## SHENFIELD HIGHSCHOOL NEWSLETTER







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# SPRING TERM 2 MARCH 2024

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#### News from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school year is steaming ahead and we are already at the point where we are both getting ready for the external examinations that will mark the end of students' time in Year 13 and Year 11 and where we are getting ready to start the transition processes that welcome new Year 7s and new Year 12s into our school in September. In total, across all preferences there were over a thousand applicants for Year 7 and we have received over six hundred applicants for our sixth form.

We are also getting our Year 9 students 'Ready for GCSEs'. They have all now submitted their preferences for Years 10 and 11 and we will be processing those over the coming weeks, together with other factors and information to ensure that students are on the right courses in September. I would like to thank our Year 9 parents for their support with our 'Ready for GCSE' initiative and for showing their support to their children through attendance at the Options evening and Parents' evening.

Two years ago the students and staff put a lot of time and effort into a re-think of the House System to ensure it offered maximum contribution to the Shenfield High School community. The evolution continues and I had the privilege last week of hearing pitches from four committees representing each of the Houses for projects that the students believe would enhance the experience of all students within the school. Their ideas in a nutshell are:

Attenborough House: reclaim the school pond and garden areas to create calming outside space that can also be used educationally

Harry House: a student led academic tutoring programme where older students volunteer to tutor younger students in the library after school, aiding them with homework or other academic work

Nightingale House: creation of a wellbeing space at lunch times for students to enjoy a peaceful and communal experience

Parks House: engage students with volunteering and fundraising to support the school but also to develop a wider awareness of community and social issues.

The student presentations were so heartfelt but also professionally delivered and thoroughly considered. I would like to thank Miss Matthews for supporting the students to do this and, let's watch this space for the development and initiation of these ideas.

I hope you enjoy reading news of our wonderful students in this edition of the newsletter and I wish you all a happy Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

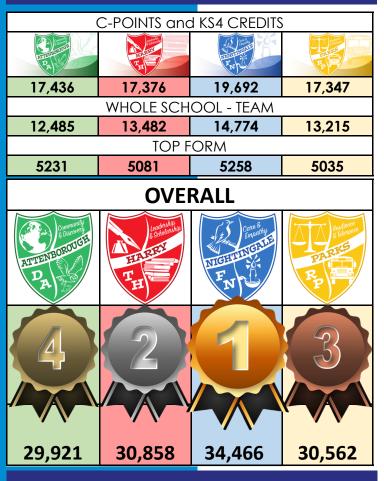
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Clare Costello Headteacher

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#### **House Points**



#### Year 9 Options

By the time you read this, Year 9 will have chosen their options in preparation for Year 10. Since the launch assembly before half term, we have had a brilliant Options Evening and a fantastic face to face Parents' Evening to help pupils make the right decisions.

We will now be working busily to put together classes and timetables ready for the start of Year 10. All pupils will find out about their chosen options in June.

If you have any questions about the process, please email me at b.clifford@shenfield.essex.sch.uk.

#### Year 11 Points for Prom

After a successful launch to 'Points to Prom' just a few weeks ago, the number of pupils who have already qualified continues to grow daily. This is a testament to their hard work and focus in the final run up to exams in just a few school weeks time.



Students need to hit three from the following criteria:

- 1) At least 10 Points to Prom (attending revision lessons or completing additional work at home)
- 2) Attendance to school must be above 92%
- 3) Pupils can not be in more than 1 late detention this term
- 4) At least 10 KS4 credits. R points will deduct from this total.



To see information about our Year 9 Options process and our Key Stage 4 Curriculum 2024-2026, please go to our website.

SHS Year 9 Options 2024

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#### Keep up to date with the Careers Department

### **SHS Careers Area**

All students from Year 7 to Year 13 take part in careers activities and learning as appropriate to their age. Miss A Kadem is the Careers Leader, supported by Mrs L Utton, Careers Administrator.

