



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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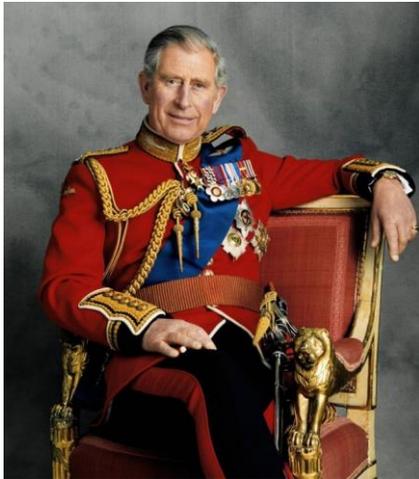
Friday 5th May 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Coronation of King Charles III

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 8th May. We look forward to celebrating the coronation of King Charles III this weekend. Over the course of this week and next, all students have had a special assembly about the traditions of the coronation. In the registration programme this week and next, students in Years 7 to 11 will also be discussing their views about the tradition of the monarchy in more detail.



Year 10 Middle School Prefects

Congratulations to Year 10 students who were selected to be Middle School Prefects for the coming year. We were delighted that so many students applied this year (half the year group) and it was a tough decision to select the 36 prefects. The new prefects will represent the school at events, tours and open evenings, as well as take a lead with running discussion activities in the lower school registration programme.

Furthermore, ten students were shortlisted for the role of Middle School Head Prefect. They presented on their vision for the role to an interview panel consisting of Mr Carey, Miss Killi and Ms Boyson. Everyone we interviewed deeply impressed us with their passion and commitment to the school. Congratulations to Francesca H who has been selected as Head Prefect, and Maeve D who will act as Deputy Head Prefect.

SHSG Cookbook

SHSG staff have compiled a series of good, bad and downright questionable recipes from their own student days to help our Year 13 leavers. Featuring *how to* guides, tips and a few bloopers, *SHSG the Cookbook* is sure to delight and inspire for years to come. The cookbook is available to view [‘here’](#).



Evening of Song

On Tuesday evening, students from Years 7 to 13 performed a concert of vocal music in the main hall. This featured the SHSG Choir, Chamber Choir and Novem Consort, who performed works from popular song, musical theatre, and film to classical and contemporary arrangements. The concert showcased solos and smaller ensembles selected by Year 13 students who sang these magically. As we wish them farewell and good luck for their A Level examinations, we hope that their many years of music-making at SHSG go with them. Altogether, it was an exciting and heart-warming evening, so if you missed it, and would like a glimpse at some of the quality of choral singing at SHSG, all three groups will be performing as part of the Summer Concert on 10th July, from 7pm. Staff, parents and friends are all welcome. A very well done to the choirs, soloists and thank you to all who supported this event.



F1 Schools' Regional Final at RAF Benson

This week, a group of Year 12 students attended the F1 in Schools Regional Final at RAF Benson. This international competition requires students to research, design and manufacture a model F1 car to race. They have to consider the aerodynamics, weight, aesthetics, sponsorship and branding of their designs. Our students have spent the last five months preparing for the regional finals and their vehicles have gone through multiple iterations as they made slight changes to the shape of the wings and body. It was great to see all three teams confidently presenting their work to professionals in engineering from the RAF and F1. Our fastest car came from Team Dynamo which flew down the 20-metre track in 1.45 seconds; but it was Team Silverstone who came away with the award for best portfolio. Many of these students are considering engineering in the future so this was a perfect opportunity for them to build relevant skills and gain practical experience. Congratulations to all the teams from SHSG. We look forward to taking a podium place next year and a spot at the National Final!



Year 12 exhibition artwork

Year 12 created work especially for an Art Exhibition at Metal Art Centre in Chalkwell Park. In pride of place in the space is our miniature gallery, which Mrs Stewart is told has received a lot of admiration. Thank you to the art students for all their efforts making this wonderful work.



UCAT information

Students who are applying for medicine or dentistry for 2024 (current Year 12) may find the information [‘here’](#) useful. There is a QR code at the bottom of the poster for students to use to find out further details and access the many free resources made available to assist with this entry requirement for UCAT consortium universities.

Further assistance is available to our students via the "Medics" MS Team. It is regularly updated with relevant information to access all allied health career routes and veterinary medicine.

Student success!

Congratulations to Evie G, Calypso B, and Astrid T who have been selected through a rigorous process from thousands of dancers across the country to represent England at the Dance World Cup 2023 in Portugal! A fantastic achievement and an exciting opportunity.



Year 11 and 13

Next week is Year 11 and Year 13's last week before study leave starts. I am sure that most parents and students will be familiar with the SHSG traditions for Year 11 to decorate their blazers, and Year 13 to come to school in fancy dress. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with students: Year 11 on Thursday, and Year 13 on Friday. Students are aware of the arrangements for them to come in to school for revision sessions and letters are being sent to these year groups specifically.

Year 13 always have their photo taken before their last day. This is then displayed in the Sixth Form Centre.



Champions League Player at SHSG!



SHSG can now proudly say we have a Champions League player in our school for the first time. A massive congratulations to Michelle A in Year 12 who made her first appearance in the Champions League against Wolfsburg on Monday night in front of a record crowd for a women's game at the Emirates. Unfortunately, Arsenal lost 2-3 on the night and 4-5 on aggregate.

This is such an amazing achievement, especially for someone so young. We all could not be prouder of Michelle and we wish her all the best in her preparations for her upcoming UEFA u17 European Finals in Estonia. The group stages will be commencing from the 14th of May. The very best of luck to Michelle and her teammates. Hopefully, they can bring home the gold!

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'.

Jason Carey
Headteacher