



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Southchurch Boulevard, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 4UZ

Headteacher: Mr J Carey MEd (Cantab), BA (Hons), LLE, NPQEL

Friday, 24th November 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Year 12 Senior Prefects

Congratulations to the sixty Year 12 students who were selected to be our new Senior Prefect team. Students wrote a letter of application which was presented in Tutor time, and reviewed by the Sixth Form team, and the existing Head Student Team. The quality of applications was extremely high this year so well done to all those selected; you will be excellent ambassadors for the school.

Head Student Team

Congratulations to the new Head Student Team (pictured left to right below: Lulu, Ruby, Tracy, Zahra, Daisy, Chiara, Jack and Charlie) who will take up their posts in January after the Christmas Assembly handover. Well done to all students involved in the interview process and to the sixty new Senior prefects. We look forward to starting the appointment process for house captains and subject captains. Next week are the interviews for the new Head Student.



Whole school photograph collections

As mentioned in my previous letter, the whole school photograph orders have arrived. If your child has not been able to collect their photograph this week, they can now collect it from reception. Please note that for all photographs, students will be required to sign for them on receipt. The school cannot accept any responsibility for lost or damaged photographs in transit.

Wednesday 20th December – 12.25pm finish

On Wednesday 20th December school will finish at 12.25pm for the Christmas holidays. Ami coaches will be collecting at 12.25pm and we are waiting to hear back from Maymist. Stephenson coaches are unable to collect at 12.25pm and are likely to collect at the usual time of 3.30pm. For students that are unable to make alternative arrangements, a supervised provision will be put in place in the library. Details regarding this will be shared in my letter next week.



Genazine Magazine

Our Autumn edition of *Genazine*, written by Head Student Carrissa Baxter, is about The Windrush Scandal. *Genazine* is our social science magazine, produced by Sixth Form students, and read during form time by Years 10 to 13. The aim is to develop students' engagement with current affairs, as well as to allow them to apply their academic knowledge to issues they really care about. Present and past issues can be found on the website by following the link ['here'](#).

Royal Navy careers lecture

We were delighted to welcome Petty Officer Michael Barnes to SHSG on Monday 20th November. Michael gave one of our regular Monday morning registration talks online in October. We gave students the opportunity to sign up for a longer lunchtime talk and over twenty students expressed an interest in finding out more about careers in the Royal Navy!

Michael gave a fascinating talk where he went into more depth about the array of opportunities the Navy offers. We learned about the different levels of entry; it is possible to express an interest in Apprenticeships from the age of 15 years and 9 months for example. Michael explained that the biggest reason for candidates failing to be accepted is down to their fitness and directed students to check out the 'Get fit to apply' webpage ['here'](#) that explains the different standards required.

Michael explained that the Navy can help with funding for degrees in medicine and engineering but that it is very competitive, and students would need to check the specifics of suitable engineering qualifications. Our students impressed Michael with the high quality of their questions such as how the Navy supports with humanitarian efforts. Michael was kind enough to talk to some individuals at the end about their ambitions.

A well spent lunchtime and of course everyone loves a free pen! We hope that Michael will return to SHSG for more careers events in 2024.

We would like to offer more of these lunchtime lectures in the future. If students have specific requests for career areas they would like to learn more about, or if parents/guardians would like to offer their expertise to talk to our students we would be pleased to hear from you. Please email vcasson@shsg.org.



Year 11 Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' Consultation Evening will be taking place virtually on Thursday 7th December. The booking system for appointments will open to parents on Thursday 29th November at 6.20am and will close on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm. More details will follow next week.

Year 11 Short Report with Predicted Grades

Please be advised that the Year 11 Short report containing students' predicted grades will be published on Friday December 1st via the SIMS Parent App. Please see attached the Parent Guide to using the SIMs Parent app.

Walking Talking Mocks for Year 11

On Wednesday, 29th November and Friday, Thursday 30th November Year 11 will experience their second set of 'Walking Talking Mocks' in English and maths. Walking Talking Mocks allow students to experience examinations being modelled to them, 'live', by experienced teachers/examiners. They are designed to help students improve their examination technique such as, for example, identifying and interpreting command words correctly, identifying common misconceptions and managing time more effectively. The Walking Talking Mocks are, therefore, not assessed and there will be no data reported as a result. Thanks go to the English and Maths teachers for leading these.

