



# SHOEBURYNESS HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER - Spring Term 2

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



*Dear Parents and Carers*

Another term down and we are on the home straight to exams! It's been a packed term full of lots of student successes and what better way to celebrate than with a round of ACE assemblies! I have never seen so many certificates awarded and the total for the week exceeds 4000 at least. Huge congratulations to our students for their hard work and perseverance.

Next week we have our complement of Easter revision sessions for Year 11; please see the relevant communication from the Head of Year 11, Mr Nolde. My thanks go to Mr Nolde and

colleagues delivering these sessions during the holiday to help support our Year 11s as they approach their final exams.

This week we have begun the works on our new multi-faith room. Our students have been asking for this and I'm delighted to be able to dedicate a space for the school community to use for faith and prayer purposes. After Easter, students will contribute their ideas in how it is to be developed in terms of decoration and furnishing. It has already served some of our students in the month of Ramadan and we hope that this room becomes an important place for our students and staff.

You may already have seen the survey which was sent out yesterday - please do take a few moments to complete it. There is also one for students to have their voices heard. These surveys will be open until the 21<sup>st</sup> April.

An exciting opportunity for students to start thinking about ... Southend-on-Sea Libraries are inviting students aged 14 and over to volunteer in their local library during the summer holidays. Their role will be to encourage children to participate in the annual **Summer Reading Challenge** and talk to them about the books they are reading. Students can use this opportunity to gain work experience within their community. They can put the volunteering hours towards Youth Award Schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This greatly benefits young people helping them gain new skills and self-confidence. They ask volunteers to volunteer for approximately **48 hours** (12 days 9.30am – 2.30pm including a one-hour lunch break) although they are welcome to offer to do more hours if needed. More information on this to follow after Easter.

Today we say goodbye and thank you to four members of staff: Ms Warne, Mr Greve, Ms Dunsmuir and Ms Hatton. Thank you to all of them for their service to our children and community; they will all be missed. Ms Dunsmuir and Ms Hatton (Finance) have been with us for a number of years, but I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our outgoing colleagues the best of luck for their futures.

Finally, we have this week, with his family and friends observed a memorial for Ryan Heffernan-Surplice after one year of his passing. There is a wonderful dedication to him in the form of a plaque on the tree outside in our school grounds. Our thanks and best wishes go to Ryan's family for inviting us to be a part of this very moving event.

I wish you all a very safe, healthy and restful break over the next two weeks and I will be in touch after the holiday with more updates for Term 3.

Teri-Leigh Jones

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## SLT



### SCOPE CLUB 2023

Our lovely Scope Club students have been working hard this term on a display to symbolise the 9 Protected Characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. Once finished, it will be used in one of our Social Science classrooms to share the message of 'Unite Against Discrimination' and supports much of the learning and work that we do, in both Reshape and Health & Social Care lessons in Key Stage 4.

Mrs Fanning  
Associate Assistant Headteacher



Equality Act 2010



### Staff Masterchef 2023

Mrs Jarvis has launched Shoebury's version of Staff Masterchef. A hotly contested first round saw some amazing dishes produced by the staff involved. In the first heat, Miss Rose and Mrs Mistry went through with their Thai prawn curry and Chicken curry.

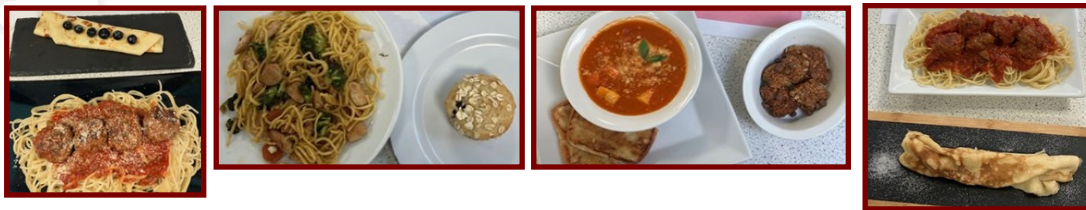
In the second heat Mrs Kehinde and Mr Harper narrowly edged their way into the next round with their jollof rice and chicken wings and pan-fried salmon with truffle oil and risotto.



## FACULTY UPDATE

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

Year 10 Child Development students have also been busy cooking. As part of their coursework they have to plan and prepare two dishes suitable for a 4 year old in a nursery which meet their nutritional requirements. The students produced some fantastic results; although possibly some very large portion sizes!



In Health and Social Care we had an external OCR moderator in school to moderate year 12 and 13 the coursework units. She agreed with all the grades that were given and all students who we had entered achieved a Distinction grade. Well done to all students involved for their hard work.

