



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Year 11 school photographs – Monday 17th April

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on Monday 17th April 2023, to take the Year 11 Individual & Tutor Group photographs. All Parents of Year 11 students are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Registration only takes a minute.

Please visit www.carmeljanesshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JRF XU3R**

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register (legal) name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available, you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased. Don't miss out pre-register today!

GCSE and A Level timetables

All GCSE and A Level examination timetables have been circulated to students this week during morning registration. Should your son or daughter not have received their copy, they should let their Form Tutor know. If students identify they have clashes between exams (where two exams are taking place at the same time), they will receive information from the Exams Team before Easter that will detail their arrangements.

Forthcoming concerts

The Music Department is delighted to present a special **Baroque Concert** on Thursday 20th April at 7pm, to showcase the school's harpsichord alongside performances on strings, flute and voice, with selected arias from Vivaldi and Gluck operas. The programme has been designed by our singing and piano teacher, Mr Goodwin - a resident Baroque specialist - with the addition of a modern work, *Suite Antique* by John Rutter. The evening will celebrate some of our most promising young musicians. Tickets for this event are available from the school bank for this event £6 (adults) and £4 (concessions).

On Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm, our annual **Evening of Song** returns with a spirited set of choral performances by SHSG's choirs. The Chamber Choir, Novem Consort and SHSG (junior) Choir will sing a variety of repertoire from traditional to modern and popular songs, with contrasting solos and duets performed by Year 13 students - a swansong to their SHSG journey. Tickets for this event will be available from the school bank.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Year 9 Essay Writing Competition

Congratulations to all the Year 9 students who took part in our recent essay writing competition. First place was awarded to Willow L for her essay on the Treaty of Versailles, and Runner-Up was awarded to Mathi S-K for her essay on the Space Elevator. The English department would also like to thank all the other students who entered for their hard work.



National Pi Day

We had a total of 259 entries for the Pi Day art competition and the level of effort put in has been fantastic. Entries have ranged from baking, painting and clay work to dancing, rapping and T-shirt designs.

The winners are:

- Anna R 7AUR for reciting the first 144 digits of Pi and her Pi dance
- Roxy H 8APH for her clay cherry pie
- Sofia R 7ART for her mathematically decorated cake
- Moyin A 9ATH for her Pi as the sky canvas
- Chloe L 8ATH for her trinket box
- Sara M 7APH for her pie tin

Special mention to the runners up; Olivia D, Orla B, Megan J, Lucy G, Isabella C, Romaisa F, Anis S, Sophia G, Tanisha T, Simrita B, Nikita L, Gia M, Raifah K, Yao-Yi S, Elodie P, Eden M and Feyi A. Well done to everyone who submitted an entry!



Social media

You may be aware that last Friday I held assemblies for all year groups regarding the appropriate use of social media and shared information about the law and malicious communication, as well as some high-profile cases nationally about individuals posting harmful content online. I made it very clear to students that we will not tolerate any misuse of social media platforms where derogatory posts are made about staff or students. There were videos and posts on social media platforms TikTok and Instagram that had been created by some of our students and have been 'liked' or commented on by some students. Some of the posts are defamatory and very personal towards students and staff at the school. We strongly believe this type of harassment is harmful and upsetting for everyone.

I am asking parents and carers to support the school by discussing the appropriate use of social media with their children. Parents/carers should also consider using parental software to restrict what their children can access and monitor their child's access to social media in bedrooms or during other unsupervised times. This helps keep children safe and reduces the opportunities to misuse social media.

I would like you to be aware as parents, that the school works with the Police when we believe that malicious communications have occurred. Can you please remind your child that this is a criminal offence under the Malicious Communications Act 1988:

"Where a person sends a letter, electronic communication, or article of any description which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly offensive, a threat or information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender."

Therefore, if one of our students writes something about a member of our school community, staff or students, which is false or grossly offensive as 'just as a bit of fun' or as a rumour and then posts it on social media, they are committing a criminal offence and will be dealt with in line with our school policies. All students involved have now been dealt with.

Charity week - total funds

We are delighted to say we have raised a total of £1445.73 during last week's Charity Week festivities. Thank you all for your involvement. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 31st March to raise more funds for our good causes. £2 donations on Parent Pay, or students can bring an item for Southend Food Bank in on the day. Below are some images from the festivities:



Sir James Duddridge MP Visit

Students enjoyed a return visit from our local MP, Sir James Duddridge, who visited us last week in assembly with Year 10. He returned today (Friday) to meet with a wider group of students, who took the opportunity to quiz him on his life in politics. Thank you to Sir James for your time.



SHSG Parents' Association Easter Raffle 2023 - reminder

SHSG PA are holding an Easter raffle to be drawn on Wednesday 29th March. The prizes are:

- 1st prize – Anne Klein ladies' watch
- 2nd prize – Kew garden tools and bulbs
- 3rd prize – Katie Loxton pouch
- 4th prize – Lindt gold chocolate bunny



Tickets cost £2 each and are available on ParentPay to be collected by students from the school bank.

Tickets are available to purchase from Friday 3rd March with ticket sales closing on 29th March.

All contributions support the SHSG Parents' Association. Thank you for your continued support.


Student achievement

Matthew H in Year 12 entered a prestigious essay competition and was given a 'highly commended'. You can read it on his very professional blog here: <https://gaaeuk.org/blog/s4em2grh89z5nmr8ey48jlnp8naj3b>. Well done Matthew!

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Carey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Jason Carey
Headteacher