

SHOEBURYNESS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

This half term is flying past, and I must share with you how impressed I have been with the vast majority of students who have started the year with real intent. I, along with my Senior Leadership Team and members of SECAT Trust are regularly visiting lessons and walking the site and we have been very pleased to see students working in lessons in a focussed way and engaging in a range of extracurricular activities. We have also had a superb Open Evening and our Meet the Tutor events which I thank you for supporting. I will feedback more fully to you on all of these in my newsletter, along with a host of other news and success stories from the first half term.

This week, I would like to draw your attention to two important themes we are focusing on: Safeguarding and Health & Safety.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding forms a core part of all we do here at Shoeburyness High School and this week in tutor time, all students will have had another reminder of the school's safeguarding procedures and key information on how to keep themselves safe, who to speak to should they have a concern and key support mechanisms within and beyond the school. I would encourage you to ask them about this: do they remember who to speak to if they are worried about themselves or another person? We have our school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Banks, and all Pastoral Year Managers are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Health & Safety

We have a number of students with particular health needs, not least those with respiratory issues such as asthma. You will remember, I am sure, a communication I sent out earlier in the term regarding the use of aerosol sprays and perfumes and the risk they pose to some of our community. Please can you reinforce with your child that these cannot be used in classrooms or enclosed spaces. As you will also know, we are a nut-free school due to the danger posed to those with severe allergies. Sprays and aerosols pose the same danger and I would appreciate your support in reinforcing this health and safety message at home in order to keep everyone in our school safe.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the best experience possible for all young people here at Shoeburyness High School. Yours sincerely,

Teri-Leigh Jones Headteacher

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