feeling safe.

We will ask students for feedback over the coming weeks. Many comments today have been very positive. Students can use the toilets during lesson changeover time.

### ***Planet Action – Message for students from Ms Spilstead***

The geography department are relaunching Planet Action - SHSG's forum for all things environmental. Whether you would like to learn more about environmental issues, raise the profile of issues in school or in the wider world, or are an experienced campaigner, please come along to our first meeting Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November in Room B3, 12.30-13.00. Make sure you have your say in the quick survey all forms are doing! We would love to get as many people involved and raise awareness of our wonderful planet.

### ***Student achievement***

Isabella in Year 8 successfully auditioned for a part in Southend Operatic & Dramatic Society's performance of *Oliver* which will take place at the Palace Theatre from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations Isabella! Wishing you the best of luck for your performance.

### ***Free virtual careers event***

For students in Years 10 – 13 (and their parents), there is a free virtual event regarding apprenticeships that may be of interest to you. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to register.

### ***Alumni***

Ex A level student, Matilda, inspired Year 12 Art students when she came in to talk about her Art History Degree course at the [Courtauld Institute](#). Matilda is an ambassador for the course and has also given presentations at London schools.



### ***Annual Christmas Card Competition***

We would like to encourage all students to take part in the annual Christmas card competition. It should be an A5 colourful design and must be 2D. The deadline for entries is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and your work should be given to Mrs Stewart in the Art Department. The winning card is printed and sent out to the wider school community. Good luck and we look forward to seeing your designs.

### ***Parents' Association Christmas Concert Raffles***

The SHSG Parents' Association will be holding a raffle each night of the Christmas Concerts which take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The first, second and third prizes are Christmas hampers provided by Year 7 students. Tickets cost £2 each and can be purchased on ParentPay up until 1pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December (tickets to be collected by students from the school bank). If you miss the cut-off time don't worry, tickets will be available on the nights.

There will be an additional raffle on the concert evenings with prizes including food and drink, beauty products and confectionary. All donations support the school and the Parents' Association thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to Abeeha in Year 7 for being selected as the winner of the poster competition, which was set by the Parents' Association to advertise the raffle. The poster will be posted on our social media accounts

### ***Parents' Association 200 Club Winners***

Congratulations to our first winners of this academic year:

1st prize £68.00 M.Sehgal  
2nd prize £40.80 V.Peel  
3rd prize £27.20 D.Puddick

There is still time for friends and family to join our 200 Club or purchase additional numbers; there is no limit to the draw numbers you can purchase, and it is easy to join with ParentPay and online banking.

£1 per draw, 12 draws per year, and now £11 for the remaining 11 draws for this academic year.

To join or purchase additional draw numbers, please email [shsg200club@yahoo.com](mailto:shsg200club@yahoo.com).

Thank you for supporting our children, SHSG and the PA 200 club.

### ***Year 7 Icebreaker Disco at Southend High School for Boys***

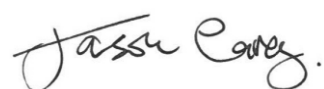
Please see the attached flyer regarding the Year 7 Icebreaker Disco that is being held at SHSB on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022. All ticket sales for this event will be via ParentPay and will be available to purchase from today.

### ***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