We also had two visitors from Vibe Southend come to visit. Vibe is a social club for adults with learning disabilities. At Vibe Southend they provide high quality support, enabling people with learning difficulties to explore and express their creativity and interests to their fullest potential. Rita and Andrea from Vibe came to talk to our year 12 Health and Social Care students about what the centre offers and some potential roles as a 'befriender' at the centre. Our students were keen to find out more about the role and some potential volunteering opportunities. It was really interesting finding out what the centre has to offer, thank you Rita and Andrea for coming to visit us.

A big well done goes to the year 13 Psychology and Sociology students who have worked really hard during their A level mocks. Proud of them as always.

Some year 10 RESHAPE groups had a visiting theatre company performing for them. The topic was healthy relationships and students involved themselves brilliantly with the company and were fully engaged even 5 minutes after "home time"! The afternoon started with a quiz so a special well done goes to Hewie and Luke for stepping up.

The three actors performed the play and then delivered an interactive workshop in which the behaviour of the characters was discussed. The students made some excellent contributions and observations. Well done, 10S band.





## FACULTY UPDATE

### CREATIVE & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

This term in Music, we have been working on Note reading and keyboards with year 7 students, computer game music and sequencing with year 8 students and musical decades and sequencing with year 9 students. The Band Method groups have been learning music theory, and they have been learning new music to play at the Summer Concert. Songs such as 'Never Gonna Give You Up' and 'Mr Brightside' may feature!

The GCSE students have been working hard finishing off their coursework and revising for their end of year exam. And our year 11 Music Tech students have been preparing their coursework for their external submission.

The year 13 students are all finishing off their component 1 recordings and compositions in preparation for submission, by Easter.

We run extra curricular clubs every lunchtime and after school including Drumline during Monday lunchtime. These students are currently learning the percussive and rhythmic parts for the new concert band.

Our Sax Quartet and Flute group are rehearsing on Tuesday lunchtimes, as well as our KS4 pop group. We have Clarinet and brass groups on Wednesdays, and KS3 pop and rock groups. Our choir are rehearsing on Thursdays and string group on Friday.

After school, We have Monday coursework catch up for GCSE Music, Level 2 Music Technology and A level students. On Wednesday, we run the school concert band, from 3pm until 4pm. And on Thursdays we run the school Jazz/ Show band from 3pm until 4pm. If your child is learning any of these instruments in school, then please encourage them to get involved with these activities.

We look forward to seeing them.



## FACULTY UPDATE

### DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

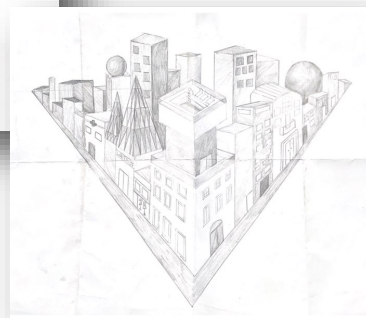
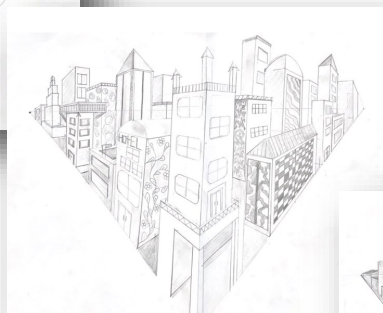
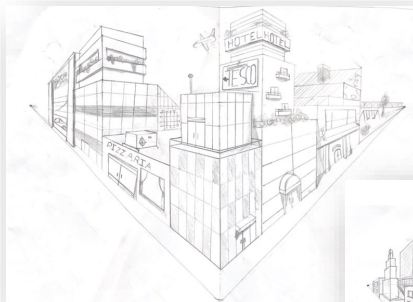
Our younger students have recently been learning Two Point Perspective drawing techniques in Product Design and will soon be creating their models digitally using Sketch Up. Resistant Materials students have just started the make element of their projects including Bug Hotels, Tablet Stands and Pewter Cast Jewellery.

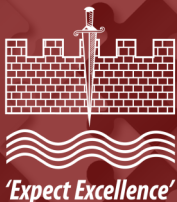
Our year 10 D&T students have all commenced this half term learning their specialist content for their chosen material areas. We currently offer 3 specialism areas of Papers and Boards, Timbers and Manufactured Boards and Textiles. These are all linked with projects that will help them to get the most out of their learning for the exam, but also gives them an understanding of how to approach an NEA.

Year 12 Three Dimensional Design students continue on their design and make of a hypothetical Tram Stop for the City of Southend. They have been learning how to use CAD programmes such as 2D Design so that they can use the laser cutter to model more complex components.

Year 13 Three Dimensional Design students have just begun the preparation work for their exam piece which they will sit at the beginning of May in a 15 hour practical exam. They are busy researching and designing using the contextual challenges that have been set by the exam board and how they will interpret that in an architectural sense.