Both staff members can be contacted:

- 1. In the careers office, C53,
- 2. <u>a.kadem@shenfield.essex.sch.uk</u>
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As a school, we ensure that all students have appropriate careers support and guidance throughout their time at Shenfield High School to enable them to select the path that will secure the best outcome for them.

We also work closely with Essex County Council to ensure that all students have appropriate opportunities for learning.

#### **Quality in Careers Award**

Shenfield High School is awarded the national Quality in Careers Standard for our Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Provision. We are very proud of this achievement which recognises the quality and breadth of our Careers Provision. As always, our aim is to provide an outstanding programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance activities that satisfy national requirements and provide guidance which enables us to address the career development needs of all our students.



#### **Careers Interviews**

All Students that leave Shenfield High School at the end of Year 11 and 12 are entitled to a suitable offer of learning. If you are unsure about your next steps, please speak with Ms Kadem, Head of Careers and Work Related Learning in the C53 office.

**SHS Careers Area** 

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#### **Careers Information**

#### Year 7 Soft Employability Skills Workshop February 2024

We were delighted to welcome three representatives from Axis Europe who kindly volunteered their time to support our Year 7 students at Shenfield High School. The representatives ran the final two Employability Soft Skills workshops with groups of 60 students.

Our Year 7 students experienced an interactive workshop taking them through the importance of teamwork, the five key soft skills sought by employers, and how to approach writing a CV.

Axis were very engaging and our students thoroughly enjoyed their interactive activities. This was an excellent opportunity for our youngest students to start thinking about their employability and how they can develop the skills that employers seek.

We are so grateful to Axis and their representatives for volunteering their time to work with our students. This was the perfect start to their career readiness programme which they work on throughout their time at Shenfield High School and Axis have laid down excellent foundations for our students.





#### UKMT Maths Challenge for Years 9-11

Students from Years 9-11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This exam is sat by thousands of schools each year and tests student's mathematical problem-solving skills.



**UK Maths Trust** 

As a school, we saw a large increase from last year in the number of students receiving Bronze, Silver & Gold Certificates. In total 9 x Year 9 students, 29 x Year 10 students and 35 x Year 11 students received a certificate which is fantastic.

A special mention goes to Oliver C and George M in Year 11 who were invited to take part in a further challenge due to their exceptional performance.

We will be running a similar challenge for Year 7 and Year 8 in the summer term.

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#### **Sixth Form**

#### Well done Abbie H – Year 13

Having been unsuccessful in my application for work experience at The Old Vic in Waterloo I persevered and applied to an advert for the LW Theatres work experience programme, meeting a deadline of the next day!

A few months passed by before I was invited to interview at Theatre Royal Drury Lane where I was offered a 3-day placement in The Cambridge Theatre working on "Matilda the Musical". Working in the LX and lighting department shadowing the desk operator for the show, I immediately knew that this was a career I wanted to pursue. On my third day the head of the LX Department offered me a position to work there when I turned 18. The day after my birthday I received an e-mail formally offering me the placement and in early February I started by operating the lighting desk for "Matilda" shows, mingling with different departments and cast members and getting to know my way around working in a West End theatre for 8 shows a week.

I have learnt how to operate spotlights, lighting equipment and Stage LX on a live West End show and I am so grateful for the opportunity of a lifetime which has opened up a range of pathways for future career prospects in acting, lighting and stage management. Alongside working for my A Level grades and pursuing offers from universities it has been a busy time.

Overall, I am loving the life of working in the West End, meeting new people and gaining insight to all aspects of production – long may it continue!



#### Year 12 BTEC football event and fundraiser

During the last couple of months, the year 12 BTEC students for Business have been planning a fundraising raffle for Saint Francis hospice as well as planning and conducting a Year 7 five aside football tournament. The Year 7 football tournament was a great success with a lot of engagement from the students and plenty of positive feedback. The raffle for Saint Francis hospice has raised £354. Our events have allowed us to show our skills and attributes when running an event. The event has also shown how the class has come together to create an event and how we have all worked in a team.