Year 10 law workshop

On Tuesday, Year 10 enjoyed a law workshop with a practicing barrister, Jeremy, who spoke to them about what being a lawyer involves, and some of the different routes into a legal career. He answered their questions about the difference between a solicitor and a barrister, and about what different areas of law there are. Jeremy shared some of his own experiences and spoke to students about what they can do to maximise their own chances of gaining entry into what can be a very competitive career. Jeremy will be running follow up workshops across the rest of the year, focusing on helping students develop their skills of advocacy, and sharing some tips about how to think like a lawyer. He will also be running a similar workshop next week for Year 12, on Tuesday lunchtime, in the Meeting Room, so anyone in Year 12 who thinks a legal career might be for them is invited to come along.

Year 12 and 13 Human Rights Lecture

On Wednesday, 22nd November, over fifty A level students from the Sociology and Politics departments attended a lecture by Dr Tom MacManus, Senior Lecturer in State Crime from Queen Mary University, London. Dr MacManus spent several years carrying out an ethnographic study on the Genocide of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. He explained the different stages of Genocide and discussed why the international community are slow to label state crimes as crime. This was an excellent opportunity for students thinking of following a career path in Human Rights, law or criminology. The topic links very well with areas covered in both the Sociology and Politics syllabuses, and students will be able to apply their knowledge to examination questions. Students who are interested in finding out more about this topic can read Dr MacManus' report written in collaboration with the International State Crime Initiative which has been emailed to them.

Geography Christmas Bauble

Please see attached a flyer regarding the geography Christmas bauble competition.

School Birthday Card winners

As part of our School Birthday celebrations, tutor groups make birthday cards to present to the school. Congratulations to this year's winning designs which were created by 7 Athene, 8 Hera, 9 Athene, 10 Hera and 11 Artemis!



From left to right Lily B and Rose J from 7 Athene, Yadavi S and Hannah M from 8 Hera, Grace A and Grace O from 9 Athene, Mabel S and Olivia W from 10 Hera, Nina Gabriele B and Janelle S from 11 Artemis representing their tutor groups, supported by the Head Student Team and House Captains.

Careers information

Please find attached to the end of this letter some information regarding upcoming virtual events from Young Professionals.

Lidl Christmas Jumper Loan Scheme

Please find attached to the end of this letter information regarding the Lidl Christmas Jumper Loan Scheme.

SHSG Parents' Association Winter Concert Raffles - reminder

The SHSG Parents' Association will be holding a raffle each evening of the Winter Concerts which are due to be held on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th December.

First, second and third prizes are winter hampers provided by Year 7 students.

Tickets cost £2 each and can be purchased on ParentPay until Monday 4th December 2023. Once purchased tickets will automatically be entered into the relevant evening raffle. All donations support the school.

Do not worry if you miss the cut-off date; raffle tickets (and additional raffle prizes) will be available on the night.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey
Headteacher

Geography Christmas Bauble Competition!

Design and create a Christmas decoration from sustainable and/or recycled materials to hang on the B-block Christmas tree.

The best decoration wins an elusive Geography badge and achievement points.

Achievement points are also available for runners up.

Bring your creation to the Geography office by 8th December 2023

Upcoming Virtual Events from Young Professionals.

Virtual insights with Lloyds Banking Group the UK's largest bank with 30+ million customers and over 877.8 billion GBP of total assets under management, AICPA & CIMA (Business, finance and accounting professional qualifications), Transport for London and the Royal Air Force.

Each link below will take students to a separate application form along with all the information they need on each of the events.

Insight into TFL (Transport for London) Virtual Event

- Tuesday 28th November 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Open to all students in Y11, Y12 Y13
Targeted to students looking to get into Engineering, Business and Technology
- Application link → <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InsightIntoTFL>

AICPA CIMA Virtual Insight Event

- Wednesday 29th November 2023, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Open to all students Y11, Y12 Y13
- Targeted to students looking to get into Accounting, Finance & Investment Management, and Business
- Application link → <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AICPACIMAVirtualEvent>

Insight to Lloyds Banking Group

- Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Open to all students in Y11, Y12 Y13
- Targeted to students looking to get into Business, Finance, Accounting, Data Analytics, Technology, Risk, and HR
- Application link → <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LloydsBankingGroupCareersLive>

RAF Engineering Insight Event

- Tuesday 5th December 2023, 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Open to all students in Y11, Y12 Y13
- Targeted to students looking to get into Engineering and STEM
- Application link → <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RAFVirtualEngineering>



Christmas is better with a sweater

Lidl has launched a Christmas jumper rental service made from upcycled textiles.

“With Christmas being one of the top occasions of the year when the demand for purchasing single-wear outfits skyrockets, renting a festive jumper for your holiday season plans is a great way to leave a positive impact on the planet and also save money,” said Eshita Kabra, the founder and CEO of By Rotation.

£2 per day from Thursday until 31st December 2023

All profits go to NSPCC.

