



SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 – October 2022

News from the Headteacher

This half term has been a very positive start to the new school year and I couldn't be more grateful to all the students and staff who have made me feel so welcome in my new role and to those of you who have sent me messages or taken the time to say hello. I asked all students in my first week to be kind and to do their best and I have certainly seen much evidence of both.

There have been many events this half term where we have opened the doors to our community; our open evening was attended by well over one thousand people and the overwhelming feedback was that our students, your children, represented themselves and the school beautifully. Our Year 8 students have been busy showing parents around during our open mornings and it has been clear what a great job they have done also.

It was good to see so many of you at our recent careers fair where we were fortunate to have representatives from Universities as far afield as Aberystwyth and employers such as Ford, the NHS and the armed forces. This is part of our commitment to ensuring our young people are able to make informed choices about their next steps.

The main focus for our Year 11 students next half term will be their mock examinations that start on Monday the 21st November. They will be receiving guidance and support for these important examinations from their subject teachers and you can support by talking to them about these examinations and asking how their preparation is going. It is important that our young

people have an opportunity to recharge over the half term break but the start to the next half term and their mock preparation will certainly be helped by organisation, topping up any missing equipment and ensuring that notes and books are in order. It is also vital that their attendance is as good as possible.

Thank you to those of you that support your child's excellent attendance at school, it is not always easy, particularly at this time of year but it does provide your child with the best foundation for success with the contrary also being true. Inconsistent or poor attendance at school directly correlates to lower success rates through missed learning, difficulties with forming positive relationships in school and increased anxiety about school. The half term offers a good reset point for this.

Finally, over the half term could you please ensure that your child has a blazer that fits. On our return from the summer, whilst the weather has still been quite mild we have allowed students to carry their blazers but this will no longer be the case on our return after half term. All students will be expected to wear their blazers at all times as they move around the school only being allowed to remove in class with their teacher's permission if they are too warm.

We return to school on Monday the 31st October, which is a week B.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a happy half term break.

Yours sincerely

Clare Costello
Headteacher

Attendance

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

attendance@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

Pastoral Team

Who to contact in the Pastoral Team

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

KS5 Pastoral Team

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KS3 - KS4

Shenfield House Cup 22-23

After combining C-Points, KS4 credits and team competition results from the first half term, last year's winner Parks is off to a flying start!

OVERALL - Half Term 1			
Attenborough	Harry	Nightingale	Parks
4 th 9716	3 rd 9854	2 nd 8908	1 st 10,352

GCSE Food Preparation

Students have started their GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition course and have been developing their knowledge and understanding of protein.

They have been learning about the functions and chemical properties of ingredients within a chilled lemon flan and developed their practical skills by making it.



KS5

Year 10 Sports Leaders modelling new kit funded through Jack Petchey Award Scheme.



Our Year 10 Sports Leaders were the first year group to wear this new kit whilst assisting with the School Sports Partnership programme.

Important information

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday 17th November 2022

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 17th November from 6.00pm-8.00pm. We very much hope you will be able to attend to see what Shenfield High School's thriving Sixth Form has to offer.

You will have the opportunity to view the displays of the considerable number of subjects available at A Level and the BTEC courses. These displays will be located in the Sports Hall. In addition, you will have the opportunity to talk to Sixth Form staff and students throughout the evening until it draws to a close at 8.00pm.

The presentations in the Hall will be led by the Head-teacher and the Head of Sixth Form and will include a brief talk by the Senior Student Leadership Team.

The format for the evening will be:

Speeches in the Main Hall:

- 6.00pm – 6.30pm
- 7.00pm – 7.30pm
- 7.45pm – 8.15pm

[\(Please see website for booking details\)](#)

Opportunities to view displays and talk to staff:
6.00pm – 8.00pm

(all displays will be closed at 8.00pm)

There will be an impartial Careers Advisor available during the evening to help with any queries students and parents may have.

Clubs, Trips, Visits and Events

SHS Careers Fair Success 2022



On Thursday 13th October, the Careers Department hosted their annual Careers Information Fair Evening. This event gives the pupils from Years 8 to 13 the opportunity of meeting employers within industry, training providers, colleges and universities face to face for general discussion and advice on a wide range of careers and education opportunities. 55 organisations and businesses were represented on the night.

Selected Sixth Form ambassadors acted as the welcome party, aiding the exhibitors and handing out programmes amongst many other organisational duties. Miss Kadem, Team Leader for Careers and Mrs Utton were on hand to guide.

Talks from Essex University on student life, apprenticeships explained from South Essex College and alternative post 16 options with Chelmsford College were available. The relaxed yet informal atmosphere as well as the colourful displays encouraged our pupils to ask questions and investigate different types of career or educational options. It was very well attended by Shenfield High School pupils and their parents.

As you are aware, many senior representatives from various industries and professions were there and it was important for the school to create a good impression. From the comments and feedback, we have received from the exhibitors, we certainly did just that.