Mrs Frost





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## FACULTY UPDATE

### ENGLISH

#### ***Walkthrough Wonders***

Our year 11 students have now sat their second lot of mock examinations in preparation for their final GCSE's this summer. On 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March, the year group sat through extended mock 'walkthroughs' for English Language and English Literature, where they received specific advice and guidance, and even given a detailed revision guide to take home with them. Considering the extended length of these mocks, the students displayed enthusiasm, diligence, and an exceptional attitude towards succeeding; it must be said that their behaviour was absolutely sensational! The students should be very proud of themselves and take the feedback they receive as an opportunity to identify how they can improve even further before the final exams. It has been very pleasing to hear all of the positive feedback from students on their experience, too. On behalf of the English department – well done Year 11!

Our key stage 3 students have been busy getting creative in their fortnightly SPaG lessons. The aim was to write a 100 word short story with only one catch... it had to be inspired by a number! Many of our year 7s, 8s and 9s were involved and wrote wonderful stories for the 'Integer' Competition - we've enjoyed reading their stories, ranging from football tales to holiday romances, all the way to ghost stories! It's been great to see some talent and passion for writing; the entries will be submitted to the competition, ran by Young Writers.

*The English department now have their own Twitter account. Please see the link below and start following our department so that you can see all the amazing things we are doing. <https://twitter.com/ShoeburyEnglish>*

### ACHIEVEMENT & FOUNDATION

Achievement and Foundation Clubs are a great way for students in the Achievement Pathway to come together, relax, socialise, and take part in a safe space. Clubs can offer a great opportunity for students to undertake positive activities to support their own wellbeing during the school day. Hairdressing is a popular club where students enjoy using a variety of artificial training heads, can mindfully comb hair and practice their favourite styles or use their imaginations to produce artistic hair creations using the multicoloured extensions and accessories. Other lunchtime clubs on offer including Board Games and Table Tennis for students to come along and enjoy.



## FACULTY UPDATE

### THEATRE ARTS

This spring term in Theatre Arts we have seen our year 7 students really getting to grips with our subject, learning new things and putting them into practice. Year 8 have been looking at Grease the musical and year 9 have been studying different styles of Theatre. We have seen some fantastic pieces of work from our KS3 student's and can't wait to see what next term holds.

Year 10 have been completing their first piece of assessed coursework and year 11 and 13 have completed all of their controlled assessment work. All year groups have risen to the challenge of their exam courses and should be very proud of themselves. Many of our year 13 students have been busy auditioning for places at university to study Performing Arts, several of them have already been given unconditional places which we are so proud of! Well done to you all!

In extracurricular we have been working with our Acting, Glee and Dance troupe to prepare for our Easter Showcase and a variety of different performances which are coming up over the rest of the year. Look out for our groups of purple uniform performing at various different local events throughout the Summer term.

At the end of January, we took a group of students to watch Mamma Mia in London's West End. Not only was this a fantastic opportunity to see a live piece of professional theatre, but what was extra special was watching ex student Jake Bailey performing in the show in the role of Pepper. Jake came to meet the students after the show who were all in awe of him. He was also kind enough to participate in an online interview with the year 10 students to help them with their coursework. It was so wonderful to see one of our alumni in action, doing what they love!

Another success for our ex students was Heidi Boualili having one of her tracks played on this years series of Love Island. Heidi is currently signed to Universal Music and the future is looking very exciting for her.

Look out for Jake and Heidi on our new school alumni boards!

Next term we will be taking a group of our troupe students to see The Bodyguard at the Cliffs Pavilion, further details of this trip will be made available soon. We are also eagerly awaiting the results of the NODA awards to see if our school productions of Sister Act or Footloose will win for the nominated category of Best Youth Production, results are released during the Easter holidays, lets keep everything crossed!

Mrs Young  
Head of Theatre Arts







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## FACULTY UPDATE

### **MATHEMATICS & BUSINESS STUDIES**

#### **Year 11 Mathematics**

Firstly I want to say a massive well done to all of Year 11 students for the hard work they put in leading up to and then during their Maths March Mock Papers. An amazing amount of revision online was seen for both of these papers, as well as excellent attendance to revision after school. In the first two weeks of March, Year 11 alone have answered over 8000 MathsWatch questions and watched 750 MathsWatch clips whilst revising.

Then during the actual mock assessments, the whole year group were utterly fantastic in the way they conducted themselves and the effort they put in across the two papers. Loads of progress was seen from the previous mocks back in December. Still 5 full school weeks after the Easter break to continue this progress until the first Maths GCSE Paper 1 (non-calculator) on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Even during the Easter break students will have two physical GCSE papers to take home to work on. With these we will send out links to worked solutions and mark schemes, so students are able to access these if unsure or needing to mark their work. Also from now on, each fortnight year 11 maths classes will have a **set of 3 papers** set on MathsWatch to work through. These give instant feedback, marking the paper as a student works through it, plus giving an estimated grade as the marks are tallied up. By the time of the first paper in May, all students will have access to over 15 MathsWatch GCSE papers that they can be working on. Students can ask for teacher support by typing to their teacher under each question, if they need to.

