



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 15th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

World Challenge

Late July, twenty students along with Mrs Brierley and Mr Smith embarked on a 23-day trip to Thailand and Cambodia. The trip included: a stay in vibrant Bangkok, with a visit to a temple and a boat trip down the city's canals; a jungle trek amongst the wildlife in Khao Yai National Park; snorkelling on the island resort of Koh Chang; a boat trip on the Tonle Sap lake, the largest in Asia, and even a trip to a prison Phnom Penh! The focus of the trip - the World Challenge Project - took place in a local school for underprivileged children in Pursat in Cambodia, where the group painted classrooms, helped to level a playground and taught English to children. The memories from this experience will stay with staff and students for many years to come.

We are proud to be able to offer trips like World Challenge to our students and I look forward to reading the full write-up of the trip, which will be published in the next SHSG Gazette. Thank you to Mrs Brierley and Mr Smith for giving up a significant proportion of their summer break to make this wonderful experience happen.



Silver DofE assessed expedition to the New Forest

Last weekend, 60 students travelled to the New Forest to complete their Silver assessed DofE expedition. The weather was extremely hot for walking with the heavy backpacks, the students were all very sensible and completed the expedition safely. They journeyed through forest, across heathland and along streams navigating with a map and compass encountering the horses, donkeys and other animals that wander freely in the New Forest. A successful expedition, well done to all those who took part. Thank you to Mr Smith, Mrs Ehlers, Mrs Smith, and Mr Peugniez for their help on the expedition. Also thank you to Mrs Brierley for always ensuring that the DofE expeditions run smoothly!





School photographs - years 7, 10 and 12

School Photos 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)

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SIMS Parent App

We would like to remind you that parents / carers at Southend High School for Girls use the SIMS Parent App to facilitate communication of key information between home and school, such as reports and attendance. Please find attached a link to our parent guide to using this guide. As we are at the beginning of the school year, we would advise that you check that you can log in and access the app. Any problems please contact, slgsupport@shsg.org.

Year 7 Virtual Parent/Tutor Consultation Evening – Thursday 28th September

Reminder – On 28th September there will be a virtual Year 7 parent/tutor consultation evening from 4.00pm-7.00pm. This will provide you with an opportunity to discuss with your child's tutor how well they have settled into life at Southend High School for Girls. Please note that this is not an event to report on academic progress and attainment; there is a parents' consultation evening on Thursday 25th January 2024 for this.

We will be using an online platform called School Cloud, which will enable you to book a one-to-one video appointment lasting four minutes with your child's tutor. Details will follow on Wednesday 20th September for how to make appointments.

Year 12 Introduction to A Levels Information Evening - Wednesday 20th September

Year 12 continue their excellent start to their A Levels; they are settling in well and their teachers continue to commend them for their commitment to their studies. I would like to remind Year 12 parents that they are warmly invited to the 'Introduction to A Levels' information evening on Wednesday 20th September from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the Main Hall.

Forgotten items dropped off at Reception

We understand that, with our mobile phone policy, parents are unable to communicate with students during the school day. We would like to remind parents that we are only able to deliver forgotten items dropped off at Reception if they are **urgent** in nature. We are unable to deliver any non-urgent items to students during the school day. Examples of urgent and non-urgent items are listed below. We will endeavour to deliver urgent items to students through their PSO and/or Reception team but there may be instances where we cannot guarantee a timeframe, especially in busy periods or when students are at break or lunch.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Urgent items	Non-urgent items
Bus/train tickets or money to purchase travel tickets	Pencil cases
Lunches	Exercise and/or textbooks
PE kits for fixtures on the same day	PE kits for lessons
Medicines	

Non-student day correction

Please note that there was a slight error in the Headteacher's letter last week regarding the non-student days for this year. The correct dates are below:

- Friday 22nd September 2023 (school closed to students)
- Monday 22nd July 2024 (school closed to students)

Friday 19th July 2024 is the last day of the summer term for students and the school is open to students.

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](#).

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey
Headteacher