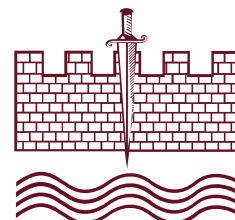




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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well. I am delighted and excited to be joining the Shoeburyness family as Headteacher. It is a real privilege to be entrusted with this role and I am in no doubt of its importance, particularly at a time following so much uncertainty and challenge in the educational and social landscape.

What I have quickly established and would like to share with you, is that I understand the place and importance of Shoeburyness High School as the heart of the community; this is a school that any leader would be privileged to lead, and I consider myself fortunate to have been selected and welcomed so warmly.

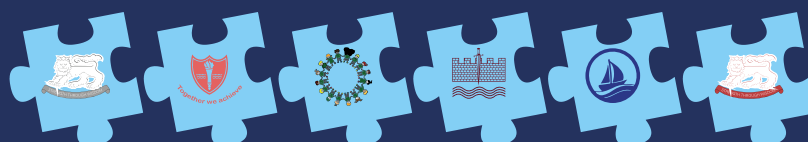
Over the course of the coming days and weeks, my key priority is to get to know you, your children, the staff and the community. Key to any school's success is the partnerships built on trust, reliability and communication. You can look forward to regular, open opportunities to talk about what you would like to see at Shoeburyness, and importantly, have your voices heard. I know that many of you will have questions about the priorities for the continued and sustained success of Shoeburyness High School and our young people's future as we move into a new phase. You will also want, I am sure, reassurance that you and your children will be involved in, and a key part of shaping this journey to sustained educational excellence.

I am committed to working with the family of Shoeburyness to ensure and sustain its long-term place as the school of choice for this area. A school that attracts and retains excellent teachers in every classroom, every day; a school with a clear vision for the young people, that means they want to come to school every day because they will receive the best possible experiences.

Our students have returned to us after the summer overwhelmingly positively. I have been impressed by Year 7's 'Fabulous First Week' (if they haven't mentioned it, ask them!) and the swift settling into school life for the vast majority. More information and highlights will follow on this first fortnight in the first newsletter which will follow in the next few days.

Next week, on **Monday 19th September**, Shoeburyness High School will be **closed** along with schools across the UK to join together to mark the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II. We share in the sense of loss experienced worldwide and my best thoughts are with all those who are affected by her passing.

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On **Thursday 22nd September** we have our annual Open Evening where we open our doors to prospective students with their parents and carers. In order to ensure we can prepare, we will, as has been the case in recent years, have alternative start and finish times:

Thursday 22nd – school will finish at 12:45pm (food will be available to all at break time)

Friday 23rd – school will open to all students at 10:35am for break, with lessons commencing at 11:05am.

Thank you for your support in ensuring this event is as successful as possible and a showcase of all the brilliant things we do here at Shoeburyness High School. If your child is helping out on the evening, my sincere thanks go to them and to you.

I look forward to meeting with you in the coming weeks. Please do come along to the first parents and carers open forum which I will share the details about in the next newsletter.

Once again, thank you for welcoming me to the family.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Teri-Leigh Jones
Headteacher