Finally, Maths revision has and will always be running on Wednesdays after school. Students attending have been given their own Pearsons (Edexcel) exam board revision resource, which they will be able to keep and take home a few weeks after Easter.

#### **Year 11 Business**

Well done to all the students that have been attending business revision after school on Thursdays each week. This will continue from now until the summer exams. Keep up the hard work!

#### **Year 12/13**

Let's not forget year 12 and 13 students who were also exceptional whilst taking Mocks in the run up to their summer exams. A-Level Maths, Business and Economics students in year 13, as well as the year 12 classes taking the one year CORE Maths course. Keep up the hard work. Not long left now.

#### **Maths Feast Competition.**

Congratulations to the eight year 10 students who were part of the online Maths Feast competition. We had two teams of 4 competing against teams from other schools across the region. The tasks went on for 2/3 hours with non-stop problem solving and teamwork. The students worked exceptionally well and did the school proud.







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## FACULTY UPDATE

### Maths Student Survey

Around two weeks ago all students across years 7-11 were emailed a *Mathematics Student Survey* to their school email account. Thanks for the responses to that so far. If any students have yet to respond, it will remain open during the Easter break. On average it takes only 1 minute to fill in.

### UKMT Junior Challenge (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust)

Towards the end of April we will have some students competing in the **Junior Mathematical Challenge (year 7 and 8)** which is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge.

It encourages **mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency** in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The problems on the Junior Mathematical Challenge are **designed to make students think**, so we are looking forward to that. It will be online which students will be able to access from home. Details will go out to students in lessons. Ms Basak will be running training sessions in preparation for this on Thursdays after school in M11.

### Reminder of Assessments for KS3 Maths (Years 7, 8 and 9)

In the first week back after Easter all classes in S, B and H bands of years 7/8/9 will have their half term assessment. The first lesson back will be revision in class and the second will be the assessment in class. All students will have revision tasks set on MathsWatch which they should be working on already and during Easter so they ready for that assessment. The revision task and assessment cover topics recently studied in lessons.

***We hope everyone has a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing the students again in April when we return.***





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## FACULTY UPDATE

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our amazing Year 7 Girls' Basketball Team made it to the Essex Cup Semi-finals this term. Unfortunately they were unable to beat a well organised Shenfield Team. They have displayed excellent commitment, hard work and resilience this year, training twice a week since September and proving that hard work really does pay off. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this squad. Specific mentions to Harriet who has been a great team captain leading by example and Peniel for leading the team in points scored.

Our students also represented the school brilliantly with their behaviour, effort, and resilience at the recent Borough Swimming Gala. Special mention from Mr Seaman for the following boys:

William—2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 8 Breaststroke  
Quincy—2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 7 Freestyle  
Arthur—4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 8 Backstroke  
Daniel—4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 8 Freestyle  
Oliver—5<sup>th</sup> in the Year 7 Backstroke

The other boys who competed were Theo , Bodhi , Joseph and Daniel .

A fantastic effort by a strong & committed squad also needs to be mentioned. Mrs Robins reports of the following successes:

Sophia—3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 8 Breaststroke  
Molly—3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 9 Backstroke  
Chloe—2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 10/11 Backstroke  
Chloe—3<sup>rd</sup> in the Champion Girl Final  
Molly, Isabella, Seraphina, Georgina - 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year Girls Freestyle Relay

Mrs Robins would also like to thank 6<sup>th</sup> form student Sophie, who is a multiple medal winner at the Borough Championships over the years for all her help, swim knowledge, coaching tips, and support at the event.

There has been lots of enthusiasm for our new year 7 boy's football teams with fixtures for both the A and B teams. Mr Butler has had over forty boys represent the school in various fixtures across the county. The borough is very strong across most of the schools, but despite not making any finals, we were competitive, losing 2-1 in one cup and on penalties in another. This group of boys are potentially very talented and we have high hopes they will grow to be a very strong team in the future. Special mention to George and Fraizer who have been great captains for the school team. Well done to Edward who Mr Butler has chosen as the player of the season.

The year 8 football boys are now fully focused on the local league games after a narrow defeat to Eastwood in the Southend Schools cup. A last-minute winner saw Eastwood win 1-0 and progress to the semi-finals. The boys bounced back the following week with a good 2-1 win vs. Thorpe Hall.



## FACULTY UPDATE

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr Gleeson would like to make a special mention to the 5 B team players who stepped up in this game and highlighted the depth of talent in this year group.

Mr Butler's year 10 football boys have shown an excellent attitude and commitment that was missing last year. Results have improved with victories against Belfairs, Cecil Jones, Southchurch, and Southend High. Mr Butler has chosen Ross as his player of the season.

