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Thank you to those of you that contributed to our survey on assessment, the PREP system and parents' evenings earlier this half term. We have taken the feedback and have been revisiting these areas for next year. We will communicate with you specifically about the changes in the next half term.

I wish you all a restful and sunny half term break.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of our news.

Clare Costello
Headteacher

Newsletter

Spring Term 2 – May 2023

News from the Headteacher

This week I had the privilege of attending the finals of the ESFA schools football competition at the West Bromwich Albion Stadium. You will be aware that Shenfield High School had four teams reach the finals; this is a unique and unprecedented achievement. On the Monday our Year 7 boys' B team and our year 8 girls lost out on gold following two very close games the first of which went to penalties. On the Tuesday I was lucky enough to witness a fabulous performance from our Year 7 boys A team and a stunning victory from our Year 8 boys.

It wasn't just the footballers on the field I was so proud of. Our students who travelled up to support their peers were impeccably behaved, super positive and great advertisements for young people generally and for our school.

I would like to thank all the staff who have worked so hard to get the teams to this point but also the staff who made it possible for so many of our students to watch.

We are now at the half way point of the examination period and our Year 11 and Year 13 students have conducted themselves beautifully. It is always a stressful time for our children (and their families!) but I am confident that those students who have put the work in will have some positive results this summer. Further information about how results days will work this year will be sent out later in the term.

Attendance

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

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Pastoral Team

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[Link to the Curriculum and PREP Newsletters for Years 7 to 11](#)

KS3 - KS4

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

This half-term over 100 Year 7 and Year 8 students sat the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, a set of challenging problem-solving questions that are sat by thousands of UK schools every year.

Our students did exceptionally well with 42 students awarded a bronze certificate, 19 awarded a silver certificate and 2 awarded a gold certificate. These two students, Henry Gander in Y7 and Mahith Vemula in Year 8, will be sitting a further, more challenging paper in June.

Year 9

Well done to a huge array of Year 9 students for a variety of reasons from achieving their gold award certificates to being selected for Mrs K's Award.



STEM



All Year 9 took part in an Army STEM engagement day where they had to work together within an interview setting to complete a challenge.



The challenge was to build the tallest tower within a certain perimeter using 4cm pieces of sellotape and only 20 pieces of paper.

The STEM team shared the different career opportunities available to students within the armed forces. The students worked brilliantly within their teams and some innovative towers were constructed.



Rotary Club Special Award



Jordan Harrison is the very worthy winner of this year's Rotary Club Special Award. Mr Bishop gave the following citation for Jordan:

Jordan is an astute young man whose attitude to learning is admirable. Throughout his time in the Sixth Form, Jordan has demonstrated nothing but dedication and commitment to all he has done. This attitude, coupled with his organisational skills and a genuine thirst for knowledge, makes Jordan one of our most accomplished students.

Jordan's involvement with younger students and his desire to develop their progress is second to none. In his role as a peer mentor, Jordan has counselled younger students through tough times when they first embark on their school journey. Jordan's ability to listen perceptively, being sensitive to others' emotions and his insight into younger students' needs, make his contributions invaluable. Jordan has also played a key role through contributing to whole school events. His range of talents is shown through his involvement in facilitating various careers events as well as his role in providing technical support to whole school drama productions.

Jordan is described by his teachers as diligent, conscientious and intelligent. Jordan takes great pride in completing tasks to the highest standard possible and leaves no stone unturned in ensuring that he always gives detailed and analytical insights.

Jordan exhibits the necessary drive and determination to succeed in life; I have no doubt he will continue to flourish. Everyone at Shenfield High School wishes Jordan every success for the future.



In honour of the Kings Coronation Year 12's attended 7 Para RHA 21 gun salute at Colchester Castle Park. They supported the salute; escorted Brigadier Nick Cowley to inspect the guns whilst the rest of the cadets provided a ceremonial guard. An historic and proud day for all involved.



From 100 applicants Emma Allan, David and Richard Hambidge were selected to represent and support the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award ceremony at Buckingham palace. The cadets carried out a variety of stewarding tasks and had the opportunity to meet royal attendees.

Important information

Trips, Visits and Events

CCF

On the 12th May 2023 Shenfield High CCF took over 30 Year 9 cadet's on their first ever overnight stay to the Army training Centre Pirbright (ATR (P)). This is the home of the British Army's Phase 1 training (basic training) where army cadets conduct a 14 week syllabus taking them from civilians, to a trained soldier. Shenfield High School CCF are the only cadet force in the UK to have been granted access to the Training Centre.



Our cadets were incredibly excited and yet anxious about what lay ahead of them. For the next 24Hrs they would be engaged in military basic tactics including sleeping out in the field under a poncho.

Arriving at ATR (P) the cadets were handed their own bergans (large day sacks) that held the following items in.

