



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Year 9 Options Evening and Subject Fayre

On Tuesday, over 300 Year 9 parents, carers and students attended the Year 9 Options Evening and Subject Fayre. The evening provided excellent opportunities for information gathering and for the exploration of a range of opportunities available to Year 9 students when deciding on their options.

Options choices can now officially be selected and all parents/carers of students in Year 9 have been emailed with the online platform for choosing GCSE courses. To further support the options process, Year 9 reports have been published today and the Parents' Consultation Evening for Year 9 students will take place on Thursday 9th March.

Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening

A reminder that the Year 9 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 9th March.

If you have difficulty on the evening logging in, please try the following:

- Check that you are logging in to the correct website <https://shsg.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and/or click on the link in the appointment email which is sent an hour before the evening starts.
- Check that you have not made any 'typos' in the data you are entering.
- Check that you are logging in using the account from which the appointments were booked.
- Check that you are entering the same email which is recorded on SIMs.
- Check that you are logging in with your name exactly as it is recorded in SIMs including title e.g. if your name is Samantha on SIMs you must enter Samantha and not Sam.
- Check that you have entered your child's forename exactly as they are registered on SIMs.
- Check that your child's date of birth is correct.

Uniform expectations

We have very high expectations for uniform. All SHSG students are ambassadors for the school and are expected to wear our school uniform with pride in uniform that is smart and professional. Now at the halfway point of this academic year, it is useful to remind parents and students about expectations for uniform. All jumpers must be V neck (not sweatshirt style) and no jewellery is permitted apart from stud earrings (and rings in sixth form). The uniform policy can be found [here](#). Students will be issued a behaviour point for incorrect uniform. A copy of the slides that have recently been shown to students via their Form Tutor is also attached.

Year 10 Geography Trip

Year 10 Geography students have been on a three day residential to carry out fieldwork for their GCSE. They have learnt how to carry out investigations from scratch and have been to Walton on the Naze and Ipswich to collect data. The group has worked hard into the evening and also had time to relax together. They were all fabulous throughout the trip.



Blasian showcase

Tuesday lunchtime saw our second ever Blasian showcase. Students performed dances and spoken word from a variety of cultural backgrounds and there was also a fashion show to display the variety of clothes found across Africa and Asia. This was an amazing event really showing what a diverse school we are. Thank you to the Year 12 organisers.



Careers information

Please click '[here](#)' to see information regarding summer career experiences in London. InvestIN is listed as an official activity provider on the UCAS application form so students can confidently demonstrate their Summer Experience to UK universities!



Year 13 A Level PE trip

On Monday, our Year 13 A Level Physical Education students visited the University of East London for a taste of undergraduate Sport Science. Students took part in 3 lectures: looking at the role of social media in women's sport, the application of different coaching methods and the development of elite athletes, as well as participating in a sport science lab where they used Douglas bags to analyse the composition of air when the body is exercising; they also got to have their photo taken with the ICC Cricket World Cup trophy! The students had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to UEL for having us!



Recent sport success

U15s won 4-0 against Croydon in the 2nd round of the national Sisters in Sport Cup.

U13s won 8-0 against Croydon in the 2nd round of the national Sisters in Sport Cup.

U14s won 23-18 against a strong Brentwood side in the Essex Cup netball semi-final.

U13s won 27-5 in their Essex Cup netball quarter final against Roding Valley.

U13s won 26-22 against Eastwood in the basketball Borough league.

Well done to Sanaa (Year 9) who participated in the Essex Futures - Redbridge 2023 badminton tournament last weekend and won her first gold medal for the girls' singles in the Year 7-9 category.

Follow our PE social media pages for regular sports updates:

Instagram - shsg_pe

Twitter - @SHSGPE



World Book Day

Thank you to the school librarians and Mrs Wakeman for organising a World Book Day Scavenger Hunt around the school. Students searched for characters from books hidden around the school. All participants won a copy of one of the special World Book Day £1 books.



Considerate driving

Another reminder for parents that when dropping off students, parents should not be stopping at the bus stop or across the entrance to the school gate. The road outside the school is clearly marked with 'keep clear' yellow lines and cars should not be parking in this area. This can cause serious obstruction and is dangerous, not to mention against the law.

Co-Curricular at SHSG

An up-to-date list of our clubs and activities can be found on our website on the following link:

<https://www.shsg.org/extra-curricular/>

National Offer Day

On Wednesday, parents of Year 6 students received notification of their allocated secondary school places for September 2023. There is a dedicated page on our website '[here](#)' which we will keep up to date throughout the process for parents of successful applicants. We look forward to ensuring a smooth transition for our Year 7 September 2023 cohort and look forward to welcoming the students into our community.

SHSG Parents' Association Easter Raffle 2023

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

- 1st prize – an Anne Klein ladies' watch
- 2nd prize – Kew garden tools and bulbs
- 3rd prize – a Katie Loxton pouch
- 4th prize – a 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.

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 cursive script that reads "Jason Carey".

Jason Carey
Headteacher