



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Whole School Production

You will have received a letter earlier today via SIMS In-Touch with details of our Whole School Production.

The SHSG *Chicago: Teen Edition* production will feature handmade costumes, dance, a live on-stage band, and hundreds of feathers! There are six cabaret tables at the front of the auditorium which can be booked for small parties.

Chicago: Teen Edition has been adapted for schools and youth theatres. It removes adult, explicit language, but retains the satirical script and punchy musical numbers making it faithful to the original. The suggested target audience is age 11 to adult, but younger family members may attend under parental guidance.

More information below.

Show dates and times: Wednesday 3rd July, Friday 5th July, Saturday 6th July 7-9pm

In addition, there is a matinee on Saturday 6th July 2-4pm

Doors open 45 minutes before each show.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 6th May from 12pm



www.ticketsource.co.uk/southend-high-school-for-girls

£15 for adults, £10 for concessions

£80 Cabaret table (4 seats, includes a glass of fizz)

Cabaret tables seat four people and are positioned at the front of the auditorium nearest to the stage. There will be a complimentary drink and nibbles served before the show begins. These seats are available on a first come, first served basis, so please book early to acquire these special tickets!



There is a brilliant student cast and crew who have worked tirelessly to make this show happen and we want to sell out all four nights. We look forward to welcoming you all to *Chicago: Teen Edition!*

World Challenge Trip to Morocco July 2025

We will shortly be launching the World Challenge Trip to Morocco for Years 10, 11 and 12. The organisers will be holding an assembly for students who are interested in taking part on the trip on Wednesday 15th May 2024 and this will be followed up by an information evening for parents to be held online at 6pm on Tuesday 21 May 2024. More information to follow!

Year 11 Individual & Group Photos are now live

For parents of Year 11 students that pre-registered, you should now have received an email with your unique access link from Carmel Jane. If not, please contact Carmel Jane Photography via the following link: <https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

Please quote registration code: JRDYK95

All photographs will be sent straight to a home address with limited discounts available for the first 14 days. Should you have any enquiries, please contact Carmel Jane directly by using the below contact information.

Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk

Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm)

Year 12 PPEs

For the past two weeks, Year 12 have been completing their PPEs. These provide an invaluable opportunity for the students to experience sitting A Level examinations in timed conditions, following all the rules and regulations JCQ put in place- an excellent practice for their 'real' A Levels next year! The entire year group have been a credit to themselves and the sixth form team- they have approached the examinations with maturity and focus, embodying the resilient, intelligent, and brave young adults the SHSG ethos strives to cultivate. The Exams Team have remarked on their excellent time management and organisation- without fault, students have arrived on time with the correct equipment. Attendance has also been exemplary- another way they have shown their commitment to their academic success. Mrs Neill is looking forward to welcoming Year 12 back next week and celebrating their successes with them!

Clean Air Project

SHSG is taking part in a clean air project which is funded through Southend City Council. This project will inform us about our air-quality in and around the school as well as involve students and staff in improvements. Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey already. Southend City Council have asked us to re-share the survey '[here](#)'. It is anonymous and does not collect any personal data.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

A massive well done to all the Year 10 students who successfully completed their three-day practice expedition for Duke of Edinburgh in the Chilterns last weekend. They braved extremely wet and cold conditions with grit and good humour. They did exceptionally well, proving adept at setting up camp, cooking for themselves, and (for the large part) navigating their routes each day. Many thanks to the coordinating staff, Mrs Brierley and Mr Smith, along with the staff who gave up their weekend to support: Ms Dillon, Mrs Spilstead, Ms Boyson and Mr Escott.



"You're Hired" - Year 10 Mock Interview Success

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who received "You're Hired" Certificates in assembly today following our recent Interview Experience Day. These students were chosen by their mock interviewers as being the strongest candidate, and thus the person they would choose to hire from the students they interviewed. It was wonderful to see our talented and articulate young people recognised for their strong performance in these interviews. We look forward to seeing where their careers take them in the future!