Mr Gleeson's U19 football boys sit 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Essex Schools and Colleges league with 3 games played just before the Easter holiday deadline. A depleted squad has resulted in some tough games over the past few weeks. However, the boys look to finish the league campaign strong with Beauchamps at home and a double header away to Helena Romanes the following week.

After February Half Term, the U13 and U15 Girls Football Teams went straight into the Borough fixtures. Mrs Cleverly's girls have worked hard and played a variety of schools across Southend. Some of the girls have never represented the school before and have slotted in very well, with the experienced players taking them under their wing. Well done girls, keep up the hard work.

As the school netball season draws to a close, it has been lovely reflecting back on such a successful Essex Cup and Borough competition. Mrs Hawker would like to say well done to the girl's, you have shown fantastic commitment and determination during the season.



With the summer around the corner and the obvious dangers of being out in the sun, can we remind all parents/carers to ensure their child is prepared for lessons in the heat. We do regularly remind students to ensure they have applied plenty of sun cream and they should have an appropriate sports cap to help keep the sun off their head. Please ensure your child also has a water bottle which we can ensure that they have filled up prior to each lesson. We would also ask that you ensure your child is prepared for the hay fever season when that arrives. Thank you

We will have the usual athletics clubs running through the summer, with rounders, softball, volleyball and tennis offered after school too.



## FACULTY UPDATE

### HUMANITIES

The Spring Term has flown by and as per the Headteacher's letter to parents, we have been immensely proud in the Humanities Department of how our students in year 11 and 13 conducted themselves in the recent walkthroughs and mock examinations. The students are well into their revision now and we have a range of revision sessions on offer as per the timetable on the school's website.

In Religious Studies, this term year 7 have been looking at Jewish identity and practice. As part of their study, they learnt about Kosher food laws and the importance of following these within the Jewish faith. Using their knowledge and understanding from lessons they went on to create wonderful kosher menus for their restaurants offering a wonderful selection of Kosher food options with some tasty deals on their menu options.

Here is some wonderful homework from George 7S1 who created a kosher menu in the style of a scroll with the help of a 3D printer and brilliant understanding of the Jewish faith and his wonderful imagination. Well done to George!



Miss J Boxall, Head of Religious Studies

The Humanities Club launched an environment focus in February and despite being quite a new club, in the last 6 weeks our numbers have gone from strength to strength! The aim of our club is to educate and inspire students to become more environmentally aware and to consider environmental changes they can make in school and their everyday lives. In our meetings we have been planning different projects to improve the sustainability in and around our school and the wider community. We have looked at ways we can improve the biodiversity of Shoeburyness High School by maintaining and encouraging more plant and animal life. We have begun to plan events that will help us reduce litter and the level of waste produced in our community by thinking about how we can reduce, reuse, repair and recycle. Our first project has been to take part in the 'Big Battery Hunt 2023' to collect and recycle used batteries around the school.

We also like to play games and encourage an interest in other countries! We test our geographical knowledge by trying to guess the location of cities around the world using random Google Street locations. We play online quizzes and games that involve atlases and capital cities. Our favourite game is 'where am I?' Students must guess the country their partner has stuck on their forehead using a post-it note. It can get quite competitive, but mostly it's just very funny! All students in years 7 and 8 are very welcome to join us and help us plan future projects for the rest of the year. The Eco Warriors meet every Wednesday in H5—thank you to Mrs Douglas for facilitating this club.

Mrs V Gray  
Head of Humanities





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## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### YEAR 7

I am ever so proud of all year 7 students as collectively they have received 5989 house points so far this term! This is a true reflection of your hard work, dedication, and commitment. Congratulations to the following form groups for being awarded the highest number of House points in year 7 this term: 3<sup>rd</sup> place 72F with 541 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 72D with 621 points and 1<sup>st</sup> place 72B, again, with 739 points this term! Keep it up! The top three individuals in the year group deserve an extra special congratulations: in 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Frankie with 40 points this term. In 2<sup>nd</sup> places is Chloe with 44 points this term. 1<sup>st</sup> place goes to Jenna-Rose, again, with 48 points this term. This is a fantastic achievement, well done!

Attendance continues to be a focus in year 7. Well done to all students who have excellent attendance, the hard work will pay off!

The second year 7 ACE assembly was on 27<sup>th</sup> March, where we handed out 1618 academic certificates and nearly 100 pastoral certificates. This is a tremendous number of certificates to be celebrating the achievements of year 7 students. Well done to all and keep up the excellent work!

A special congratulations goes out to Evie 72J who came 3rd in the Essex and eastern Athletic Championship, beating her personal best in the 60m, as well as coming 4th in the 200m, 0.08 seconds away from 3rd place! She showed resilience and determination throughout the event. Well done and congratulations, Evie!



