



Southend High School for Girls

AN ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Friday, 27th September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Please find below information and updates from this week.

Inset day reminder

A reminder that Tuesday 1st October is an INSET day, and the school will be closed to students on this day.

Year 10 Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Year 10 Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 25th September; we hope that you found the evening informative and reassuring. We would especially like to thank the Year 11 and 12 students who presented to parents proving that our students are the school's very best ambassadors. A copy of the booklet can be found on the school website; please click '[here](#)'.

Year 11 Parent Information Evening, Wednesday 2nd October

A reminder that there will be a short information evening for the parents and carers of Year 11 students at 6.00pm on Wednesday 2nd October in school.

Year 12 Parent /Tutor Consultation Evening Thursday 3rd October

A reminder that the Year 12 Parent/ Tutor Consultation Evening will be taking place virtually on Thursday 3rd October from 4.00pm. This is not an academic parents' evening but an opportunity to discuss with your child's tutor/s how well they are settling in to Sixth Form life at Southend High School for Girls.

Sports Awards 2024

The Sports Awards for Years 8 -13 will take place on Wednesday 16th October at 6.30pm. Invitation letters will be sent out shortly.

Year 10 Careers Carousel

Year 10 had an inspiring start to their careers journey at Key Stage 4 today. They took part in a Careers Carousel focused on the theme of 'Ambition and had insights into careers in marketing, media and medicine to mention just a few.

We invited 6 expert speakers in to talk about Apprenticeships, how to write a CV- to prepare them for their mock interviews in June. We welcomed parent, Isla Lightfoot who gave a fascinating insight into the many facets of careers in Marketing which we know from Unifrog feedback many of our students are really interested in. We were particularly pleased to welcome back several alumnae. Maddie turned up in her scrubs to talk about her career in Medicine. Charlie a current undergraduate at the University of Cambridge had lots of tips on how to prepare for Oxbridge entry. Johnny Jenkins ex editor of BBC Young Reporter and now producer on LBC radio for the Nick Ferrari breakfast show gave us a fascinating insight into the fast-paced world of political journalism.

Year 10 will reflect on the theme of ambition in their follow up registration Career mornings and will log their experience in their online portal on Unifrog. We would like to thank our inspiring speakers for giving back to our school community and sharing their experience with our students who really enjoyed the morning.





Social Science Lecture

On Wednesday 25th Professor Louise Archer from UCL spoke to sociology students about her sociological research in the area of education. Professor Archer is a leading sociologist in her field and a key researcher in the A level curriculum.

Students asked questions about her research on Nike Identities and working-class subcultures in schools, as well as her research on British Muslim boys and the performance of masculinity. She discussed patriarchy and classism still present in academia, seeing it as a reflection of wider society. Professor Archer also spoke about her hopes for the curriculum reform currently being planned by the new government. She is currently working with teachers to improve access to and attitudes towards STEM subjects for girls. Students really enjoyed speaking to her, and this was especially inspiring for our student who are applying to UCL this Autumn.



The Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association are looking for more volunteers. Please find attached a letter from the Parents' Association for more information on how they help the school and how you can get in touch. In addition to this, please see the attached regarding the 200 club.

Clubs and activities

We are delighted to be able to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs/activities. The latest programme of these clubs/activities can be viewed [here](#).

PE fixtures for next week

These fixtures may be subject to change and all details are posted on the respective PE extracurricular Microsoft Teams page. If your child has not been added to their year group page, and needs to be, please ask them to speak to member of the PE department. Thank you.

- Monday 30th September: U12 Football away v Woodlands, 2.30pm
- Wednesday 2nd October: U19 boys' football home v Plume 2pm (game conceded by Plume so not going ahead)
- Wednesday 2nd October: SEN Bowling
- Wednesday 2nd October: Year 9 & 10 Netball A v St. Bernard's
- Friday 4th October: Regional swimming, Watford

Please be aware that for safeguarding reasons we cannot accommodate spectators on site for matches. Many schools apply this policy so please check with the opposing school directly.

School photographs – Years 7, 10 & 12 (reminder)

Carmel Jane Photography is excited to share that the individual photographs are ready, and they look amazing! If you pre-registered, please check your inbox for your unique access link.

If not, please contact Carmel Jane on www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support and Insert school code: JRKKB4AYN8

There are limited time discounts available, so act fast! All photographs will be sent straight to your home address. Should you require any further assistance, please contact Carmel Jane Photography via email at info@carmeljane.co.uk or call 01277 822674 (9am-5pm).

Mental Health & Wellbeing at SHSG

In SHSG, we often talk about how to look after our health in lessons and in tutor time. 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 \(shsg.org\)](http://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 \(padlet.com\)](#)

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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,



Jason Carey
Headteacher