

## SHOEBURYNESS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

In addition to our newsletter, I wanted to share this end of year update which will help to inform you and your children for September.

### Pastoral News

Year	7	8	9	10	11
Head of Year	Miss V Miller	Mr R Amoh	Ms S Oscar	Miss V King	Miss J Sutton
Pastoral Year Manager	Mrs A Beale	Miss J Unwin	Miss D Colley	Mrs W Evans	Mr P Harper

As we approach the beginning of another exciting chapter at Shoeburyness High School, we are delighted to introduce our new Heads of Year and Pastoral Year Managers who will be working diligently to ensure the welfare and success of our students.

Allow us to introduce our Heads of Year. All Heads of Year come to us with a wealth of experience and a passion for guiding and supporting students through their educational journey. They are committed to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment where each student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Joining our Heads of Year are our Pastoral Year Managers. With their background in pastoral care, they are well-equipped to offer guidance and assistance to students who may encounter challenges during the school year. Their dedication to fostering strong relationships and providing a safe space for students to express themselves makes them a valuable asset to our school community.

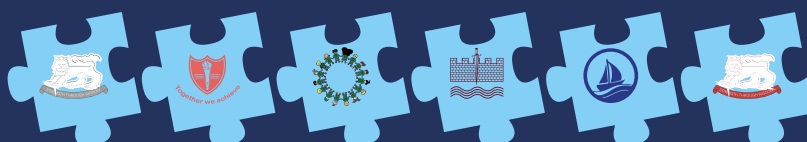
Both Heads of Year and Pastoral Year Managers share a deep understanding of the transitional period that students go through, as they embark on their next part of their school journey. They are dedicated to ensuring that each student's unique needs are met and that they feel supported throughout their time at Shoeburyness High School.

We believe that with their expertise and commitment to our students' well-being, our Heads of Year and Pastoral Year Managers will contribute significantly to creating a positive and enriching learning experience for our students. Together with our existing staff, we are confident that the next academic year will be one of growth, achievement, and lasting memories.

As the school year begins, we encourage students and parents to reach out to Heads of Year and Pastoral Year Managers with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Working together as a united school community, we can make this year an exceptional one for our students.

### House Point News

**BUILDING STRONG SCHOOLS • BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS • BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES**



Congratulations to Jupiter House for their excellent end-of-year House Points win! House points systems are a fantastic way to promote teamwork, friendly competition, and positive behaviour among students. Our students have accrued a total of 76,267 positive house points since the House System launch in January! That's an incredible amount of good, positive work by our excellent students.

In total, the school gave away over £1000 of 'Love to Shop' vouchers, alongside 'Jump the Queue' cards and a range of other privileges to students who won house draws from January to July.

**The ways in which house points are awarded:**

- Academic Achievements: High grades, outstanding performance in exams, or academic competitions can earn points for a house.
- Good Behaviour: Acts of kindness, respect for others, and demonstrating positive character traits contribute to gaining points.
- Extracurricular Activities: Participation and success in sports, arts, music, drama, or other school activities may lead to points.
- House Competitions: Students can compete in various contests or challenges representing their house during form time.

**We are proud that our House Points are achievable for all by ensuring the following:**

- Introducing New Activities: Adding fresh activities or events that cater to different interests through student voice.
- Inclusivity: Ensuring that house points are accessible to all students, regardless of their abilities or interests.
- Involvement of Students: Allowing students to have a say in creating and organising house competitions.
- Rewarding Collaboration: Encouraging houses to work together on certain projects or initiatives can promote teamwork and cooperation among students.

**Next Academic Year 23/24**

From September, students can expect even more in the way of rewards when the school introduces the Pin Badge Points rewards. Keep an eye out for a newsletter in September to give you more exciting information about that. ***Go, Mercury! Go, Jupiter! Go, Saturn! Go, Neptune!***

**Uniform news**

For your ease, attached is a summarised version of the uniform policy which will feature in the student planner... more on this in September.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty with regard to uniform, we are here to help. Please email [office@shoeburyness.secat.co.uk](mailto:office@shoeburyness.secat.co.uk) and we will support.

Where students have a **medical need** or sensory issue which the school is aware of, reasonable adjustments can be made to support students. Our Pastoral Year Managers will be able to support with this. To clarify, there is no stipulation for a long-sleeved white shirt; long or short sleeves are acceptable. I will be in touch again in August with some reminders for September and to provide an update on examinations results.

With every good wish to you and your families.

Teri-Leigh Jones, Headteacher