



# Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

## Year 13 Student Finance event – University of Exeter

This week, parents of students in Year 13 attended an online meeting hosted by the University of Exeter to provide information about student finance. Families can often feel that finances are a barrier for a young person to continue their educational journey at university. This is not the case, and the session was designed to give a full overview of all the support options that are available to students. Emma, from the University of Exeter, informed parents that a loan is available to cover the full cost of tuition fees and an additional maintenance loan is available to go towards the cost of living. Emma also highlighted the many scholarship and bursary opportunities that universities provide for additional funding.

We look forward to welcoming Emma back in the summer term to lead a session with Year 12 students to launch the UCAS process.

## Careers information

We started the new half term with a fascinating talk from our Enterprise Advisor, Rob Brooks. He specialises in coordinating NHS apprenticeships and informed us that there are over 350 different apprenticeship schemes in the NHS alone, including the start of a medical doctor apprenticeship which is due to start this year.

## So, what sort of careers are there?

-  **Allied health professional (AHPs)**  
Specialists who treat and rehabilitate. From art therapists to physiotherapists.
-  **Ambulance service team**  
More than flashing blue lights. You'll be a caring, calm, good communicator.
-  **Dental team**  
Looking after the oral health and wider health of patients.
-  **Doctors**  
Preventing ill health, treating disease and improving wellbeing in 60+ specialties.
-  **Health informatics**  
The experts who use information and technology to drive patient care.
-  **Healthcare science**  
Experts in technology and science to prevent, diagnose and treat disease.
-  **Management**  
Managing people, money, buildings and projects to keep the NHS moving forward.

-  **Medical associate professions**  
Supporting doctors and nurses to release their time for more complex cases.
-  **Midwifery**  
Supporting women in communities and hospitals before, during and after childbirth.
-  **Nursing**  
A huge range of specialisms including children's nursing and mental health.
-  **Pharmacy**  
Dispensing and offering advice about medicines for staff and patients.
-  **Psychological professions**  
Tackling mental health problems and promoting wellbeing.
-  **Public health**  
Protecting people from threats to their health and helping them stay healthy.
-  **Wider healthcare team**  
Keeping the NHS moving – feeding patients, delivering supplies, maintenance.

Rob also myth-busted commonly held beliefs about apprenticeships, such as it is not just making the tea (unless you are doing an apprenticeship in hospitality). Students were given useful links on how to start researching and applying for apprenticeships. Rob's full PowerPoint is available for all students in their locker in Unifrog.



### ***Virtual Insight Programme***

Ms Casson would like to share with you an excellent opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to apply for PwC's prestigious Virtual Insight Programme. The deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> March and the information can be found on the link below:

[Virtual Insight Programme at PwC | Early Careers | PwC UK Careers](#)

### ***World Book Day vouchers***

This year, World Book Day vouchers are going digital. I have attached a QR code at the end of this letter for you to download.

On Thursday 2/3/23 and Friday 3/3/23, Year 7 will be visiting Waterstones Bookshop in Southend City centre. They will have the opportunity to browse the shelves and choose a book that the school will buy for them. Once they have finished reading the book, they can leave a small legacy of their enthusiasm for reading by donating it to the library for other dedicated readers to enjoy in the future. Our Sixth Form leadership team will also be joining the Year 7s on the trip and share with them their own love of reading (they might even be able to take home a book of their own!).

### ***Year 9 Options Evening***

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, we are hosting over 300 parents and students to our Year 9 Options Evening and Subject Fayre. They will have the opportunity to talk with Department Heads and a selection of year 10, 11 and 12 students about each subject offered at GCSE and find out what it takes to be successful in that subject. In addition, there will be an options talk that will explain more about the best way to decide on option subjects and the process that we will be using for making and confirming choices.

### ***Peru Easter 2024***

We are running an ecology research trip to the Amazon rainforest in Peru!

Staff and students will be staying on an Amazonian river boat and helping scientists collect data on the health of the Amazon by counting species of birds, butterflies, fish, mammals and reptiles.

There will be an **online information meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm**. A link will be sent to parents of Years 10, 11 and 12.

