



# SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Summer Term 2 – July 2023

#### News from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night I had the pleasure of watching our students perform at the Summer Concert; what a fabulous evening! It was inspiring to see so much energy and commitment from students and staff even at this late stage in the term. Well done to all of them.

You may have seen yesterday the letter sent out on my behalf offering some updates and notification of future developments at Shenfield High School. My intention and hope is that I can leave you all with a sense at the end of the year of our future direction of travel. There will be more detailed information about who's who in key roles in September.

In essence we need to maintain the already recognisable strengths of our school such as performing arts, sport and pastoral support whilst having a much clearer and explicit whole school focus on academic standards.

This is something that staff have told me they want, it is something that I am hearing from parents and it is what our young people deserve. If you have not yet seen the letter and accompanying Strategic Overview, then please look out for it.

Other communication you can expect this week includes information on safeguarding our young people over the summer and a reminder of our uniform expectations in September.

Remember, our new Year 7 and Year 12 return to school on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> September and all other year groups return on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you to all of you for the way you have welcomed me this year into the Shenfield Community; I hope you all have a sunny and enjoyable summer.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of our news.

Clare Costello  
Headteacher

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#### Message from the Chair of Governors

There have been many highlights this academic year. The music concerts and the whole school production of Our House were fitting showcases for the remarkable talents of our students. Our sports teams continued to enjoy success at every level. The CCF now has over 150 students and we hope they enjoyed their recent visit to Scotland. Many students have enjoyed trips within the UK and further afield this year including Paris and Seville. Shenfield is quite rightly proud of its rich and varied extra-curricular offer. Our students make a valuable contribution to the local community of which our school is an important part. They have raised funds for charitable causes and represented Shenfield at commemorative and community events.

To those students in Years 11 and 13 we wish them every success for the future. To our committed and hardworking staff we would like to thank them for the support they provide to our students and to Clare Costello for the superb way she has led and managed the school during her first year as our headteacher. To our parents and carers we thank you for your continued support and we wish you an enjoyable and hopefully sunny summer break.

Jane Swettenham  
On behalf of the governors of Shenfield High School

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#### Attendance

Please note the email address to use for all attendance matters including enquires, queries and absences is:-

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# KS3 - KS4

## STEM

Friday 23rd June, 10 Year 9 girls who have opted to study engineering for their GCSEs were welcomed by Fords – Dunton campus to celebrate International Women's day.



The girls worked within teams against other local schools to programme a car to follow a track, created a production line to manufacture and build a specific design model and sped along the test track in an F150 lightening, Mustang Mach-E, Ford BlueCruise and a Transit Connect all electric with top-rated Active Driving Assistance. The students received a presentation on apprenticeship opportunities and the different roles within Fords.



Congratulations to the 8 Year 9 and 10 students that took part in the Learning Enrichment Activities Day hosted by Brentwood School. Our students spent the day challenging their academic minds by completing tasks that encouraged them to use their critical thinking and problem solving skills. The activities included an A'level physics challenge, solving math

tasks from Cambridge University and a Linguistics Olympiad task which is linked to a national competition.



The day finished with the students having to work in groups alongside other Brentwood schools to write a persuasive argument in 30 minutes and present this to the whole group. Our students were outstanding!! Fifumi and Isabella gave great speeches which were recognised as being the best by the hosts and visiting schools. A great day was had by all, well done.

## Careers Day



On Tuesday 11th July, the Careers Department successfully ran the Year 10 Careers Day. Thank you to our students who fully embraced the day in their interview outfits and best behaviour. The practice interview session was run by our dedicated employer volunteers who give up their time to support the students by giving them a 30 minute practice



interview. The experience and feedback students will receive from their practice interviews will be invaluable as they prepare for their first "real" interviews.

Students also took part in an interactive enterprising task, delivered to students by external company, Bright Futures. Students worked in teams taking part in a number of practical activities aimed at developing their enterprising skills and their understanding of the skills and qualities which are sought by employers. Finally, students worked individually and in groups to consider and explore questions about themselves and their future, known as their life skills session. This was run by The Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust. This gave students space for reflection to think about themselves, deeper life questions and future careers choices.

We are very grateful to everyone that supported the school in running this popular event.



All cadets looked amazing whilst supporting the ceremony, excellent role models for our CCF.

## CCF news



On Monday 19th June, David, Richard and Ryan supported the Mayor of Brentwood, Cllr Gareth Barrett in the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony. David, along with another cadet from Brentwood school escorted the Mayor of London to the flag. Readings were given and the flag raised.

