



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Parent questionnaire

Thank you for completing the questionnaire last week. For those parents that would still like the link, please find it [‘here’](#).

Year 12 Oracy Projects

This week all our Year 12 students have been presenting on a research topic of their choice during tutor time. There have been some fantastic projects, ranging from the mechanics of vinyl records, to fractals in nature, to the influence of Hindu scripture on J. Robert Oppenheim. Well done to all our students for putting together some highly original and carefully researched presentations. Many of these will be excellent starting points for their Personal Statements which they will begin in June.

Year 11 individual and group photographs

Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on Thursday 18th April 2024, to take the Year 11 Individual & Group Photos. All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to their child’s photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Registration only takes a minute. Please click on the code below or visit www.carmeljanshop.co.uk and enter the below code:

[JRDK95](#)

You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased.

Equality and Diversity Group

On Wednesday afternoon we hosted a training session for all the local secondary trainee teachers from the Benfleet Teaching School Alliance (BTSA) with a focus on ‘inclusive classrooms.’ Mrs Robinson led the training with the assistance of some students who wrote and presented speeches about how classrooms and teachers can be inclusive. Well done to Charlie, Jack, Ivy, Hilary, Anika and Bala in Year 12 and to Gianna and Aisha in Year 9; they spoke with passion and left a lasting impression on the teachers. Thank you to Mrs Francis for organising and hosting this event!



Year 10 PPEs

Year 10 have now completed one whole week of PPEs and are in the home straight with only four more days left. The examinations team and invigilators have repeatedly commented throughout this week how impressed they are with how well the students have conducted themselves. Well done, Year 10!

Easter holidays

A reminder that the last day of the Spring Term is on Thursday 28th March 2024. Students will return for the Summer Term on Monday 15th April on Week A.

PI Recital Competition

On Monday 18th March, the maths captains hosted a pi recital competition to celebrate pi day which was on the 14th of March. Congratulations to Athena in 7 Athene (pictured with Senior Maths Captain, Amelia) who was our recital winner with a fantastic 221 digits of pi!



Green Dagger 2024

SHSG's annual writing competition for detective and mystery writers is back. Students have to write the first 500 words of a detective story. There is a fantastic trophy for the winner and there is a fair amount of kudos too. There may even be a small prize. Entries are to be emailed to Mr McGarvey by the 19th of April or handed in to the English office. If anyone wants some help with their story, come along to B6 on Thursday lunchtime where Cerys B runs her Creative Writing Club.

I have attached a poster to the end of this letter.

Careers information from Ms Casson

Well done to Year 10 who have submitted their CVs and Cover letters ahead of their forthcoming Mock Interviews on Wednesday 17th and 18th April. What a talented group of students! We look forward to seeing them shine in their interviews. Form tutors will inform students of their appointment times. Learning how to present oneself is a key aspect of success in the interview application process so smart clothes may be worn to school for this event although students should not feel that they have to go out and buy a whole new outfit.

There are a lot of opportunities for online work experience over Easter advertised on our Careers platform, Unifrog, that are suitable for all students from Years 10-13. In addition, parents can sign up for a fortnightly newsletter highlighting opportunities. If you ask your child to log in and then click on [this link](#) you will find a lot of really helpful guides suitable for all key stages for Years 8-13; it is not just about university. Year 7s will be given a Unifrog login next term and will undertake induction activities to help them get started on their career journey.

Virtual work experience day opportunity

Are you interested in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or anything to do with STEM? Would you like to gain some rare and invaluable work experience with multiple global FTSE companies? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you!

Students can apply for a virtual work experience day with Spectris, Malvern Panalytical, HBK and Servomex on Wednesday, 3rd of April from 9am - 3:30pm, Spectris are a FTSE company and own all the other science and engineering-based companies mentioned above. Collectively they operate in over 30 countries, employ over 7,500 people globally, and have generated a revenue of over a billion pounds as of 2024! Each of the companies Spectris owns specialises in a very specific areas of science and engineering and during this work experience day you will get the opportunity to take part in workshops and network with each of their companies.

Participating in an event such as this will not only allow you to learn more about industry, but it will also give you a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will be beneficial for adding value to your CV and LinkedIn profile. This will show employers (including Spectris) that you are proactive and looking to develop your skillset before entering the workplace, which can help you to be recognised as an ambitious and motivated individual as well as allowing you to stand out from other students.

You can sign up for this opportunity, by using the registration link below. After the event you will receive a certificate that you can use on your CV's and any job applications that you make. Don't forget to add it to your Unifrog locker of interactions.

Registration Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VCP9NZS>



SHSG PA Easter Raffle

SHSG PA are holding an Easter raffle to be drawn on Wednesday 27th March. The prizes are:

- 1st prize – a Revelation wine crate
- 2nd prize – a bee marble cheese board
- 3rd prize – a scarf by Powder
- 4th prize – a Thorntons chocolate egg



Tickets cost £2 each and are available on ParentPay. Once purchased, raffle tickets will be automatically entered into the draw.

Tickets are available to purchase from Friday 1st March with ticket sales closing on the morning of Wednesday 27th March. The winning raffle tickets will be drawn the afternoon of 27th March. All contributions support SHSG Parents' Association. Thank you for your continued support.

Mental Health & Wellbeing at SHSG

If you need support or information about how to cope with your emotions, you can visit the school website and look at [Mental Health & Wellbeing - Southend High School for Girls \(shsg.org\)](https://www.shsg.org).

There, you will find some articles, videos, and useful links. The school has also put together a Padlet for Lower and Middle School and one for Sixth Form for you to browse. Please find the links below:

[Lower and Middle school SHSG Mental Health Board \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)

[SHSG Mental Health Board \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)

Clubs

The school has a range of activities and clubs to offer. The latest list of clubs and activities for this term can be found on our website ['here'](#).

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](#).

Wishing you a restful weekend!

Yours faithfully,



Jason Carey
Headteacher

The Green Dagger is back!

Pointier, sharper and back for 2024!

In its third year, this prestigious competition asks you to produce a piece of **detective fiction**.

Previous winners have intrigued readers with their tales of dark deceit uncovered by determined detectives...

If you would like to enter, write the opening to a detective mystery story of no longer than **500 words**.

If you need any help, please come along to **B6** on **Wednesday** lunchtime to Creative Writing Club for inspiration, support and fun.

Entries should be with Mr McGarvey by:
FRIDAY 19th APRIL 2024

Submit your stories to: gmcgarvey@shsg.org
or hand them in at the **English Office**.

