



# SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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On Wednesday morning a number of senior colleagues met our Year 11 students to discuss their Sixth Form choices and their mock results. It was a very positive morning and I personally met many wonderful young people who fully understand the task ahead of them this summer but are also excited for the next step in their educational journey. In addition to the revision sessions which are already running there will be further exam practice sessions and during the Easter holidays there will be extended revisions sessions; detailed information regarding these will be communicated next half term.

I wish you all a restful half term.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of our news.

Clare Costello  
Headteacher

## Newsletter

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### Spring Term 1 – February 2023

#### News from the Headteacher

This half term has flown by and we find ourselves already half way through the school year. I have had meetings with student panels from Years 7 to 10 who have shared with me their views and opinions on topics ranging from learning in the classroom, the food they eat at break and lunch, the range of extracurricular provision that is available to how supported they feel with pastoral issues. Their views form an important part of our evaluation of various aspects of our provision; next half term we will also be seeking the views of parents on key school development strands.

Whilst the weather here has taken another cold turn some of our students will be looking forward to some warmer temperatures as they visit Seville over the half term break with a second group visiting Paris. It is exciting to see the return of visits and wider experiences to the school curriculum.

Our whole school musical returns on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February; this year's production is 'Our House', a show full of the songs of Madness. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite

Please find below a link for tickets:

[Our House - Shenfield High School Musical 2023](#) [eventbrite.co.uk](https://eventbrite.co.uk)



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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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# Pastoral Team

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## Who to contact in the Pastoral Team

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# KS5 Pastoral Team

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

## KS3 - KS4

### Year 9 Options Process

Options were launched to Year 9 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. They have been given an options booklet, a copy of which is also available on the website for parents to look at with their children at home. It is an exciting time for Year 9 where they get an element of choice for what they would like to study in KS4. It is important that they take their time to consider their choices and access the support that is available at Options Evening and Parents Evening to help them to make their choices.

Key dates for Year 9 are as follows:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Options Launch

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 9 Options evening in the Sports Hall

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Online Year 9 Parents evening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Deadline for Year 9 option forms



The Year 10 's have done exceptionally well during the first two half terms with their top forms scores. The winning forms were rewarded with a celebration breakfast which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Well done Year 10

Mrs Hodgson-Wild, Miss Arnold, Mr Clifford

## Important information Trips, Visits and Events

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# OUR HOUSE

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A MADNESS MUSICAL

**“IT MUST BE LOVE!”**



**February 27th & 28th**

*link for tickets:-*

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## Employer Engagement Day

Year 9 students will be able to partake in Employer Engagement Day this Spring, enabling them to have meaningful contact with professionals in the industry areas they have an interest in. Events like this are incredibly helpful for students in making decisions about their careers and future study options. One of our Year 9 students, Olivia Eve was fortunate to be able to take part in some work experience recently, organised with the support of her parents. Here is her article she has written to share her experience.



*I was offered the opportunity, recently, to experience the workplace. My placement involved supporting the Local London Careers Hub in delivering an event that promoted careers associated with Green Skills.*

*Year 9 students from across East/South-East London were offered the opportunity to go to the London Stadium to meet with over 40 employers that have jobs associated with green skills e.g., transport, fashion, digital technology, environmental investment, facilities management, and construction. They all offered interactive stands to make the day exciting. In addition there were colleges and universities talking about courses associated with climate change and the Environment. Plus, there were loads of interesting workshops run by employers talking about jobs that are associated with supporting climate change.*

### **What did I get out of the day!**

*So going to work is not as much fun as you might think! I had to get up at 5.45 to get to the stadium one hour before all the students arrived at 9.00. My role was to support the Hub Manager and her team in making sure the day was successful.*

*So I learnt my way around the stadium and was thrown in at the deep end! The Hub Team were*

*giving me jobs to do which included: making sure the exhibitors stands were set up, giving out the health and safety brief, finding teachers to sign forms, taking students around the event, collecting in evaluation forms and showing round dignitaries.*

*At the moment, I don't know what I want to do but the day gave me the opportunity to explore my ideas. I have an interest in animation and was lucky enough to be given some time off to hear Murray Bates, International Director of Framestore, present on motion and modelling for films. Framestore, has created the animation associated with the digital effects of Marvel and Jurassic World and the animation associated with Paddington and The Bee Movie, and these are to name but a few. Murray also promoted a special film that was made with the UN to raise the profile of Climate Change. I would recommend you watch this amazing film; it was certainly thought provoking:*

