



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Berlin Trip

Mr Boney, Miss Hulme and Mrs Mylroie took 28 Year 10 students to Berlin (trip 2) enjoying: a walking tour of the city centre, visiting the Brandenburg gate; Sachsenhausen concentration camp; the Reichstag; the Museum of German Resistance; television Tower in Alexander Platz; a Cold War history of the Berlin Wall walking tour; and, to finish off, a tour of the East Side Gallery. A fantastic trip – and thank you to the staff involved. Miss Hulme and Mrs Mylroie certainly deserved the cake pictured below after all those steps!



Stratford Upon Avon - Trip 1

Last Friday, we also embarked with half our Year 11s to visit Stratford-upon-Avon for a three-day *Macbeth* revision weekend. It was a fabulous weekend, enjoyed by students and staff alike. Students watched a performance of *Macbeth* at the RSC in Stratford on Friday night. Highlights included flying witches and bagpipe performances. Low lights included some unconvincing Scottish accents. On Saturday we visited Shakespeare's birthplace and explored the historic sights of Stratford. Students returned to workshops on the play led by our English teachers, including analysis of the RSA performance and culminating in a *Macbeth* film-making challenge where students created their own mini-*Macbeth* animations. On Sunday the group visited Anne Hathaway's cottage before returning home.

We were so impressed by how involved and engaged students were on the trip, how positive they were and how much they threw themselves into the workshops (and shopping); it was a reminder of what a privilege it is to teach such good-humoured and academically engaged students. Thank you also to the parents who wrote to thank the English staff involved after the trip; it is always greatly appreciated.

We look forward to round 2 next weekend when we take the other half of the year group.



Whole School photograph



On Thursday, every student and member of staff engaged in our first whole school photo since 2018. Luckily, the weather held out and we had sunshine! The company organising the photo, Tempest, were impressed by how brilliantly, quickly, and efficiently the students arrived in height order and got the entire event done in one hour.

It was a great deal of fun, including a Year 13 Mexican wave, and we look forward to adding to the long line of whole school photos in the corridor behind the Assembly Hall, continuing the school tradition. Thank you to our two models pictured who were happy to pose as the tallest and smallest in the school and gained a resounding cheer from everyone.

Parents will have the opportunity to purchase the photograph from the photography company - please note that this is a different company to the photographs that were recently taken. More information regarding the purchase of the whole school photograph will follow over the next few weeks.

School photographs - Years 7, 10 and 12

School Photographs are now live. If you have pre-registered, 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/>

Please quote registration code: JR5CEF2

All photographs will be sent straight to home address with limited discounts available for the first 14 days.

Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk

Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm)

Carmel Jane Photograph

Year 12 Parents Introduction to A Level and Year 7 Welcome to Grammar School

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, parents of Year 12 and Year 7 students were invited to information evenings including talks by Mr Carey and senior members of staff, heads of year and heads of departments, and students. Thank you to the parents for attending and also for such positive feedback. We are always grateful to receive feedback and are so pleased that the evenings were useful. It has been a very busy week for staff, including getting ready for the 11+ this weekend, so thank you to everyone involved in these evening events.

Music Fayre

Mr Peugniez organised an instrument fayre to showcase a range of instruments on offer as a school. SHSG musicians from Year 7 to Sixth Form set up stalls and demonstrated their instruments, including giving introductory lessons and a chance to get a feel for the instruments. Kiyera C (pictured below) taught students how to get a sound of the French horn, which is easier said than done; she is grade 8 flute as well! Many other students gave lessons and introductions – not forgetting Mr McGarvey and Mr Carey showing off their guitar chops!



Birthday Cake Competition

Students and staff cherish SHSG's traditions, such as celebrating the school's birthday. Cake has always been part of the celebrations. We are running a Design the Cake Competition, which is open to all. The brief is how would you represent SHSG in cake form. All design ideas should be emailed or delivered to Mrs Francis or sent to sfrancis@shsg.org. Deadline for entries is 29th September. Our talented Year 11 Food captains will be translating your designs into a large cake.

Clubs and activities

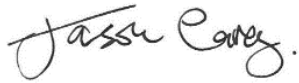
At Southend High School for Girls, we are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs/activities. The latest programme of these clubs/activities can be viewed '[here](#)'.

Key dates

The calendar on our website is now available to view up to the end of this term. Our calendar contains key dates of activities and events that are taking place in school. A list can be found [here](#).

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Carey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Jason Carey
Headteacher