



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 16th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

History Department Berlin trip June 2023

On Wednesday 7 June the History Department took 46 enthusiastic Year 10 History students to Berlin for a three-day visit to this wonderful city. Highlights of the trip included a visit to the Reichstag on the Wednesday, a visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Olympic stadium and the German Resistance Museum on Thursday, and a walk along the remains of the Berlin Wall on Friday. Some of the more adventurous students also sampled some Bratwurst and Currywurst, although some also opted for the McDonald's option! The students were excellent, and we would like to express our gratitude for the support of Mr O'Brien, Miss Acton, Ms. Ryan and Ms Heywood in helping to make the trip an enjoyable experience, despite the early starts!



Year 5 Open Evening

Our Open Evening is being held on Thursday 6th July from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. Students in Year 5 and their parents will have the opportunity to visit SHSG to decide whether they wish to apply for a place at the school.

On this day students will attend lessons as normal in the morning and will be dismissed at 12.25pm. Please note that food will be available to purchase at break, but the canteen will not be providing lunch on this day. If your child is entitled to a free school meal and you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for them, please indicate this on the form attached.

Each year on Open Evening we have many of our own students leading prospective families on tours around the school and helping in departments. We would like students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 to lead tours. If you are willing to give permission for your child to take part in Open Evening from 4.45pm, please complete the consent form below. These events are an excellent way for our students to be involved in promoting SHSG; our students are our greatest ambassadors, so we would like as many volunteers as possible.



Students who are unable to make any alternative travel arrangements on this day may stay in school until their bus arrives at the end of the school day. Please note that Stephenson's buses will collect at 3.30pm as normal. Students staying in school will be supervised and will need to bring a packed lunch. If for any other reason you require your child to remain in school during the afternoon of the Thursday 6th July, please request this via email to office@shsg.org.

Please can you complete the consent form by [CLICKING HERE](#).

We would appreciate a response by Friday 23rd June 2023.

I have attached information regarding the evening for prospective parents at the end of this letter.

Create week

We are excited to announce that 'Create Week' starts on Monday 19th June. This will be a celebration of all things Art and Design with a range of creative events being organised for our students.

- Monday lunch will see our Product Design and Fashion students go head-to-head to find out which Technology subject is superior.
- On Tuesday we have the bake-off competition. Students and staff are invited to bring a bake in to be judged by an expert panel. The bakes will then be sold as part of a bake sale. All money will be split between the school and the local foodbank. If you'd like to take part, you will need to drop your bakes off in an appropriate container to Mrs Francis in the food room on Tuesday morning.
- Year 12 Art students will be developing their ceramic techniques to create work which will link to their portfolio. Students will learn the process of press moulding, sprig moulding and printing. This workshop will be led by Catie Back who recently joined SHSG as an Art Technician. Catie is an experienced ceramic artist specialised in slab hand building using sheets of clay to create figurative work.
- An impromptu pop-up exhibition will be open between 4 and 5.30pm afterschool and will exhibit a selection of KS4 and KS5 Fine and Design & Technology work.
- On Thursday, Year 8s will get to take part in a two-hour workshop to further develop their creative skills in a specialist area. More information will be communicated through the year 8 tutor team.
- On Friday at lunchtime, students are encouraged to take part in a Fashion Design treasure hunt around the school where they will need to guess which teacher is wearing each outfit.
- There are also several competitions open to our students including an opportunity to design a mural for the school ground and take part in the Leigh Art Trail.

UCAS Trip

On Wednesday 14th June Year 12 went to the University of Essex, Colchester to the Discover UCAS exhibition. There were over 100 different universities, colleges and apprenticeship employers on display which Year 12 could interact with and take home soon very useful information. There were several talks in lecture halls available if the students wished to attend on subject areas such as Business & Economics; Biological & Sports Science; Veterinary Medicine and Literature, Language & Linguistics. There were also Q&A sessions hosted by UCAS covering many topics such as 'applying to university and personal statements' plus 'Student finance.' We feel it was a successful trip and our Year 12 students behaved impeccably in their full school uniforms being excellent ambassadors of both our Sixth Form and our school as a whole. I would like to give my gratitude to the staff who volunteered to organise and attend the trip.

SHSG Annual Poetry Prize

SHSG Creative Writing Club would like to invite students to submit their entries for SHSG's annual poetry prize. The competition is open to students from any year, and students can submit original poems of any length, form or theme. Entries should be emailed to Mr McGarvey by the 30th June 2023 or handed in to the English Office. If you would like help with your poem, please come along to Creative Writing Club which is in B6 on Thursdays.

Hay fever and summer allergies

If your child suffers from hay fever or summer allergies, please be aware that students may bring in their own medication such as Piriton, to take as and when they require. If your child wishes to bring in medication to ease their symptoms but does not wish to carry it on their person, the medication can be left with reception; please make sure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and tutor group.

Year 12 Online Parents' Consultation Evening - Thursday 22nd June

A reminder for Year 12 parents that there is a remote Parents' Consultation Evening next Thursday from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. Please see the attached communication which was sent out to parents Wednesday 14th June. Appointments opened for parents to book on Thursday 15th June.

Year 8 Disco

A disco is being hosted by Southend High School for Girls for Year 8 students from both SHSG & SHSB on Friday 23rd June 2023 from 5.30-7.00pm.

Tickets for SHSG students are only available to purchase via ParentPay where you will be able to provide consent, emergency contact details and any medical/allergy information. It is a ticketless event as a list of names will be on the door.

The cost is £5.00 per ticket


Drinks and snacks will be available to buy on the night and please bring £1 coins in change. Students are not allowed to bring their own food.

Please ensure that a parent/guardian is contactable all evening and pick up is 7.00pm prompt.

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



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Year 5 Open Evening

Thursday 6th July between 5.00pm and 8.00pm

In preparation for choosing their secondary school, we are pleased to invite Year 5 students and their families to attend our Open Evening.



The Headteacher's talks will be at **5.30pm, 6.30pm and 7.30pm**
~ no appointment is necessary but due to limited capacity entrance to the talks will be on **first come first served basis.**