## Year 8 Philosophy Competition

Year 8 studied a unit on Philosophy in their social science lessons. As part of the work, we considered what is reality? Is there a god? Do miracles happen? And what happens when we die? This is of course a strange, but interesting collection of questions to consider; the pupils loved exploring these ideas and discussing their views. The assessment for the unit was to produce a poster, or model, or anything they wished which showed their own views on whether god existed or not, and if so, what was god like? The pupils loved the freedom of this task and were encouraged to get as creative as they wished. All this fabulous work was completed in their own time.



The following pupils were chosen by their teachers as class winners, in no particular order. The overall three winners were announced in Year 8 Celebration Assembly.

8NA	Lilly Perrott-Williams Maddy Phillips Louis Wilkinson	8N 8A 8D
8NB	Melia Hoddy Honor Clements Mia Goodrick	8D 8A 8T
8NC	Hayden Harris Devon Harris Zara Pate	8R 8R 8D
8ND	Ellie Gray Lily Johnson Lulu Catling	8T 8H 8P
8SA	Sofia Cirdei Celia Venter Lucy Brown	8H 8A 8F
8SB	Stanley Mendel Charlie Rose Libbie Belson	8T 8P 8H
8SD	Krishna Patel Leya Tamulaitye Charlotte Spong	8H 8D 8D
8SD	Layla Hassan Louise Bridger Phoebe Brudenell	8N 8H 8T

Well done from the social science department  
Mrs L. Hollingsworth

## JUNIOR PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

As we come to the end of another school year, we want to look back on and celebrate the success and talent of our Junior Performing Arts Academy students, after another successful year of development, growth and performance.

This year, our academy of 40 students have worked incredibly hard, being challenged with new styles of performance and learning complex choreography and vocal work. The JPA students have worked hard in and out of JPA sessions to create material for various events, performances and competitions.

Back in December, our Year 7 and 8 JPA students acted as Performing Arts Leaders in a local primary school dance festival. The students hosted 10 primary schools, each working with a group of 10-15 primary school students and leading them in choreography and dance formations. The students were outstanding leaders and we look forward to working with our local primary schools again next year.

In January we took our JPA students up to London to watch a performance of the West End production of *Wicked*. Before the performance, the students were lucky to take part in a West End professionals

workshop led by a member of the *Wicked* cast, that they later got to see perform in the show. The workshop leader commented on how talented our students were and how quickly they were able to pick up choreography and vocal parts in just 1.5 hours.

In February, our Year 9 and 10 JPA students took part in the Shakespeare School's Festival, where they competed against three other schools in a performance of a Shakespeare play at The Civic Theatre, Chelmsford.

Their adaptation of *Much Ado about Nothing* impressed the audience and the company leaders and representatives from other schools were blown away by the talent that our students showcased. The students made us very proud with their level of professionalism throughout the day and acted as fantastic ambassadors for the department and school.

In March we had our whole school musical, *Our House*. All of our JPA members took part as principal characters, advanced dancers, advanced singers and ensemble members.

The students were excellent role models to other cast members during the rehearsal process and showed just how professionals should act during a production process.

Some students acted as leaders, teaching other, less experienced students choreography and running show numbers in their own social time. For many of our academy members, this was their first large scale production and we were overwhelmed by the high performance standard of our JPA students.

At the end of this year we held a 'Choreography Competition', where students were invited to create their own singing, drama and pieces in groups or as solo performers and present them at an audition in front of JPA staff and students. We were blown away by the enthusiasm so many of the JPA students had in creating and performing their own work and had a very hard job picking just four numbers from them all. A huge well done to Theo, Molly and Roxy; Areena and Lily-Rose; Imogen and Lauren and also Kai, Jake and Parker whose pieces were selected to be performed at the end of year JPA showcase.

To end the year, our academy members provided parents, staff and new 2022 JPA joiners with an array of performances as part of their end of year showcase and awards evening. The students showcased the performance styles they have explored this year and repertoire they have built and it was a wonderful



evening to end another year of progress, talent and achievement for the JPA.

Next year we already have an exciting year planned for our JPA students, including additional trips, professional workshops, competitions and productions and we look forward to working with our students in honing and developing their skills as all rounded performers.

We also look forward to welcoming our six new talented JPA Year 7 students.

Mrs Richardson



After two weeks of pre mocks Year 10 had a nice day to look forward to which was sports day. It was in fact their last sports day! The students enjoyed the day and participated in all their races. They showed maturity throughout the day and displayed a really positive attitude.

# Important information

## Trips, Visits and Events

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### World Challenge

16 Shenfield students headed off to Borneo on Friday to enjoy an adventure of a lifetime with World Challenge. The group will be spending two weeks exploring the island and taking part in a number of incredible activities. After 17 hours of travel, they'll spend their first few days acclimatising in Kota Kinabalu.

They'll get orientated and explore the sights before spending a day touring Dinawan Island and snorkelling in the reefs off the island. Next up they'll head to Kinabalu National Park to enter their trek phase. Climbing Mount Kinabalu, one of the highest mountains in South East Asia at 4095.2m, ascending through the jungle before reaching the summit at sunrise.

