



SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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As I said in my letter of the 14th December, it was a real shame that we were not able to have the full, end of term Xmas experience at Shenfield High but I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Thursday, January 5th.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of our news.

Yours sincerely

Clare Costello
Headteacher

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 – December 2022

News from the Headteacher

As we reach the end of the Autumn Term and my first term, I would like to thank the whole school community, students, staff and parents for making me feel so welcome; I already feel one of the team.

This term we say farewell to two longstanding colleagues. Chris Carter, Team Leader for Music, leaves us to take up a position closer to home so he no longer has to spend up to three hours a day on his return journey between school and home. Mr Carter's replacement, Paul Wilsher, is an experienced Leader of Music and he will be joining us in the New Year.

Mr Vaughn Waites is retiring this Christmas. He joined the school over twenty years ago and has, in recent years, been the school's site manager. We wish him a happy retirement full of new adventures. We have a new Estates Manager joining us in January who brings with him experience of overseeing the estates of a Multi-Academy Trust.

The Autumn Term is always a busy one in schools and this term has been no different. Our students have worked hard and supported each other; they have engaged with mock examinations and House competitions; they have enjoyed sporting fun and sporting success; they have participated in music concerts and represented the school in commemorative events; they have raised money for charitable causes and supported community events. We are very proud of them all.

Attendance

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

attendance@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

Late to School – Arrival to site

As part of our school protocol, all students arriving late prior to 9am are to enter the school site via the 'late gate'. This is located in the drop off lane that runs parallel to Chelmsford Road via Alexander Lane.

Students (without specific arrangements) who arrive via reception before this time will be asked to walk around.

We ask that you support this in order to ensure the effective registration of students who are entering the school site.

Students arriving beyond 9am should arrive via reception, the only entry point into the school from this time.

Students arriving beyond the second bell at the start of the day continue to be issued with a loss of social time unless a valid pre-communicated reason **is shared with attendance by parents.**

Pastoral Team

Who to contact in the Pastoral Team

Year	Pastoral Manager	Head of Year
7	Ms East v.east@shenfield.essex.sch.uk	Mr Fletcher m.fletcher@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
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Pastoral Secretary	Mrs Walker j.walker@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
Student Services	Mrs Purbrick l.purbrick@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
Pastoral Coordinator	Miss Day g.day@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
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KS5 Pastoral Team

Who to contact in the Key Stage 5 Pastoral Team

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Pastoral Secretary	Mrs Dunn j.dunn@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Mr Macdonald j.macdonald@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
Head of Sixth Form	Mr Cooke a.cooke@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

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

KS3 - KS4

Year 9 have been having great fun celebrating their achievements in the run up to Christmas with a Celebration Assembly where those students with 100% attendance, high Attitude to Learning and Subject Awards were all recognised and celebrated.



Also recognised was Mrs K's Star of the Term, this time being Austin Clover for his amazing manners, kindness and consideration and great attitude in everything he does. Well done to them all.

Also on the cards for the last week of term is the Celebration Christmas Film lunch and Christmas Breakfast for the winning form of the Foodbank Collection – Mr Clayton's 9D

Christmas Hampers



Students helping to load the Christmas hampers collected by Year 7 and 8 for Kids Inspire, who will be passing them onto local families in need this Christmas. Over twenty hampers are now on their way to bring a smile to local children.



BRENTWOOD FOODBANK

Doddinghurst Road Community Church
56-60 Doddinghurst Road
Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9EH
t: 01277 224528
e: bowerjulie@hotmail.com
Opening times: Tues & Weds 10am – 1pm

5th December 2022

Shenfield School,
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Dear Friends

I am writing to say a huge thank you for your amazing donation of 113.85 kgs of food to the Brentwood Foodbank.

Sadly, at this time, we find that many families are being hit by the economic situation that we all find ourselves in. Some have lost jobs, others, stress and illness has taken its toll and Foodbank is able to ensure that those that find themselves in these difficulties will be able to feed themselves and their children.

It is the amazing kindness of schools, churches and individuals that enable us to continue with this work. Sadly, there has been over a 54% rise in our numbers from June till August. However, these past few months have shown a weekly increase, and this is a concern for us all. The amazing donations we receive help us to ensure, hopefully, that no one goes hungry.

As the winter months approach, and the colder weather sets in, we are expecting the need will grow even greater.

We do appreciate this is a difficult time for everyone, and your kind donation is very much appreciated. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Warmest regards,

Julie Bowler



Some of the Year 7 and 8 children include Lee Davies, Cameron Jones, Heidi Hodgson-Wild, Alicia and Maddie Rogers who assisted in the collection of food items and the creation of some wonderful hampers to help local families enjoy a better Christmas.

Jack Petchey Award winners

This terms Jack Petchey Award winners are Isabella Hewitt, Year 10, who has used her £300 to purchase resources for the history and music departments, Lacie Everett, Year 9 who is using her prize money towards reward trips and celebrations for other students and Skyla Lynch, in Year 11, who has purchased new kit for the netball team.

