

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents & Carers

I will quote the words of one of our fantastic governors commenting on the recent Awards Evening as I reflect on this year... Wow. Just wow. We have packed so much into a year and what a super year it has been. The first full year for me as Headteacher at Shoeburyness, and I could not be prouder of our young people, our staff and community. Congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 on completing their exams and we will look forward to seeing their outcomes in August before they take their next steps. This final

issue of the year highlights some of the wonderful things our young people have achieved. I must give credit to the Year 10s for representing themselves and the school amazingly well on their work experience this last fortnight - the feedback has been incredible. In September, we will welcome back our students and welcome in a new cohort of Year 7 and Sixth Formers - I'm already looking forward to it. Have a wonderful break; take care, stay safe and enjoy time with your loved ones. Thank you for this year.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

To: The Students and Staff  
Shoeburyness High School

The King has asked me to thank you for your very kind letters, sent in celebration of Their Majesties' Coronation.

The King was deeply touched that you should have taken the trouble to write, and would have me convey his warmest good wishes to all of the students and staff at Shoeburyness High School.

I am to thank you once again for your thoughtful messages at this time of celebration.

Yours sincerely,



Head of Royal Correspondence

26th June, 2023

Some of our students from the Achievement group were set the task of writing cards to Prince Charles and Camila on the eve of the Coronation. A group of the students wrote lovely little notes wishing them both luck on this amazing day.



We were deeply touched by your most kind and thoughtful message following our Coronation. We are enormously grateful to everyone who took part in the celebrations, and particularly appreciate that you so generously took the time to write to us on this very special occasion.



We were so pleased to receive a response from the new King and Queen. Each of the students were given a copy which they could take home to show their parents.

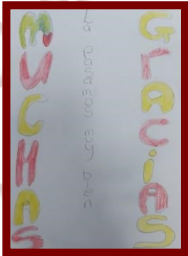
Ms Roberts  
Achievement

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## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

This term we welcomed some students from Hinguar Primary School who visited one of our year 10 Spanish classes. The students all enjoyed learning some of the basics of the Spanish language and were greatly helped by the kindness and support showed to them by our year 10 students. The lesson culminated in a pronunciation game, during which the Hinguar students showed off just how well they had been taught by our amazing year 10 group, by of course trouncing them throughout the game.



The visit by the Hinguar students finished off with a quick trip to the canteen for a cookie before the walk back to their school, where they promptly set about making and writing (in perfect Spanish) a delightful thank-you card for the year 10 students! We would welcome back the Hinguar students for another visit to the MFL department any time. What a great lesson.

Mr Nolde—MFL Teacher

## ECOLOGY TRIP

Our year 12 biology and geography students had the opportunity to visit the Garrison to study ecology with help from the Essex Wildlife Trust. The day started with an introduction to the park, including its history and how it is maintained throughout the seasons by the groundsmen, to ensure there is a high level of biodiversity and to accommodate the species that inhabit this park throughout the year. We also spoke of the human impacts on this park and how it affects the organisms that are located here. This led us to discuss conservation acts that could in turn take place in order to create a flourishing habitat, high in biodiversity.



Our main task of the day was to compare the abundance of species between Serin meadow and Shorefield meadow, measuring distribution of species using random sampling techniques. We also acknowledged and recorded the abiotic factors present. To end this lovely day, we performed a light study investigation in order to see how light effects the growth of different species. We used systematic sampling methods with interrupted belt transects to see how light affects distribution and abundance.



Overall, the day was lovely despite the heat, and will in turn help our students in their studies by allowing them to do fieldwork of their own. Who knew what a biodiverse area we live in!!

A massive thank you to the Essex Wildlife Trust for making this day possible.



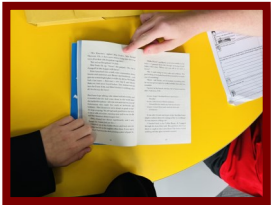
## ENGLISH

### Year 10 Reading Champions

It's been an exciting half term in English - to finish the school year we have been running a short story competition with our key stage 3 students. We have read some amazing entries, ranging from murder mysteries, experiments gone wrong, to discovering a long-lost twin, and many more fabulous, creative ideas! Teachers selected the best story in each class and we have been handing out certificates in assembly to celebrate those selected. Voting took place for an overall winner for each year group - a massive congratulations to our winners: *Shanice* for 'I Saw Her', a murder mystery with an interesting twist; *Bryony* for 'Lab Break', a mysterious lab experiment gone wrong; and *Olivia* for 'Action, Reaction', a very clever stylistic short story! *Ms Ranson—English Teacher*



### Year 10 Reading Champions



Our Year 10 Reading Champions have worked tirelessly during tutor times this term to read with some of our year 8 students. It's been a joy to see the younger students building on their reading skills and gaining supportive friendships from their peers.