Next Career opportunities for Year 10 to look forward to will be a talk from South Essex College on vocational qualifications on the 10th May and their day trip to the University of Essex on 24th June.

Year 9 have a session on careers in finance and enterprise skills on 21st May and Year 8 have an exciting Careers Carousel on the 3rd July.



Geography globalisation trip

On Tuesday the 29th April and Wednesday 1st May, the Geography Department organised a globalisation trip to Southend High Street to understand how the local area has been impacted by globalisation. Students assessed the environmental aspects of the High Street, such as the amount of litter that we could see or how safe they felt in the area. In addition, they conducted several other methods including pedestrian counts, observations, land use mapping and a clone town survey. The afternoons were spent in geography classes where students had to re-design Southend High Street to improve its environment, aesthetics and purpose for Gen-Z, whilst being mindful of costs. Natalie M stated *"All the groups presented well and had amazing ideas. However, the winning team showcased their ideas well and I would definitely visit their new High Street! It was a great experience and I have learnt how the High Street has allowed big brands to dominate. However, I feel that High Streets should have a mix of local and big brands making it 'glocalised'."*

Thank you to all the staff who attended the trips, including Ms Spilstead, Ms Meacham, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Brierly, Mr Gilson, Miss Dunlop, Mr Stillman and Mr O'Brien. And a special thank you to Mrs Bowman, Miss Riebold and Mr Andrews for being the judging panel to decide the overall winning teams on both days.

Winners from Tuesday: Freya B, Lily-Rose B, Josie C, Skyy P and Willow W

Winners from Wednesday: Kaylieghem, Nazmin, Ella V, Eiliyah and Angelina K

Oracy shoutouts to Freya B, Ava and Yenuli B



Equipment for GCSE Maths examinations

Year 11 students will be sitting the Edexcel GCSE Mathematics Examination this Summer. Please can you ensure that your child has the following equipment for all their mathematics examinations. It is their responsibility to bring the correct equipment to all their examinations. We are unable to provide all students with spare equipment.

- Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres
- protractor
- pair of compasses
- black pen
- HB or B pencil
- eraser
- calculator (for paper 2 & 3 only)

(Tracing paper will be provided)

Year 10 Chemistry Revision Sessions - 13th May, 3rd June and 17th June

In order to support Year 10 students with their Chemistry studies as they prepare to enter Year 11, the school has organised revision sessions on Monday 13th May, Monday 3rd June and Monday 17th June. These focused sessions will revisit and reinforce several key topics from the GCSE course.

Students in chemistry classes 10Y1, 10Y2 and 10Y3 will attend sessions periods 1-3 on 13th May. Sessions for students in chemistry classes 10X1, 10X2 and 10X3 will take place on 3rd June periods 1-3.

On 17th June the whole cohort will be in the hall for periods 1 and 2 to participate in a 'walking talking mock' led by the chemistry team. The walking talking mock is designed to help learners understand how to approach answering exam questions and support them to interpret the questions. Students have been sent an email informing them of the arrangements. Further details including the programme for all three mornings are available for students to access on Mrs Ayles's Microsoft Teams page.

Youth Council Champions – creative opportunity

Health & Wellbeing was young people's top topic, both locally and nationally from this year's Make Your Mark vote. In response, Southend Youth Council would like to share the first of many opportunities for youth participation with you. I have included this information below and attached the flyer to the end of this letter.

[Focal Point Gallery](#) is hosting a FREE 6-week stop-motion animation course **Frame of Mind**, for young people aged 11-16! The course was created in collaboration with Southend Youth Council's Health & Wellbeing officer, Anali Oliveira.

A message from Focal Point: exciting new series of workshops at Focal Point Gallery this summer!