We would like to thank those who supported this event.

If you attended the Careers Fair and have any comments from the evening, please email Mrs L Utton (Careers Administrator) l.utton@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

Please click [Careers Fair Presentations - SHS Careers Area \(shenfieldlearning.com\)](#) to view the Student Life Presentation, Apprenticeships Presentation and Post 16 Options Presentation.

Engineering Club

(Wednesday from 15: 00 – 16: 00)

The students have been working hard trying to rebuild three minibikes this half term

Some good progress has been made but getting them running is proving to be a bit of a challenge.

Fault finding is a major part in this process and we have been teaching students to establish if the engines have the two main elements to allow it to start. Spark from the spark plug and a clean supply of fuel.



We have been showing the students how to test for a spark and have new fuel lines on order as a dirty fuel line was one of the issues. The next step after that will be checking the carburettor is clean and free from dirt.

We hope to have the engines running shortly and then with the bikes rebuilt they can be ridden shortly after.

Road Safety

The whole of Year 7 have watched a road safety play at the start of October. This is part of safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) road safety programme and delivered to highlight key road safety messages at a time when students will be making independent journeys. Students learned about the importance of being safe and not being distracted around the roads when moving to and from School.

The play was delivered by 'The Riot Act' the play consists of three actors assuming the roles of three teenagers who are dealing with their own issues and not paying full attention to the roads they are near. The actors used video imagery, music and references that pupils could relate to.



After the play the actors broke character and conducted an interactive workshop to analyse the story of the characters and to go over some of the sad and hard hitting facts about the tragedies that occur on the roads in the UK particularly with the students age group.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the play and certainly left the hall with a fresh perspective on the dangers of being around roads.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 30th September



Our Sixth Form senior students ran their first successful charity event this year. As a group they successfully planned, arranged and baked their way to a fantastic sum of £334.00. A number of the Sixth Form students also supported the event with their home baked goods, which was incredibly kind and generous of them, thank you.

Our senior students have hit the ground running after their appointment to position at the end of Year 12 and we are all incredibly proud of them; we look forward to their next event.

Directions



On Friday 16th September 2022, Directions gave their post 16 options advice to all Y11 students during their assembly. Thank you Emma Doman, Careers Advisor for sharing.

Students are able to find more information here:- <http://careers.shenfieldlearning.com/>

Sport

It has been an exciting return to sport this term. In September we learned that as a school we were one of very few schools across the country to be awarded the School Games Platinum kite mark for our outstanding PE and sport provision. The fact that there has already been over 370 different students attending sports clubs since we returned in September, shows how committed we are to providing opportunities for all in sport.



While we have undertaken trials for all of our teams, we do emphasise that our sports clubs are open to all and we will do our very best to provide fixtures for everyone who commits to attending clubs on a regular basis. The Year 7's for example had over 70 boys and girls representing the school in Saturday football fixtures just one day after they joined us! The Year 7 boys also played in a tournament that included a B, C, D and E team. As much as Shenfield is renowned for developing excellence in sport we are equally proud of our drive to maximise participation. Rec Night is in its 28th year of existence and this is a club specifically geared at providing opportunities for all. We regularly have over 100 students from different year groups coming down to play badminton, table tennis, basketball, have a swim or do some fitness in our strength and conditioning suite.

As we move into October we have seen more Essex and National Cup fixtures take place in a range of different sports. Football, netball, basketball and rugby fixtures are now in full swing and we look forward to seeing how our teams progress. From the quantity and quality of training we are confident of another successful season. The cross-country season also gets underway next week and the popular early Friday morning training sessions will no doubt ensure our runners are prepared better than ever to compete with the best runners in the District and regional races that take place in October.

To our students, whatever your motive for participating in sport keep up the great commitment. To our parents, thanks for the support and encouragement you give your children to be active. Together we have no doubt that 2022-23 is going to be another exciting year for Shenfield Sport.

Interhouse Cross Country

This term 549 students across Years 7 - 9 took part in interhouse XC. Not only was this a house competition, it is a great opportunity for PE staff to look at national XC selection. From club runners to non-runners, the atmosphere was fantastic and all students who took part gave it their all.

To win interhouse XC students had to finish in the best position possible. The house with the lowest combined positional total was the winner. The house with the most participants also received an extra 100 house points. So, the house points results are:

Year 7 Boys			
A	H	N	P
200	25	200	75
Year 7 Girls			
A	H	N	P
175	200	100	25

Year 8 Boys			
A	H	N	P
200	200	25	75
Year 8 Girls			
A	H	N	P
25	100	300	75

Year 9 Boys			
A	H	N	P
75	150	25	250
Year 9 Girls			
A	H	N	P
200	25	75	200

Overall			
Attenborough	Harry	Nightingale	Parks
1 st 875	4 th 700	2 nd 725	4 th 700

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 would 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](https://twitter.com/shs_pta)

Or Facebook