Thank you to Grace, David, Francesca, David, George, Summer, Isabelle, Izzy, Chelsea, O'Dono, Katie, Nathanael, Katie, Maggie, Alice, Molly, Thomas and Nievah.

You've been inspirational! *Miss Evans, English Department*

### The National Tutoring Programme

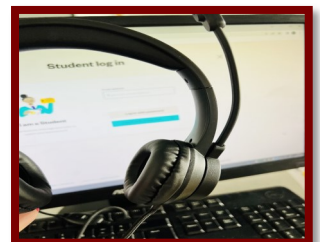
Students across the school have had the opportunity to take part in the National Tutoring Programme which has been running every night after school since January. Learners were selected to take part in this exciting opportunity to work with university students online to develop their English and Maths skills, and clearly enjoyed doing so!

*"My tutoring has been very enjoyable. I have learnt more maths and I am now more comfortable and happy in my maths class. I am also more focused and have been getting better test scores"* - SJ, Year 8

*"I enjoy this online tutoring because it's fun and the staff are super nice and caring"*— BF, Year 8

*"Much more fun than I thought it would be!"* - ZL, Year 10

Thank you to those involved for attending weekly and working so hard. It's been wonderful to see you develop your confidence week by week.





## BIOLOGY CHALLENGE

Unbeknown to two groups of students, they were entered into the National Biology Challenge. The Biology Challenge is run annually to stimulates curiosity for the natural world and encourage students to take an interest in biology outside of school.



Over 43,685 students from 621 schools worldwide took part in this year's competition. Everyone who took part received a certificate of participation.

Other students were awarded with 'Commended', 'Highly Commended' and 'Bronze' based on their score.

The Bronze Award was only achieved by 15% of all students that took part. Our students won 9 Bronze awards.

Our amazing students: Cooper (Yr 9), Kostas (Yr 9), George (Yr 10), Summer (Yr 10), Nievah (Yr 10), Thomas (Yr 10), William (Yr 10), Katie (Yr 10), and Chelsea (Yr 10 ).

All participating students receive free Royal Society of Biology BioNet membership for one year. Well done everyone that took part. You all represented Shoeburyness High School perfectly.

Ms Miller, Science Teacher





## P.E.

Well done to all the athletes for their commitment to Athletics this summer. Although some may have not achieved medal positions at the Borough Athletics, to be selected to represent the school is a massive achievement and well done for representing the school excellently and making us all in the PE department very proud of your efforts. Special mention to the following students for their achievements this year:

### Year 10

Relay team: *Ross, Rhys, Zac* and *Ben* 47.38 seconds and breaking the school record

*Ben* – 100m, Borough Champion - 1<sup>st</sup> - 11.20 seconds and new school record

*Summer* – 100m, Borough Champion - 1<sup>st</sup>—11.20 seconds and new

Southend Schools' record holder

*Veronika* – Silver medal in the 800m

*Skye* – Bronze medal in the high jump

### Year 9

*Dylan* – Bronze medal in the shot and a new school record in 300m

*Chris* – Silver medal in the discus

### Year 8

*Frankie* – Bronze medal in the 300m with a new school record

*Charlotte* – Bronze medal in the 800m

*Peniel* – High Jump, Borough Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> and Silver medal in the 200m

### Year 7

*George* – Bronze medal in the javelin

*Evie* – Bronze medal in the 100m

*Anali* – Discus, Borough Champion – 1<sup>st</sup>

### Special Mentions

*Zac* in year 10 jumped 5.54m to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the Borough Athletics Championships. He narrowly missed the bronze medal and school record by 6cm but has shown a determined approach to the event across the whole season. This has involved full commitment to after school training and regularly competing for Basildon Athletics Club.