*It was exciting to do something different! During the day, I had to communicate through talking with schoolteachers, my colleagues, and visitors. I realise now, that I do have good communications skills and I am a lot more confident in talking with people. The feedback I received was positive too. My colleagues thought I was a sixth former and colleagues from the wider hub team thought I was employed in the team.*

*I learnt that you must be hard working, listen and pay attention. But most importantly that I don't need to know what job I want to do yet, but I have developed and recognise my skills that will help me when I research my career and have to make decisions on my next step. Finally, I understand how teachers feel, having to get into school an hour early and how stressful it can be running around trying to get jobs done!*

*Olivia Eve Year 9*





The Careers Department were supported this term by employers Ford and Sophisticated Entertainment, inviting them into school to educate our students with a keen interest in the engineering industry and/or performance arts and entertainment industry. Fords Catherine Gaskell and Suzanne Fargeot took students through their individual career paths with Ford, understanding the profession and gave an in-depth account of what Ford has to offer as an employer including their apprenticeship schemes. Sophia-Marie Hornsey of Sophisticated Entertainment gave an engaging talk to students explaining the company and how it was created, insightful entertainment options for a working career, explained job roles and further education options advice.

Year 11 students were spoken to during assembly by Fiona Byford Smith, Information, Advice and Guidance Advisor at Chelmsford College. Fiona took our students through the opportunities available to them with Chelmsford College plus an impartial explanation of apprenticeships, BTECs and T-Levels. Please click here for the presentation should you wish to view or contact Chelmsford direct.

<http://careers.shenfieldlearning.com/talks.html>

## Sport

### National Football success

Shenfield's footballers are having an unbelievable season with nine of the school's teams still competing for a place in a National final at a Premier League Stadium.



By the end of last week our U12 boys A B, U13 boys and U15 girls had all made it to the last eight schools in England from the hundreds of schools that enter in September. The U15 boys B team have gone one round further in defeating current National Champions Hurstmere on penalties to make it to the semi-finals. Furthermore, we still have the U13 girls, U16 girls and U18 girls still to play their last 16 fixtures at the time of writing.

There have been so many dramatic moments in these cup runs. Last week alone there were two penalty shoot-out wins with the Year 7 boys A team matching our U15 boys B team in showing immense mental toughness to score all five of their penalties in their victory. The U15 girls had a tough task away at a competitive Fitzwimarc side. They were looking comfortable at 2-0 before Fitz were awarded a penalty just before half time. Fitz were awarded a second penalty with 7 minutes remaining which Linda Murati managed to save before Elise Moore sealed a 3-1 win and a place in the 1/4 finals.

Director of Sport Mr Sapsford remarked, "We are proud of the hard work our footballers are putting in on the training pitch. The team work and physical fitness levels have to be outstanding to compete with the best schools in England and our players across so many teams have demonstrated incredible commitment to compete at this level. We will continue to work on the small details that give them the best opportunity for future success and hope that more than a couple of these teams can make it to a National final."

## Athletics



This half term our athletes have enjoyed indoor competitions as well as cross country successes.

The Year 7 and 8 boys and girls teams were all crowned Brentwood District champions of the sports hall athletics competitions so will compete in the Essex finals in March.

Meanwhile our Year 7 boys and girls attended the highly competitive Lea Valley indoor athletics championships with both teams making the finals in March. This competition involves the best athletics schools in London and the surrounding counties so is incredibly difficult. The weekly strength and conditioning sessions all our athletes attend plus the hard work they put in outside of school is really paying off.

January also saw four of our athletes participate for Mid Essex at the Essex cross country championships. Congratulations to Zak Thomas, Owen King, Freya Bundy and Elsie King for their efforts on a brisk Saturday morning. Zak and Freya both managed top 20 finishes so were invited to compete for Essex in the SE England inter-counties races, something they should be very proud of. Next up is the Year 7 and 8 Essex cross country races this week at Writtle College. Given how well they have trained at 7:45am Friday training sessions since September, we hope they will all be prepared to run their best races.

## Parents Association

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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:

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