Join us at Focal Point Gallery with Animating Education in this exciting new series of workshops 'Frame of Mind'. Open to ages 11 to 16 years, from 7th June to 12th July, 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

We will be exploring mental health through the art of stop-motion animation with experts in their field across 6 workshops, all completely for free! This series of workshops aims to empower the next generation of filmmakers in Southend with hands on experience and practical skills. If you are interested, would like to book tickets or want to know more, [please follow this link to Eventbrite](#).

Message from the Parents' Association - 200 Club Draw

Congratulations to our March, Easter and April winners which are listed below.

April 2024 winners

1st prize £ 67.38 – C. Dunn

2nd prize £ 40.43 – R. Davison

3rd prize £ 26.95 – S. Bates

Easter 2024 winners

1st prize £ 67.38 – M. Treglohan

2nd prize £ 40.43 – P. Madhira

3rd prize £ 26.95 – S. Johnson

March 2024 winners

1st prize £ 67.38 – P. Pandey

2nd prize £ 40.43 – S. Mpawulo

3rd prize £ 26.95 – K. Tite

The PA will notify winners by email.

Join the 200 Club now with ParentPay. There is no limit to the amount of draw numbers you can purchase, purchase extra numbers for £3 for the 3 remaining draws of the year. Friends and family can join with online banking. Please email shsg200club@yahoo.com for more info. The PA team raise £1,000s each year to support SHSG with vital projects.

Mental Health & Wellbeing at SHSG

In SHSG, we often talk about how to look after our health in lessons and in tutor time. We have recently explored the field of Positive Psychology and we found out that research has shown that being kind, generous with our time, spending time and money on experiences rather than material things are strong predictors of our future wellbeing. However, we also acknowledge that life can get pretty tough sometimes.

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://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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

[SHSG Mental Health Board \(padlet.com\)](#)

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](#).

Have 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 prominent loop at the end of the word "Carey".

Jason Carey
Headteacher



Step back into
the 1920s with us
as Chicago comes
to SHSG

Southend High School for Girls

PRESENTS

TEEN
EDITION

CHICAGO

3rd, 5th & 6th July 2024 at 7pm

plus Matinee Saturday 6th July at 2pm

TICKETS: £80 Cabaret Tables ~ £15 Adults ~ £10 concessions

Refreshments available
Doors open 45 minutes before production

Tickets available online from 12pm Monday 6th May:
www.ticketsource.co.uk/southend-high-school-for-girls

BOOK BY
**BOB FOSSE &
FRED EBB**

MUSIC BY
JOHN KANDER

LYRICS BY
FRED EBB

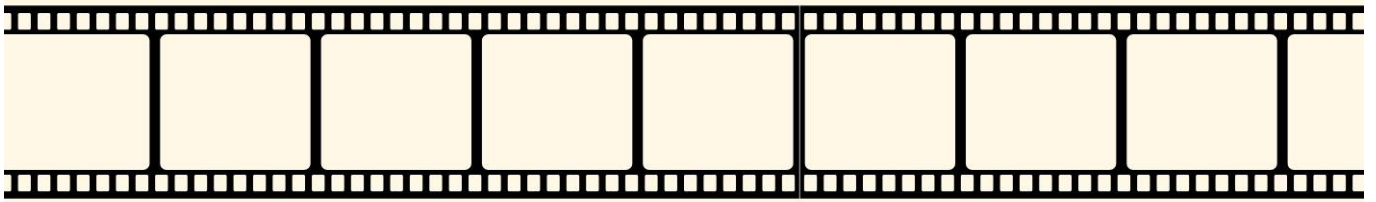
BASED ON THE PLAY BY MAURINE DALLAS WATKINS

SCRIPT ADAPTATION BY DAVID THOMPSON

MUSIC EDITING BY PAUL MCKIBBINS



FRAME OF MIND



USING STOP MOTION ANIMATION
TO EXPLORE THEMES OF MENTAL
HEALTH AND WELLBEING

FRIDAYS FROM 7TH JUNE - 12TH
JULY

4:30pm to 6:30pm
Screening 13th July 3pm
15 spaces in each session