Congratulations to *Peniel* and *Anali* who both won gold in the Borough, therefore have been selected to take part in the Essex Schools Athletics Competition.



## Netball 2022-23

### **U16 - Borough Champions 2023.**

Making History! In the 18 years I have been teaching at Shoeburyness High School, this is the first time that any netball team at this school has won the title of Borough Champions. Congratulations to the U16 squad for all the early morning training sessions in the rain and to your unwavering commitment. A big thank you to *Freya* who did an outstanding job as the netball captain. Congratulations to *Elizabete* who was voted Players' Player of the year and *Maggie* who was selected as Coach's Player. I could not be any prouder of you all. *Ms Hawker*



**Year 9:** A really strong performance from the year 9 squad in the local Borough and Essex Plate competitions this season. They finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the borough. Lots of improvement and commitment from the squad. A big thank you to our captain *Georgina* for helping run the squad this year. She was also voted Players' Player and Coach's Player goes to *Alyesha* for her fantastic shooting. Very much looking forward to next season.



**Year 8:** Another great season working with the Year 8 Squad. Lots of determined performances resulted in wins against Southchurch, Chase & Westcliff High School for Girls to name a few. Many of the girls were also selected for the U14 Essex Plate Squad, a great experience and building block for the 2023/24 season. *Olivia*, once again captain, led by example and is awarded Coach's Player





**Year 7:** A strong start for the year 7 netball team this season, coming together as a new squad with changes throughout the year, they performed amazingly. Lots of both individual and team improvements throughout the year. A massive thank you to our captain *Pearl* for helping organise the team in preparation for games. Congratulations to the Player's Player of the Year *Peniel* and the Coach's Player of the Year *Millie* for doing an outstanding job both in training and in fixtures, as well as helping others when they need it in training. Bring on next season.



## Basketball

### U12 Girls

The year 7 girls had an outstanding season this year. They had lots of opportunity to compete and develop their knowledge of basketball as they competed in both the Essex Cup competition and U13 Borough League. The Essex Cup competition consisted of five pool games where we beat Gt. Baddow, Redden Court, Fitzwimarc and lost to St. Martins by 6. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pool resulted in us making the semi-finals where we faced Shenfield. Unfortunately despite all the hard work we lost and were knocked out the competition. A fantastic achievement to finish top 4 in Essex, something we have not achieved in several years. A big thank you to *Hattie* in year 7 for her leadership as captain. *Peniel*, chosen as most valued player.



### U13 Girls

U13 girls borough league involved year 7 & 8 students allowing coaches to select the team from a big squad of 25 girls. All students have shown excellent commitment to training and fixtures, developing key skills and tactical awareness. We finished fourth in the league. *Ellena* Coaches player. *Katie* most valued player *Amelia* most improved.



### U14 Girls

Our year 8/9 students were entered into the U14 Essex cup competition this year where they were in a pool with Gt. Baddow, Orminston Park & Southend High. We finished with 1 win and two losses, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place after losing to Gt. Baddow by 4. Some massive progress shown by this group of girls, their hard work and resilience is fantastic. Most valued player – *Seraphina*, Coaches Player – *Alice* and most improved – *Abigail*.





## U15

A great season for the U15 team who competed in the Borough League finishing second and claiming a silver medal for their efforts. A great group of girls who are great role models for our younger students. Most valued player, *Elizabete*, Coaches player *Freya* and most improved, *Fran*.



## U16

Our oldest girls' team, consisting of year 10 & 11 students were entered into the Essex Cup this season. An opportunity to play against some strong schools in the county and to develop their tactical awareness. Unfortunately, we lost both games against Fitzwimarc and Shenfield but the progress made was brilliant. Most valued player, *Pasq*. Coaches player, *Keira*. Most improved, *Casey*.

## Basketball

Year 8 boys team competed in both the Borough and County competitions. Mr Seaman is very pleased with their effort and commitment to improving at training. They have all been attending training early in the mornings, shown great resilience in very difficult games to continue playing together as a team and display a never give up attitude. They all have shown great dedication, and this has led to them all improving throughout the basketball season. Huge congratulations to all the basketball players in year 8 and hopefully they will continue this great attitude!



## Outs of School Achievements

Congratulations to *Charlie*, *Munesu* and *Alex* all being selected to represent Essex in the Basketball Inter-County Tournaments. *Charlie* will be competing for Essex in the Under 13 Boys competition, *Munesu* and *Alex* will be playing at the Under 15 Boys tournament. A huge well done for this achievement and great recognition for their hard work in training and school competitions.



