



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 9th June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

SHSG Computer Science students to participate in the Amazon AWS GetIT Programme

Southend High for Girls has been selected for the worldwide Amazon AWS GetIT Programme, we are excited to be involved in this prestigious opportunity to empower our students to get into technologies careers. AWS GetIT is a fully funded education programme and competition designed to inspire 12-14 year old students, especially girls, to consider a future in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). The programme helps schools and educators bring tech role models to their classrooms and gives them access to curriculum designed to help students build foundational skills, learn about cloud tech, and design app ideas to solve problems in their communities. The programme will begin in October 2023 and we look forward to sharing our students' progress with you.

Jack Petchey Award

On Tuesday 23rd May the Jack Petchey Achievement Award ceremony was hosted at The Palace Theatre. It was a lovely evening filled with music, applause, and performances including one from our own Head Girl, Carissa B! Over the past year, SHSG presented an Achievement Award every single month and these students were presented with gold medallions on stage by the Southend Mayor. A huge congratulations to those involved.



Duke of Edinburgh award

A massive well done to all the students who have been taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award this year at both bronze and silver levels. They have completed 2,379 hours of volunteering, a whopping social value of £11,442. That is 624 hours and £3,334 greater than last year. Congratulations!



Year 5 Open Evening

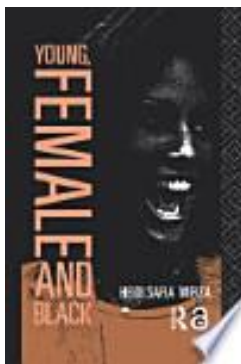
Our Year 5 Open Evening is on Thursday 6th July, this date will be half day for students and school will finish at 12.25pm. Further information will follow in the following weeks about arrangements for students that will need to wait for the bus.

Professor Heidi Mirza Speaks to Sociology A level students

On Friday 9th June, the sociology department invited Professor Heidi Mirza to speak to A level students via Teams. Professor Mirza leads on Race, Faith and Culture at Goldsmith University and is the Emeritus Professor of Equalities Studies in Education at the Institute of Education at UCL. She is a key theorist on the Sociology A level course. She is a leading Black Difference and Intersectional feminist.

Students were interested to hear about her route into academia and experiences as a black female academic. She was one of the first black female professors in the UK. She spoke about her seminal work 'Young, Female and Black' where she researched the experience of black girls in schools in the 1990s. Professor Mirza responded to questions from the students about whether the situation has improved in the last thirty years.

Hearing from Professor Mirza directly about her research was inspiring for the students, and they were able to relate her research to their own lived experiences.



Information

I have included some information at the end of this letter with the below opportunities for students:

- *Year 12 Future Leaders summer school*
- *RSPCA young photographers' competition*
- *Year 13 opportunity to work over the Summer holidays*

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

Future Leaders Summer School

12th - 14th July
Year 12 / first-year FE

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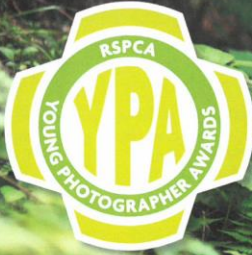
Programme Highlights:

- Live like a uni student
- Fun evening activities
- Build your debating skills with the Debate Mate team
- Take part in a **Model UN**
- Work with student ambassadors
- Make your CV glow!

DEADLINE: 12th June

Free summer
residential
University of Essex
Colchester campus.





THE RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER AWARDS 2023

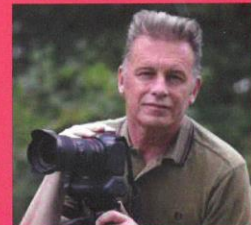


WIN

- ▶ TROPHIES
- ▶ AMAZON VOUCHERS
- ▶ AN EPIC TRIP!

If you're 18 or under, an animal lover, and you can take great photos, this is the competition for you! Send us your animal images by **15 August 2023**.

Finalists are invited to our Tower of London awards ceremony with TV's Chris Packham.



Hope Skidmore - winner of 12-15 Mobile Phone and Devices category

ENTER NOW!



FOR MORE INFO:
rspca.org.uk/ypa

STAFF NEEDED!

- Like working with members of the public? ✓
- Like being outdoors? ✓
- Like the fresh sea air? ✓
- Like to see this every day? ✓



We could have just what you're looking for!

South Essex Property Services are currently looking for seasonal workers...

- Based on Southend seafront
- Delivering basic first aid services (full training will be provided)
- Slipway Management (liaising with users of the slipway – e.g jet ski and SUP)
- Working every weekend, Bank Holidays and daily during the May half term and Summer holiday from May to the beginning of September
- £11.39 per hour
- Must be aged 18 years or over.
- Subject to enhanced DBS checks

If you are interested please send a copy of your CV to Lynseyhurd@seh.southend.gov.uk