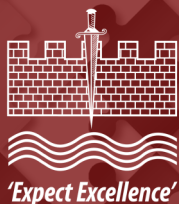
### **Jack Petchey**

We had an impressive number of Jack Petchey nominations this term, from students, staff and form groups. We had students nominated in almost all year groups. I hope this continues so we can recognise and celebrate the achievements of our young people. Well done to Jeremy for winning the award in January and Matilda for winning the award in February. Students will have the opportunity to nominate for March very soon so watch this space!

Ms Miller  
Head of Year 7



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## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### YEAR 8

A special mention this month goes out to our very own Tom Daley; Haden L - who has just returned from the regional finals in Plymouth where he came 6th in the final on the 5-7m platform and third in the final for synchro! We look forward to hearing about his successes in the next two regional completions and I am sure we will see him qualifying for the National Championships later in the year!

#### Unifrog

Year 8 seems a very long way off from considering future careers; however, next year in Year 9 – students will be taking their option subjects and then considering their post-16 options. It is never too early to begin considering our future careers options. Mrs Fanning took our recent assembly on careers and has set your child a Unifrog task via bromcom. Unifrog is our online platform in which students can explore their interests and then successfully apply for their next steps. I believe that the greater informed our students can be about their career options, the better equipped they will be to make the right choices later in their academic lives and beyond.

#### Risk Avert



As you will already be aware I am pleased to be running the Risk Avert programme with the Year 8's next term. Students in the year group complete a screening tool that enables us to offer one of the two interventions to the students who will benefit most from taking part. One intervention is centred on risk-taking, the other focuses on emotional health and well-being. Those young people attending the programme will complete one of the 6-session life skills programmes, focused on either decision making or emotional health and well-being.

We are also aware that parenting adolescents is not easy, there are many difficult topics and issues that need to be discussed and developing a good and open relationship is important for healthy development. As part of this programme parents have access to a very useful handbook, which aims to offer support to parents who may be finding their relationship with their teenage child difficult. I will email this out to you all soon.

#### House Points

An amazing 11192 House points have been awarded to the Year 8 students this year so far! In this term alone there have been over 5000 awarded! I would like to congratulate all the Year 8's for their continued hard work and well done to the top 10 House point achievers this term:

1<sup>st</sup> Viola 40 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Denzil 39 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Finley 38, 4<sup>th</sup> Eloise, 5<sup>th</sup> Harrison 37, 6<sup>th</sup> Lewis 36, 7<sup>th</sup> Eddie 35, 8<sup>th</sup> Charlotte 33, 9<sup>th</sup> Connor 32 and 10<sup>th</sup> Jacob.

Finally - congratulations to the following students who have recently been appointed as Year 8 Sport House Captains.

We look forward to celebrating all of your success as the year progresses.

Ms Sutton  
Head of Year 8

	Captain	Vice Captain	Captain	Vice Captain
Jupiter	Denzil B	Arthur L	Sherry J	Katie M
Neptune	Harry F	George G	Eleana May B	Eloise V
Saturn	Lewis R	Frankie L	Olivia M	Charlotte A
Mercury	Rocco M	Matin O	Minnie H	Anna S





## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### YEAR 9

#### KS4 Information Evening

The rescheduled date for Year 9 Options evening will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6pm-8pm. This will be an in-school event.

Some lovely news updates from some of our amazing Year 9 students - written in their own words.

Holly: "I've been sailing my whole life, but during the past year I have begun to compete on a National level. My Dad and I have been training since 2020 and have competed in the full RS Tera Circuit which includes the World Championship!



In December 2022, I switched boat class to an ILCA 4, which is an Olympic boat class and I have already attended my first event – the ILCA 4 qualifiers. I have the second round coming up soon! These qualifiers are a competitive series where you race to get nationally ranked for worlds."



**We can genuinely look out for Holly in the 2028 Olympics! AMAZING! Keep it up Holly!**

Sian: "I have been competing in cheerleading for the past 10 years. I have won National Championships before with Southend Elite Sports Academy where I am now also a junior coach.

Last Month I won 'Legacy, Just Believe 2023' with my team 'Empower' and next month I am flying to Amsterdam with my team to compete at 'Future Cheer Amsterdam'. This will give us the chance to go to America and compete at 'The Summit'. I am so excited!



Cheerleading is such an amazing sport as someone will always have your back no matter what happens. I love it and would recommend it to anyone thinking about it!"

**Sian is a perfect example of how incredible some of our students are at balancing both school and outside commitments – what a role model to some of our younger students! Well done Sian**

#### Volunteering at St Vincent's Centre for Homeless

Fred, Maya, Alyssia, Luca & Carys

These amazing students have been volunteering at St Vincent's in Southend on Saturdays as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. However, they have *far* exceeded the time expectations of the Award and spend their Saturday evenings all batch cooking a meal, and once a month spend 3 hours in the centre cleaning, tidying, and organising so that operations there run smoothly. The centre has commended the pupils for their dedication and commitment, even sharing on social media the impact that the pupils support has on helping the community.