## Girls' Swimming

One of our biggest girls swim squads trained and entered the Borough Competition this year with great performances all round. Congratulations to *Sophia* 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 8 Backstroke, *Molly* 3<sup>rd</sup> in Year 9 Backstroke, *Chloe* 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Backstroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> Champion Girl, Year 9 Freestyle Relay Squad 2<sup>nd</sup>. Big thanks to assistant coach *Sophie* and @Charthouse UK for our fantastic new hats!



## Girls' Football

A season well played by the Under 13 and Under 15 girls football teams this year. Some great goals and the best win for the U13's scoring and winning 9-0 in one game! A big thank you to some of the Year 8 girls playing up into the older category. Here is to the next season.



## The Farke Knights—Charity Football Club

This local charity football club played their 47 game recently against Essex Fire and Rescue Services and raised another £200 for Tommy's charity. One of our amazing students, *Connor* won man of the match for the Knights and scored at the match as did *Frankie*. We are so proud of these students for helping this charity raise funds for a variety of charities throughout the year.





## THEATRE ARTS

Our Theatre Arts students have had a very busy year and as we draw to a close, we could not be prouder of all their achievements! On Monday 3rd July they participated in a Wider Opts concert performing to the year 6's from our feeder schools. It was such a wonderful experience for all to have the opportunity to showcase their talents and then rehearse for our end of year Summer Showcase held on 5th July. The evening involved so much talent from all of our students. We had such an array of solos, duets, trios as well as incredible performances from our Shoebury Stars and Acting, Dance and Glee Troupes. The evening ended with us bidding farewell to our outstanding year 13 students. We have been so very fortunate to be graced with these students who we will forever be proud of and hope to continue to hear about their successes in the future. They most definitely will leave Shoeburyness with a mark on the Theatre Arts Wall of Fame.

Finally our committed students finished their busy week off with a very successful, albeit wet, performance at Hinguar Primary Schools Fete! When the heavens opened it did not deter their professionalism and they all mustered through to the end.

We would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who has supported our department this year and we wish everyone a very restful Summer ready for our return of our school production rehearsals in September!





## YEAR 11 PROM



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CLASS OF 2023





## SHOWCASING STUDENT TALENT

In the summer term, Shoeburyness High School had the opportunity to take part in an Erasmus+ project which was funded by the EU where CamCareUK and STEM teaching leads from 4 European countries (UK, Italy, Slovenia, and Greece) who were involved in developing teaching materials to help students (11-15 years) to problem-solve and combat crisis situations with innovative STEM tools and entrepreneurship skills.

The aim of the project was to showcase impactful learning, productivity, and a can-do attitude in all circumstances, in times of wealth and in times of crises. Our students showcased our school ethos of "expecting excellence" and submitted work of an extremely high standard.

Team *Neurones* (Isabelle, David, Katie and Zaki) won the best prototype award nationally. Well done Team Neurones. We were also thrilled that team *Innovators* (Maggie, Nievah, Luke and Thomas) won the National competition against other schools in the UK. CRIS project's goal is to elicit the impactful learning, the proactivity, and a can-do attitude in all circumstances, in times of wealth, and, in times of crises. The engagement of both teams in this short period showcased that all is possible, and 'learning by doing' is a great way to progress and excel. The Innovators then had the privilege of attending the European Finale in Palermo, Italy on 15th & 16th June.

Once in Palermo, teams were given the problem "*How might we help Teacher X mitigate the impact of learning loss during unpredicted and prolonged school closures in the future*", drawing on their experiences of Home Learning through Covid-19. Our students showed tremendous dedication, determination, and resilience throughout the process, with one of the team members joining online from the UK and making significant contributions to the team effort. They worked hard, thought carefully, considering all factors of education such as monitoring progress/attainment, student well-being in times of crisis, rewards and safe socialising online to come up with an inclusive app for a school. They then had the daunting task of pitching their prototype in front of judges from 4 countries and the other competing schools: presenting confidently and responding to questions very well. With the standards being extremely high, we were delighted to be announced the **winners**, and subsequently winning a 3D printer which will benefit our whole-school community. This was a great opportunity for our students and one they will always remember!

