



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday 28th April 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

NEU strikes Tuesday 2nd May

A reminder that Monday 1st May is a bank holiday and Tuesday 2nd May is a NEU teacher strike action day. As outlined in my letter on Friday, 21st April, on **Tuesday 2nd May 2023 school is open for Year 10 , Year 11, Year 12 (completing their PPEs), and Year 13 and vulnerable students.**

We will be closed for all other year groups. Year 12 students will attend to take their scheduled PPE exams.

Spring Descriptive Writing Competition Winners

Congratulations to Isobel W on winning the Spring Descriptive Writing Competition with her fantastic short story, 'Beyond the Sheaths of Corn'. Also, well done to Alexa S for her wonderful poem, 'The Unstoppable Field Stain', which was runner-up. As always there was an excellent standard of entry, and we would like to thank and congratulate all the students who entered for the impressive quality of their work. We would also like to thank Angelina K who devised the competition and helped to run it as well. All the entries can be viewed on the English Blog [here](#).

PE updates!

In the Easter holidays two students from SHSG competed in the British Junior Elite championships in Plymouth. Francesca P in Year 8 and Alice M in Year 7 competed in the Girls' B Platform competition on day 1 and both performed exceptionally well. They both broke club records and achieved personal best scores. Having qualified for the final, Alice then went on to take a bronze medal overall which is an incredible achievement. Francesca then qualified for the synchro platform final and came away with a silver medal. Huge congratulations to you both.

Last week saw the U18 boys' football squad travel to FitzWimarc school for a friendly. We couldn't quite hang on to our lead but it was good to get a game in before the exam season starts.

This week Eliza in Year 10 will be travelling to Florida to compete in the Cheerleading World Championships - good luck Eliza!



Year 12 PPEs – a message from Mr O'Brien

A massive well done to Year 12 from the Sixth Form and Exam Team for how well you have approached your first week of the PPEs. Your attendance and punctuality for your PPEs has been outstanding this week. I know the Exam Team have been extremely complimentary of how quickly and efficiently you all have entered the examination hall and I would like to echo those sentiments and give my own praise. It has been brilliant seeing how engaged Year 12 have been this week with a very positive and can do attitude, with a real sense of aiming for those top grades.

Lastly, I hope Year 12 have a good long weekend and are ready on Tuesday to attack their second week of PPEs. Look forward to seeing them next week with the same brilliant attitude.

Evening of Song

A reminder that Tuesday 2nd May is our Evening of Song! Tickets are still available, or they can be purchased on the door. We look forward to welcoming you.



Baroque Concert

On Thursday last week, SHSG musicians from Years 7 - 13 performed in a special concert of Baroque music, featuring the SHSG harpsichord in its inaugural showcase since it was gifted to the school by Roger Pennington a year ago. A vivacious string ensemble accompanied solos on flute and vocal arias by Vivaldi and Gluck, sung fervently by Chan H. and Angela D. Intermittently, Isobel W. performed harpsichord pieces in Baroque dance styles and for much of the evening held the ensemble together with some dedicated continuo playing. The concert culminated with John Rutter's charming Suite Antique, with flute solos performed by Imogen C., Ayo K. and Kiyera C. Thank you to all who attended and well done to our excellent musicians.

Mr Peugniez, Music Department

No Mow May

Please see a poster from Ms Spilstead at the end of this letter regarding No Mow May! For more information, please go to <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/>

Staff success!

Congratulations to Mrs Robinson, who has been appointed as honorary vice-president 2023-24 and president 2024-25 of the Geographical Association, the national body for Geography education!

Year 11 photographs are now live

If you pre-registered for the Year 11 photographs, you should now have an email with your unique access link. If not please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

Should you have any issues, please contact the photography company directly on the details below:

Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk

Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm)

Carmel Jane Photography

Duke of Edinburgh

A reminder for all families of Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award students, there is a parental meeting on Wednesday 3rd May, 17:30-18:00 in advance of their upcoming expedition. Please see our email from Mrs Brierley for the link to join.

Clubs and Activities

A full list of our clubs and activities for the Summer term can be found on our website '[here](#)'.

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,



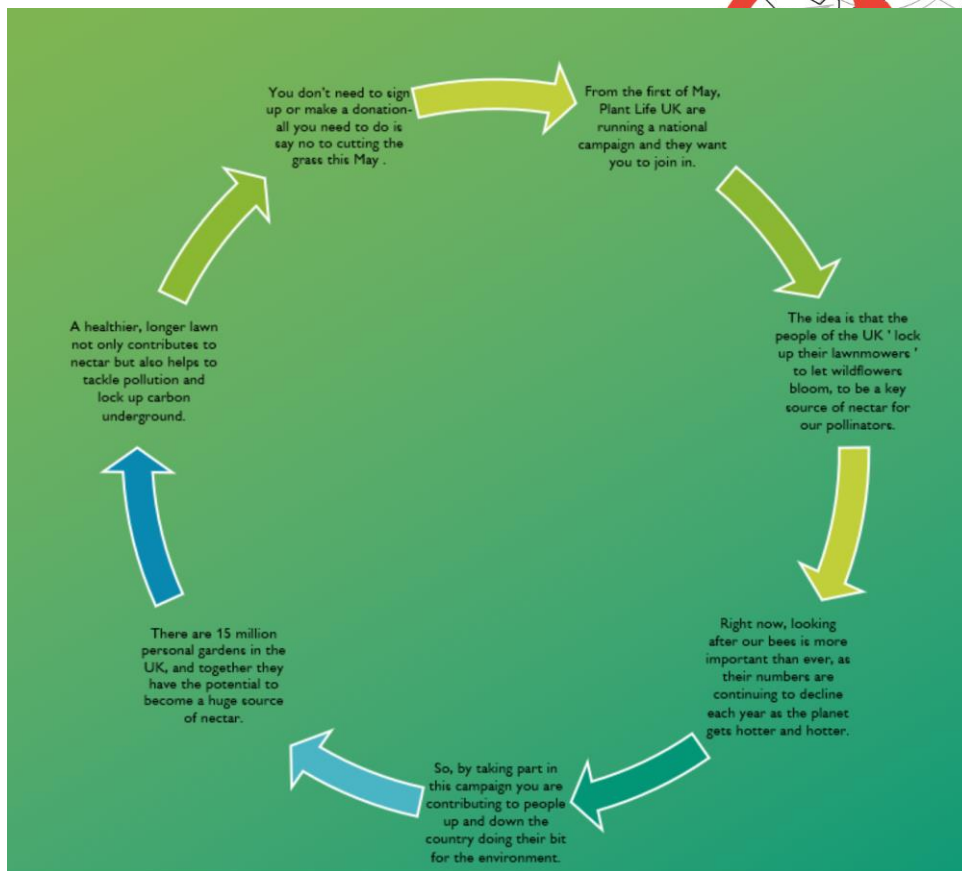
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