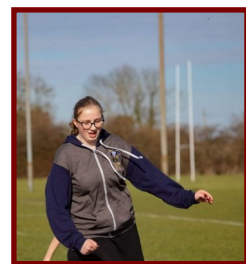
## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

A huge well done and thank you to these pupils for being so kind, considerate and selfless. What an asset you guys are to our school. Keep up the fantastic work!

### Jack Petchey Winner

Matilda was nominated for the February Jack Petchey Award and then selected as a winner by our sixth form students!

Matilda was nominated for her coaching of "Southend" Rugby Team, which is a disabled Rugby team run by Southend Rugby Club. Matilda started volunteering there in September 2022 and says: "I coach on Sundays for an hour at Southend; It is so much fun and amazing to see the kids become more confident and improve their skills." **ANOTHER Year 9 absolutely smashing it! Well done Matilda! Keep up the hard work!**



### YEAR 10

I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new Head of Year 10. I have over 15 years teaching experience in Mathematics and Business Studies and am excited to now also serve as the new Head of Year 10. Using an inclusive approach to practice, my teaching philosophy is based on the development of the whole child, through confidence building and promoting self-esteem, which creates a culture of positive attitude.

I have high and realistic expectations of students in terms of behaviour and achievements, to enable them to reach their full potential. As a Head of Year, I will do due diligence to support the vision of the Headteacher in setting strategic direction of the school to achieve its core values of inclusiveness, family, respect, resilience, and excellence.

I will continue to offer my dedication, innovation, creativity, infectious motivation, and a genuine passion for good behaviour. I strongly believe that I can contribute to the collective life of Shoeburyness High School to facilitate positive educational experiences and outcomes for students.

I know how important my role is for the students under my care, and how vital it is to be your main point of contact. I will continue to value your support in helping our students improve on their attendance, behaviour as well as taking some responsibility for their extended learning at home, by completing all homework set in order to achieve the excellent outcomes. I would like to encourage every student to prepare a personal timetable at home to help utilise their time in the best possible way.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all the year 10 students to be on time and equipped for each day to avoid any sanctions and to be the very best they can be to strive for excellence.

I would like to remind all the year 10 students to revise and prepare for the end of year exams. The year group will be visiting Anglia Ruskin University to help in their aspirations of pursuing further studies in higher education. Please watch out for further opportunities for our students this year!!

Mr Amoh—Head of Year 10

## YEAR GROUP UPDATE

### YEAR 11

As of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, it was just 7 school weeks until students GCSE examinations will start. As part of the process in preparing them, departments are providing extra sessions to help students (see below). Students should be completing two hours of their own revision a day (attending revision after school counts as independent revision) in addition to attending school every day. It is recommended that students are completing 90 minutes' worth of revision per subject each week (E.g., if students are taking 7 subjects =10.5 hours of revision per week). Students understand we want them to have a balance in their approach and they should have created an independent revision timetable that suits them. At this current time students will be feeling the pressure, please reassure them that they need to trust the process. As long as they are doing the right things consistently then they will be rewarded come results day. Please reassure them that thousands of students have been through this process before and thousands more are feeling the same as them right now. I have recently emailed out two support guides – one for students and one for family to support our students.

### Revision timetable

Day	Subject	Additional information																					
Monday	English	Sessions are after school On <b>Week A</b> – English Language - go to usual teacher/classroom On <b>Week B</b> – English Literature - go to usual teacher/classroom																					
	RE	Ms Boxall – H6 – lunchtime – all students																					
Tuesday	Science	The list of students’ groups will be displayed in the Science department. After school sessions.																					
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Geography	Ms Douglas – H5 – 7:50am-8:20am																						



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Day	Subject	Additional information
Wednesday	Maths	<b>Week A</b> 11s1/11s2 (Higher go to M6) 11s3/11b1 (Higher go to M9) Foundation paper go to M12 or M2  <b>Week B</b> 11s1/11s2 (Higher go to M5) 11s3/11b1 (Higher go to M1) Foundation paper go to M4 or M10
	History RE	Mr Larkin – H8 – 7:50am – 8:20am Ms Boxall – H6 – lunchtime – Grades 7-9
Thursday	Business	BS3 – after school
	History  Geography  Media & Film Art IT Spanish Music Performing Arts	Ms Sutton – lunchtime Ms Gray & Ms Warne – H12/H9 after school  After school sessions Ms Douglas – H5 – Grade 3 or 4 Mr Smart – H2 – Grade 7 and above Ms Spinks – H1  Ms Vincent – G12 Please see class teacher Ms Jones – IT2 – after school Mr Marsden – L07 – after school - all welcome See class teacher See class teacher
Friday	History	Ms Root – H11 – After school
	Geography  Art French	After school sessions Ms Withams – H5 – 7+ Mr Frost – H3 – Grade 3 and 4  Please see class teacher Mr Stansby – Lo1 – after school – students that should attend will be contacted by Ms Ballard/Mr Stansby



# SHOEBURYNESSE HIGH SCHOOL

## MAKE HAPPEN

### Make Happen 2023

This year the school has teamed up yet again with 'Make Happen' an organisation that helps to provide opportunities for our students throughout the school, with a range of workshops, resources and opportunities to support our students to make informed decisions about their education and future choices.