The Shenfield team will then recover before starting their conservation initiative, spotting wildlife, learning about local ecosystems and assisting with reforestation in the Bornean jungle. To wrap up their two weeks' students will spend two days sightseeing and visiting rehabilitation centres for both Orangutans and Sun Bears before picking up any last minute souvenirs then starting their long journey



back to the comforts of home. We will be launching an exciting opportunity for next year's Year 10, 11 and 12s to travel to eSwatini and Kruger National Park in the summer of 2025, keep your eyes peeled for assemblies and emails in mid-September.

## Reward Trip

24 incredible Year 10 students went on their end of year reward trip to Adventure Island in Southend on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Students had an incredible day going on all of the rides and enjoying the seaside snacks available.



The students were a perfect representation of our school, well behaved, polite and responsible all day. Thank you to Mr Clifford and Miss Barrett who supported students on the day and hopefully enjoyed it equally as much.

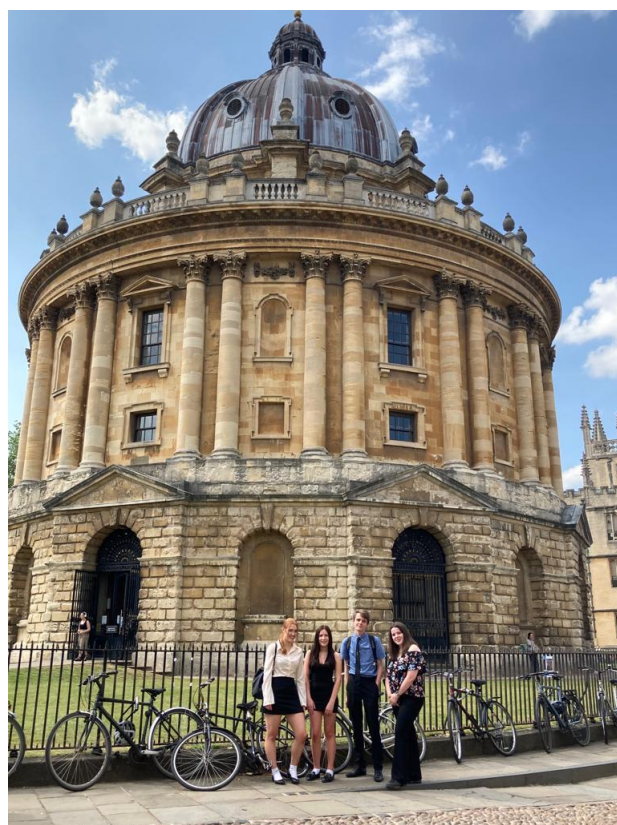
## Year 12 Visit to St. Peter's College, Oxford University

Students were welcomed at Oxford University recently where they were introduced to the educational opportunities and facilities offered to undergraduate students.



They were greeted by the Master of St. Peter's College and outreach tutors who gave insight to the collegiate system, the admissions and interview process. Our students participated in academic taster lectures, Q

and A sessions and enjoyed interacting with current Oxford students over lunch in the college hall. The visit was hosted by Mr David Churchill, parent governor at Shenfield High School, who led an interesting tour of the town where students learned the history of some of the university buildings to conclude the experience. Student comment: "Not only was the Oxford trip informative, it was also a lovely day out. The undergraduate students that took us on a tour were communicative and extremely helpful; I learned so much about the way of life of an Oxford student and how it is not only extremely studious but fun."





## Y12 UCAS DISCOVERY UK Tour 'Success' at the University of Essex, Colchester



UCAS organised their Higher Education Super Fair on Wednesday 14th June 2023 at the University of Essex that 63 of our Year 12 students attended.



Representatives from over 120 universities were there and answered queries related to university admission, course choices and entry requirements etc. There were a series of seminars held at the BIG Q&A during the day covering such topics as financing Higher education, applying to university and personal statements. Specialist subject lectures were arranged for those with a keen interest. This event greatly supported our Year 12 Students Post 18 destination choices. Thank you UCAS.

## Sport

### Baseball



Dylan Nelson Year 9 has been selected for the baseball GB Team Under 15s and will be playing a friendly tournament in July, Dortmund, Germany. Good luck to the team!

### Karate

Another amazing sporting achievement from a Year 9 student, Lewis Green who recently attended the Karate World Championships held in Dundee.

Lewis won two bronze medals, one individual and one as part of the Male Cadet Team Sanbon.

Well done to them all!



## Shenfield Make Record Four National Football Cup Finals

The 2022-23 Shenfield football season has been remarkable even by our schools high standards. To get six teams to National cup semi-finals and four teams to the National finals marks the schools best year in terms of progress in National Cup competitions.