- Sleeping bag including an outer water proof cover known as a bivi bag.
- Poncho (camouflaged waterproof sheet) with pegs and bungees
- Water bottle plastic mug and mess tins for cooking
- Webbing and a wooden rifle
- Gortex Jacket just in case it rained

The cadets then had to form into columns of three to insert into the woods within ATR (P) grounds a short walk of 600 meters carrying all their own equipment and the day sacks they had brought themselves with the goodies and treats of sweats and extra warm clothing.



The first lesson the cadets received was how to establish a harbour area and put up their ponchos, which would be the sleeping cover for the night (a thin waterproof sheet bungeed to trees and pegged into the ground, get this wrong and you could wake up to looking at the stars or swimming in a pool of rain).

Once the cadets had set up their ponchos, the next stage was to learn how to cook their own army rations using small cookers and mess tins, boiling up some water, heating up the rations and then using the boiled water to have a hot beverage. Most went for the delicious hot chocolate.

Cadets all fed and watered, harbour established and now reaching towards 22:00 hrs it was time to go into night routine and observe the silence, with owls tweeting and foxes skirmishing around it was not quite the peaceful evening they may have expected.



The following morning saw reveille being called at 04:30, break of day light the cadets immediately set to action; cooking their morning breakfast from the 24Hrs ration packs. The harbour area was buzzing with cadets smiling and telling stories of their experience of the previous night: well almost all, some took a little longer to find their way out of their sleeping bags!.

Stores packed away, area cleaned up with the odd spare bungee wrapped around the tree needing removing, a very successful first experience, of living in the field out of a bergan, had come to an end. All that remained was the drive home and a very peaceful mini bus full of sleeping cadets.



The Art Department are very excited to announce that we will be participating in this year's Brentwood Art Trail. The event, covering Brentwood, Shenfield and Ingatestone offers local professional and amateur artists the opportunity to show their work. We will be showing a selection of our fantastic GCSE and A-Level work in the window of the Create Business Hub (CM13 1AB), near Shenfield Station. The Art Trail offers great workshops, guided walks and opportunities to get creative!

Sport

Skiing



Well done to Tristan Hersant who ended up being placed 11th across the UK for the U14's and has been selected to represent the National Alpine Team.



Shenfield Cricket Academy team tour Spain 2023



U12 boys E cup champions 2023

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:

Email: shspa@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

Twitter: @shs_pta

Or Facebook



BRENTWOOD ART TRAIL



3 - 25 June 2023

Enjoy the work of local artists in pop-up galleries and attend creative activities in a wide variety of venues in Brentwood, Shenfield & Ingatestone



Guided Tours



Creative Workshops



Walk, Talk & Create

Workshops & Events Itinerary →



SATURDAY 3 JUNE

- 10am - Guided Tour (Brentwood Tour 1) *
- 12pm - Create Chalk Flowers in Crown Street
- 12pm - Live Window Painting at Chicken & Frog Bookshop with Sue Mills
- 1.30pm (every week) - Peque Artists Kids' Art Club at Chicken & Frog Bookshop *
- 3pm - Ceramic Art Workshop with Kate Mayo at Schmidt Kitchens *

MONDAY 5 JUNE

- 1.30pm - Girl with a Pearl Earring at Brentwood Theatre's Community Cinema *

TUESDAY 6 JUNE

- 6.30pm - 'The Life and Times of the Essex Arms' exhibition and music at the Essex Arms

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

- 1.30pm - Walk, Talk & Create at Butterfly Meadow with Sue Mills *

THURSDAY 8 JUNE

- 11.30am - Iris Paper Folding with Retro From Scratch at Merrymeade Tea Rooms *

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

- 10am - Walk, Talk & Create at Weald Country Park with Irene Malvezi *

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

- 10am - Worldwide Knit in Public Day with Brentwood Belles WI at Brentwood Theatre
- 10.30am - Guided Tour (Ingatestone) *
- 1pm - Introduction to Linocut Workshop with Wee Bothy Art at La Pomme *

- SUNDAY 11 JUNE (5pm) & MONDAY 12 JUNE (12.30pm) Artful Baking with Aljona Rumme & James Hillery at Malina Patisserie *

TUESDAY 13 JUNE

- 10.30am - Walk, Talk & Create at Weald Country Park with Jon Bird *

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

- 10.30am - Walk, Talk & Create at Warley Place Nature Reserve with Lucia Hardy *

THURSDAY 15 JUNE

- 10am - Visit, Talk & Create at Essex Regiment Chapel, Warley with Lucia Hardy *

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

- 10am - PawsPopArt Pet Portraits at Wylie Wellness Centre *
- 4pm - Cartoon Father's Day Cards with Mike Young at Chicken & Frog Bookshop *

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

- 10.30am - Guided Tour (Brentwood Tour 2) *

THURSDAY 22 JUNE

- 10.30am - Walk, Talk & Create at Merrymeade Country Park with Sue Mills *
- 6pm - Scenic Art with Amelia Hart at Brentwood Theatre *

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

- 11am - Plein Air Painting at Merrymeade House with Lucia Hardy *

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

- 10.30am - Guided Tour (Shenfield) *

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