Make Happen have already started working with our Young Carers group within the school and delivered an introductory session about the benefits of going to university. This term, they have returned and delivered yet another workshop to inform students about the available student finance and the advantages of Higher Education. Future workshops booked include - CV writing, post-16 options, team building and an organised visit to the Southend University Campus in the Summer.

For our year 10 students we are planed a university campus visit to Chelmsford ARU. This enabled students to receive a 'Taster of University Life' and a chance to ask important questions about their future. There were campus tours led by the student ambassadors, introductory workshops about the benefits of university and applying for higher education, as well as a range of subject specific workshops.

One of our Year 12 students has been selected to take part in 'A day in the Life' shadowing experience. This provides the opportunity to meet and work alongside one of the students at the University of Essex at the Colchester Campus and to find out more about what life can be like. This is a great opportunity, and we look forward to hearing all about it. Other events coming up include: Gear up to Uni and sustainable futures. More information can be found using the following link - <https://www.makehappen.org/events/>

Finally, The Make Happen website has a range of resources and guides to help your son or daughter. The 'Make Happen Academy' is a free digital site with instant access to over 60 videos on apprenticeships, study skills, going to university, careers and lots more. This is great for both students and parents as it provides all the information that you may need to make informed decisions. It may be particularly useful to our Year 9s who next term will be selecting their options will be making some important decisions about their future studies. For more information head to the Make Happen website <https://www.makehappen.org/>

Many thanks

Mrs Sutton

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## OUR AMAZING EX-STUDENTS

### Introducing Divided London

We are proud to share the story of two of our amazing ex-students who have now become young entrepreneurs, setting up their own company.

Takondwa Maosa and Daniel Fairhead, recently took a trip down memory lane to their old school, Shoeburyness High School, to bring an inspiring assembly to the Year 9 students. The assembly focused on their clothing brand **Divided London** and their mission to '**Normalise Being Different**'.

The duo encouraged the students to believe in themselves and their dreams and to not be afraid of taking risks. To bring this to life, they hosted a 'Dragons Den' style challenge where the students were asked to come up with their own innovative business ideas and pitch them to Takondwa and Daniel. The best idea won a fantastic prize package, including apple air pods, an amazon voucher and some of the **Divided London** clothing.

This inspiring event has left a lasting impression on the student, showing them that anything is possible with hard work and belief in yourself. Takondwa and Daniel hope that this experience will inspire the students to start their own business, chase their dreams and not be afraid to take risks. "The aim is to be a positive role model" and as we both went to Shoeburyness High School we feel it's important to give back to your roots and the community.

Takondwa and Daniel explain "As teenagers we never thought the subjects we were studying would be relevant to our future. But after starting our own business, we were surprised to find that many of the skills we learned in school were actually crucial to its success. Our advice to students is to take their education seriously and listen to their teachers, even if they can't see how the things they're learning will be useful. You never know when you might need those skills, and a solid foundation of knowledge can make all the difference in achieving your goal."

Our journey shows that anything is possible if you have the courage to follow your dreams. Our motto '**Normalise Being Different**' is one that resonates with people all over the world.





## COMMUNITY: WHAT'S GOING ON



**SECAT SUMMER FAIR**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Please join in our community event  
run 'by the community  
for the community'

SECAT

**FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023**

SHOEBURYNESSE HIGH SCHOOL 11:00 - 15:00

ENTERTAINMENT FUN ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY



**SECAT COMMUNITY**

**HAVE YOU HEARD?**

Click for more information

HAVENS HOSPICES ARE BRINGING A HERD OF GIANT ELEPHANTS TO SOUTHEND-ON-SEA IN SUMMER 2023 FOR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR ART TRAIL!

The trail will take place for more than eight weeks in July across Southend, Shoebury and Leigh-on-Sea encouraging you to be a tourist in your own home.

SECAT will have 8 elephants in the art trail, designed and painted by the children and Trust community.

Will you be able to find all the elephants?



The art trail is completely free to follow and gives you the chance to become a tourist in your own city. You'll be able to support Havens Hospices by purchasing a map, downloading their app or getting involved in their fundraising event and activities which will be announced once the trail begins in July 2023.



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