Congratulations to all those who participated and well done team *Innovators*.

Ms Ballard & Ms Basak



## COMMUNITY PAGE



Gemma's Farm  
at Garon Park  
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### GARON PARK FUN DAY

Garon Park are welcoming Gemma's Farm on site for a family fun day!

Gemma's Farm is a mobile farm which is completely self contained. It is a fun and educational experience for children and families which provides a unique learning platform which uses hands on animal handling to inspire children's minds.

Use the QR code to access the Gemma's Farm website for more information about what they offer.

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### WHAT WE ARE OFFERING:

Garon Park are offering you and your family the opportunity to come on site and experience a mega fun day.

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Please bring your picnic blankets and a picnic for you to have on site, all activities are free after buying your tickets for your children.

Hot and cold drinks, snacks and ice creams are available in our cafe all day for a small price.

Please use the link below to book your tickets now, adults and children under 2 and over 16 go free (please still download your ticket). Anyone between the ages of 2-16 are £5 per person.

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CNZT>

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Is your child aged between 8-15 years old and is entitled to free school meals?

If so why not give them the opportunity to get involved with some exciting activities at Garon Park over the summer holidays. We are running our HAF programme over 2 weeks of the holidays in August 2023.

Please use the QR code below to book your places

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### Reflection

*At the end of June, I met the MP James Duddridge. He is a member of parliament for Rochford and Southend East which he has held since 2005. He represents the conservative party.*

*One of the questions Mr Duddridge was asked was "What are your future plans to improve Southend on Sea?" His response to this question was that he wants to make the railways faster. This will allow the public to get to their destination quicker.*

*I asked Mr Duddridge "What's the hardest thing about being an MP?" He said that he often gets letters about families, who have lost loved ones, as well as other letters asking for family support. This can be quite upsetting and challenging he said, as it's difficult to help everyone in the community.*

*Mr Duddridge was very nice and listened very well to all our questions and I'm glad I had the opportunity to speak to him.*

- Written by Joseph  
Year: 8  
Form: 81I



We had another amazing end of term collection for the local foodbank. We managed to fill 20 crates with non-perishable food which will be used for the local community over the summer break. Thank you to all those students, parents, carers and staff for their contributions.





## COMMUNITY PAGE

### JULY

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SUMMER HOLIDAY EVENTS AT  
BELFAIRS NATURE  
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| 24<br>SUMMER HOLIDAYS<br>BEGIN<br> | 25<br>SUMMER NATURE TOTS<br>TASTER<br>10AM-12PM   | 26<br> | 27 | 28<br>DROP OFF DAY (OVER 5'S)<br>9AM-4PM<br><br>-----<br>BUTTERFLY SEEKERS<br>DROP-IN CRAFTS 10 - 3PM<br>COUNT AND WALK 2PM-4PM |

25, 26, 27 AUGUST DROP-IN BUTTERFLY SEEKERS TRAIL 10AM - 4PM

### AUGUST

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| 7<br>  | 8   | 9<br>WOODLAND EXPLORERS<br>1:30PM-4PM<br>-----<br>FAMILY WILDLIFE EVENING<br>7PM-9PM   | 10<br>SUMMER WILDLIFE WALK<br>10AM-12PM   | 11<br>DROP-OFF DAY (OVER 5'S)<br>9AM-4PM  |
| 14  | 15  | 16   | 17<br>NATURE TOTS SUMMER<br>SPECIAL<br>10AM-12PM  | 18<br>DROP-OFF DAY (OVER 5'S)<br>9AM-4PM  |
| 21<br>MUD PIE MONDAY<br>10AM-12PM   | 22  | 23<br>  | 24<br>OVER 8'S<br>WOODCRAFT WORKSHOP<br>10AM - 12.30PM<br> | 25<br>DROP-OFF DAY (OVER 5'S)<br>9AM-4PM  |
| 28<br> | 29<br>OVER 8'S WOODLAND<br>WORKSHOP: SURVIVAL<br>10AM-12PM<br> | 30<br>OWL EVENING TALK<br>7.30PM - 9.30PM<br> | 31<br>WOODLAND EXPLORERS<br>1:30PM-4PM  | 1 SEPT<br>DROP-OFF DAY (OVER 5'S)<br>9AM-4PM<br> |