



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 6th October 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Spanish exchange to Valladolid

Last Thursday, we successfully re-established our link with our Spanish partner school, Colegio Ave Maria in Valladolid. Twenty-seven Year 10 and two Year 9 Spanish students, accompanied by Miss Hulme, Mrs Vale and Mrs Bowman headed for the Spanish Capital and then Valladolid. The students met their exchange partners for the first time amid much excitement and headed home for their first taste of Spanish family life on Thursday evening. The students then visited the town of Tordesillas and the village of Urueña, before returning to their host families for the weekend where they spent time with their families visiting other nearby places of interest, sampling the local restaurants, shopping in Valladolid and of course, trying out their Spanish!

On Monday, the students were re-united with their teachers for a guided tour, led by Mrs Vale, to Salamanca and had the opportunity to taste churros and chocolate. Students headed home on Tuesday having said good-bye to their partners until their visit to England in January, before spending the day in Madrid, visiting the Royal Palace, the Plaza Mayor and doing some last-minute shopping for souvenirs before heading to the airport.



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World Mental Health Day – Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day is next Tuesday and this year's theme is 'our mind, our rights'. World Mental Health Day 2023 is an opportunity for people and communities to unite behind the theme '**Mental health is a universal human right**' to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right.

To mark the day, we are inviting staff and students to wear yellow socks to school.



Rebecca trip

On Thursday evening, Mr Andrews, Mrs Haywood, and Mr Carey took a group of Year 12 and Year 13, A-level students to the West End to see the musical performance of 'Rebecca'. 'Rebecca' is one of the set texts for A-level English Literature. It was a fantastic evening and everybody enjoyed the performance. One of the highlights was meeting the cast at the end and getting their 'Rebecca' books signed!



Year 11 Parents' Information Evening - Wednesday 11th October

We would like to remind parents and carers of Year 11 students that there will be a short information evening on Wednesday 11th Oct at 6pm in school. The purpose of the evening is to introduce you to key members of the Middle School pastoral team who will be supporting your child through their final year of GCSEs and to share information about key events in Year 11. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

On Wednesday 4th October, we welcomed parents of Year 10 students into school for an information evening. The slides from the evening will be sent via email shortly and the information booklet can be found ['here'](#). I would like to thank all those that were able to attend. Mrs Symes, Head of Year 10 is looking forward to working in partnership with Year 10 parents over the coming year.

Year 12 Parent and Form Tutor Consultation Evening

Yesterday, Year 12 parents had an online consultation evening with Sixth Form tutors and Mrs Neil, Head of Year 12. We were pleased to hear that students are settling in well, especially those that have joined us from other schools. The next virtual Year 12 parent consultation will take place on Thursday 8th February via our online schoolcloud platform.

English Schools' East Region Diving Competition

Last weekend SHSG students competed in the English Schools' East region diving competition.

In the Junior Girls category, we are delighted to report the following results:

- 1st place – Alice
- 4th place – Amelie
- 10th place – Kara
- 16th place – Poppy
- 17th place - Isobel

In the Intermediate girls' category:

2nd place - Francesca

5th place – Sadie

7th place – Emily A

Francesca and Alice now qualify for the National Schools' final in Manchester in December. Well done to all the students who competed and congratulations to the finalists.



Courteous driving

Please be reminded that when dropping off students, parents **should not be stopping their car at the bus stop or across the entrance to the school gate**. The road outside the school is clearly marked with 'keep clear' yellow lines and cars should not be parking in this area. This can cause serious obstruction and is dangerous not to mention against the highway code.

Careers opportunities

Please see some information from Ms Casson regarding careers opportunities at the end of this letter.

Key dates

The calendar on our website is 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](#)'.

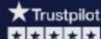
Yours faithfully,

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

Jason Carey
Headteacher

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