### ***Africa is not a country – external speaker***

The Geography Department were lucky enough to have an exciting speaker in this week. Dipo Faloyin is a senior editor and writer at Vice magazine and has written a book called "Africa is Not a Country". He delivered two talks, one to all of year 7 and one at lunchtime to key stage 4 and 5 geography students, plus any other interested year 12s. Dipo spoke about why there are stereotypes of Africa and gave lots of examples of why these are false. His talk was very inspiring and helped students to understand some of the many misconceptions there are about the continent of Africa. His book is available to borrow from the school library.



### Soloists' Concert

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, SHSG Music department are hosting the Soloists' Concert. This is an annual showcase of Year 10 and Year 12 student performance, plus additional guests. The evening will include some of our most talented GCSE and A Level students, and is guaranteed to be very special event for all involved. We look forward to welcoming parents and staff. This is a ticketed event – you can purchase tickets on the door £6 / £4 (concessions); there is an option of paying via ParentPay. Please contact Mr Peugniez if you require further information [cpeugniez@shsg.org](mailto:cpeugniez@shsg.org).

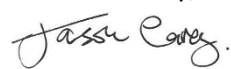
### House music

House music runs this year from 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 during lunchtimes. Students from across the school will be competing, with a grand final on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

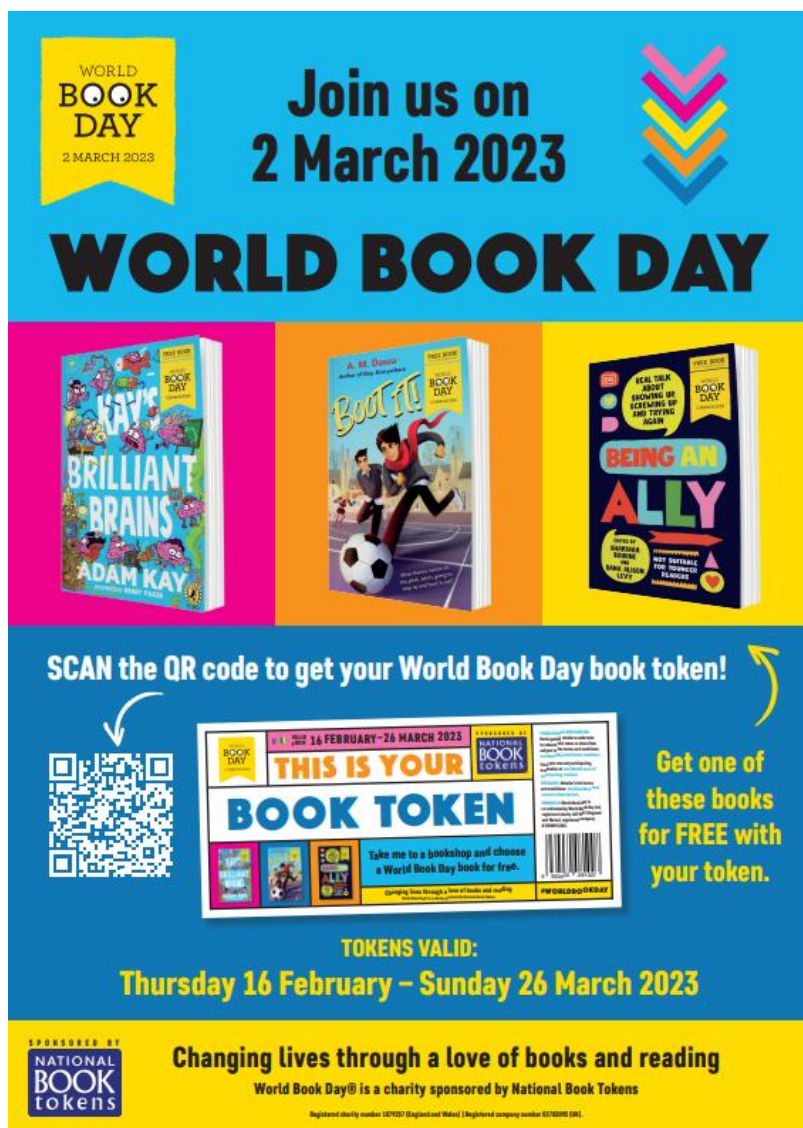
### Key Dates

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](#).

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey  
Headteacher



**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
2 MARCH 2023

Join us on  
**2 March 2023**

**WORLD BOOK DAY**

**BRILLIANT BRAINS** by Adam Kay

**BOOT IT!** by A. M. Dennis

**BEING AN ALLY** by Sarah-Jane Hogg

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