The U12 A and B boys teams as well as the U13 girls and U13 boys all won their semifinals against tough opposition schools. The U13 girls had a particularly tough task in coming back from 1-3 down to Surbiton High School before winning 5-4 in a dramatic fixture.

However our U15 girls and U15 boys B team fell at the semifinal hurdle to Surbiton and Taunton Academy who both went in to win their National titles.

The National finals themselves were hosted by West Bromwich Albion in their impressive Hawthorns Stadium with each game proving a real rollercoaster ride. The first final was the U12 boys B team. Opponents Northampton boys dominated the first 10 minutes and deserved their 1-0 lead after scoring when we failed to clear a corner. However the Shenfield boys grew into the game against a much physically bigger team. Shenfield scored a superb equaliser when Emmanuel Oyedele produced some excellent skills to get around the defence before pulling the ball back for Charlie Winter to score with a first time shot past the NSB keeper. Shenfield's boys created some other good chances but with no further goals the game went to penalties. Sadly the NSB keeper proved too good in that situation and Shenfield finished runners-up. Special mention to Archie Drogman who was awarded Player of the Match for his outstanding performance at the heart of the SHS defence.

The U12 boys game was immediately followed by the U13 girls final. They met South Hunsley School who were again a physically bigger team. This game started off slightly cagey with both teams not wanting to slip up in the first 10 minutes, however this deadlock changed when South Hunsley scored the first goal after 12 minutes.

Four minutes later Maisie Brickell struck a beautiful in-swinging corner that almost went in, but was headed away for another corner. This second corner was a stunning strike which went straight over the goalkeeper, to make it 1-1.

After 23 minutes South Hunsley unfortunately managed to get another goal, making it 2-1, despite

Shenfield dominating possession and showing the determination to create numerous chances.

We went in at half-time 2-1 down but the girls were feeling confident that we could turn this score line around. In the second half many more chances were created but unfortunately their goalkeeper was the saviour of the day, subsequently receiving 'player of the match', after making many brilliant saves throughout the game.

The U12 Boys A team played their final on the Tuesday morning against Great Sankey from Warrington. The spine of their team had three powerful players who each played a crucial part in the game. Shenfield had the best chance to take the lead when an excellent cross from the left wing which was met with a super header by Ethan Chibambo which unfortunately hit the post and fell to a Sankey player who cleared for them to set up a counter attack with their Manchester United midfielder. His powerful run past three Shenfield defenders finished with an unstoppable strike into the top corner of the Shenfield goal.

The Shenfield boys were gutted to be down 0-1 at half time but started the second half in much more confident and positive mood playing some excellent passing football. One such move started by Harry Fisher, then on to Ethan Chibambo, who put through Charlie Heath, cutting the ball back to Jude Longman before Jude faked past the last defender before calmly slotting the ball in the bottom corner. It was a goal of real high quality. The Shenfield players and fans were ecstatic. Sadly Shenfield could not hold the lead for long as another powerful run from Sankey's United player ended up with a neat finish from their centre forward.

Shenfield's boys then created excellent chances to equalise but a combination of good defending, great goalkeeping and bad luck denied us the goals that our play deserved. At the final whistle the Shenfield boys were gutted but when the dust settles, like the U12 Boys B and U13 girls sides they will be proud of their progress this season and I am sure that each team will have even more motivation to come back to win a National title in the future. We certainly felt very hard done by to not win at least one of those games, given the possession we had and the chances created. However that is football sometimes and we never simply lose, but always learn. These teams will take great experience into next year's competitions.





The U13 Boys reached the National Schools cup final last year and unfortunately were defeated again at Strong Thomas Telford School. This year the boys were more determined than ever to win on a lift the trophy. The boys showed great togetherness along with individual moments of brilliance to win the U13 National Schools Elite cup.

We found ourselves 1-0 and 2-1 down early on in the game but the boys never gave in and kept believing they could go on and win the game. We scored within 1 minute of the second half kicking off and that set the tone for the next 40 minutes. The boys were excellent and dominated possession and chances.

Our goal scorers on the day were Silva 3, Zac 1, Noah 1 Carter 1. The most pleasing aspect was that throughout the competition all players had played their part and on the day of the final all boys got their chance to play at a fantastic stadium.

A brilliant day out which was really well supported by students from school inside the stadium and lots of pupils and staff watching back in Shenfield. Silva Tyler-Easrnshaw was awarded man of the match for his hat trick on the day.

# Parents Association

All the money we raise goes to help the school provide better resources for our children. Please do support us where you can!

If you would be willing to join the SHSPTA then we'd love to hear from you. Not much time is needed just an hour or so here and there - whatever you can spare!

You can contact the PTA via:

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