Well done to these outstanding students.



In Sixth Form, we have been getting into the Christmas spirit over the last few weeks. Mr Cooke (Head of Sixth Form), Julia (Deputy Head Girl) and some of our Y12s helped to decorate the trees in the Study Room.



We then held the Annual Peer Mentoring Christmas Breakfast on Thursday 8th December. It's a lovely celebration and thank you to the mentors and mentees for all the hard work they have put in since the beginning of the year.



Brentwood Remembrance Service -

held on Friday 11th of November



The 6th form senior leadership team laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Lead by Mrs Downey, Head Girl Olivia Jevons, Head Boy Jamie Robinson and Deputies Julia Nibbs-Ramsey, Noah Hughes, and Dollie Hunt.

Important information Trips, Visits and Events



Senior Engineers from Ford Motor Company, Suzanne Fargeot and Catherine Gaskell came to speak with our students with interest in engineering (STEM) presenting them with information they need should they wish to pursue an Apprenticeship with Ford and opportunities that lie within the industry. Flyers, documents and presentation highlights can be found here: [Ford Apprenticeship Talk - SHS Careers Area \(shenfieldlearning.com\)](http://careers.shenfieldlearning.com/ford-apprenticeship-talk1.html) or <http://careers.shenfieldlearning.com/ford-apprenticeship-talk1.html>

Sport

ESAA Cross Country

Our U13 boys, U13 girls and U15 boys all reached the regional finals of the ESAA Cross Country cup after excellent team performances in the county round at Campion school.



The regional finals were held at Felsted School where our teams were competing to make a National final for only the second time in Shenfield High School history.

Our U13 boys had won at Campion so were our best hope. Zac Thomas lead our team home to qualify for the National finals along with Southend High School for Boys and Eastwood.

The boys and their parents all joined us up in Leeds on the Friday night as we prepared for the race at midday on Saturday 12th November.

Zac Thomas got an excellent start and was running at the front of the race alongside the best club runners in England. Zac went on to finish 11th out of 170 runners with Casper Norris (Year 7) an excellent 51st position, Alf Carter was 61st with Louis Wilkinson our final scoring runner in 83rd. This meant the team finished 12th out of the 28 teams present which beats the 14th position the only other time we made a National final back in 2019.

Mr Sapsford and Mr Clayton were so proud of the boys efforts. "They have been great ambassadors for our school and are all so driven to succeed. We are sure these boys will be working hard on their fitness to have another opportunity at breaking in to the top 10 schools in England next year."

Skiing

Year 9 student, Tristan Hersant, took part in the Southern Region National Schools Championship, for skiing, on Saturday 12th November and came in 3rd place, representing Shenfield High School.



As a result of this he has been selected to be part of the NSSA (National Schools Snowsports Association) UK Alpine Squad.

Football

The Shenfield football season has started with lots of teams enjoying exciting cup runs. The U12 boys, U13 boys Elite, U13 girls, U14 girls U14 boys U15 and U16 girls have all managed to reach the last 32 schools in England (5th round) of the ESFA National cups. We also have the U12 B U14 B U15 & U16 Boys B teams all in their respective National cups.



U12 boys ESFA National Cup Last 32

To have so many school teams progressing this far is testament to the hard work the players put in to their skills and fitness at both in school and out of school training sessions. The U12 boys have been especially prolific. After a bye in the first round they have scored

28 goals in 4 National cup games conceding only 3. They had been drawn away for every round but when they play the 6th round (last 32) after Christmas they will look forward to a home draw for a place in the last 16 of the 636 teams that entered!

The U13 girls are seeking to defend the National title they won last year and also have a home draw for their last 32 game against Grey Court School, Richmond.

Best of luck to all our Shenfield teams for their respective National and County Cup games after Christmas. It is never easy getting to a National Cup final and for most schools it happens once in a lifetime. We hope we can continue our record as a school that regularly reaches National Cup finals, we will certainly help prepare the players to be at their best and consider the small details that make the big difference in the later rounds of these competitions.

Athletics

This term our athletes have competed in two indoor events with considerable success.



U14 boys and Girls Athletics Lea Valley Finalists

The U14 boys and girls reached the finals of the Lea Valley Competition where the girls, led by Fisola Fagbadegun, finished an incredible 2nd place from most of the best Athletics schools in the really strong South East region.



The Year 7 and 8 girls also won their respective Brentwood Indoor Athletics competitions last week. St Martins teams were the only other school but even they were way off the pace of our girls who especially dominated the track events.

The hard work our athletes put in especially at JSA strength and conditioning sessions as well as the cross-country morning training sessions has added to the fitness levels of our athletes this year. We never get bored of pointing out that hard work pays off, because it is so true, in both sport and life!

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