Will and Joseph on behalf of the Year 12 Business BTEC class.



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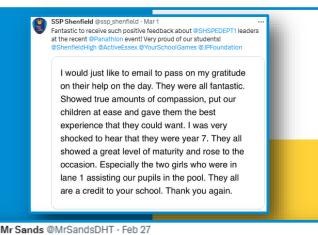
#### **School Show Success!**

With such a wealth of talent in all areas of the Performing Arts, 'Bring it On' was the perfect show for our cast! This year we had 58 cast members from Year 7 -13. For many it was their first school production and for others, will sadly be their last.

With so much talent to showcase, our cast was made up of Principle lead actors, a dance/cheer squad, advanced singers and ensemble cast members. Our students worked so hard in their various roles, and it continues to amaze us how invested our students are in the production process. Despite a very gruelling 5 months of rehearsals, many students still chose to give up their own social time to come down to the drama rooms and run over show numbers, which is such a delight to see.

We are so proud of our students for their commitment to what has been a long and intense rehearsal period. We have challenged students this year with more detailed choreography and challenging vocal numbers and the students have been fantastic at picking up and retaining the material with such focus and professionalism.

Year on year, we continually challenge students and raise our standards and expectations and the cast members did not fail to rise to the challenges set and we are so grateful for their hard work and dedication.



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Replying to <u>@ssp\_shenfield @ShenfieldHigh</u> and <u>@SHSPEDEPT1</u> One of the best shows I've seen at the school. The students were brilliant!

#### Luke inspires others

Congratulations to Luke for becoming a #MoveWithUs ambassador and being the February winner!

SSP Shenfield @ssp\_shenfield · Mar 4 Excellent work! So proud of you! @ShenfieldHigh @SHSPEDEPT1

ActiveEssex @ @ActiveEssex · Mar 4 Introducing our #MoveWithUs #MoveMaker winner for February! A massive well done to @ssp\_shenfield student, Lucas!

Lucas is doing a great job breaking down the barriers to physical activity & inspiring others to take part.... Show more



ActiveEssex 🕗 @ActiveEssex · Mar 19

Last week we visited @ShenfieldHigh to present our February #MoveWithUs 'Move Maker' award to Lucas for his resilience at school, towards swimming.

He has also become a #MoveWithUs ambassador to help inspire his peers to get active.

Join Lucas here: activeessex.org/move-with-us/a...







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#### Shenfield Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

#### **Combat Cadet 2024**

Shenfield CCF senior cadets competed against 17 other CCF's and ACF's over a 3 day period, the event involved each school of ACF section rotating through 3 phases, which were in turn broken down into six separate military based activities to demonstrate their section level knowledge, tactics and skills. They were tested in both offensive and defensive Patrol Ops, utilising the entire training area at Beckingham army camp and exercise area in Lincolnshire.

This competition was the culmination of 5 years of learning for most of the squad of 9 senior NCO's. This is only the second time Shenfield CCF have entered this regional cadet competition. We are pleased to report that in only our second entrance into this tough and challenging competition, we picked up a bronze medal and we are particularly pleased to have been placed 1st in the navigation exercise, 2nd in the military stalk and 4th in the ambush attack. Hopefully the success of this year's competition squad will set the challenge for next year's squad to claim some more silverware.

All in all an excellent weekend which was thoroughly enjoyed by all cadets and staff alike, with a minor mention that it may have been a tad damp and muddy at times!! But as they say in the army 'if it ain't raining, it ain't training'.









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#### **Great Tommy Sleep Out**

Shenfield CCF Year 9's took part in their first overnight exercise, which included sleeping out in the open and cooking in the field using army ration packs. We deliberately chose to combine the overnight, which is part of the CCF syllabus for all cadets, with the Royal British Legion's national charity event that seeks to highlight the staggering number of ex service personnel that find themselves homeless once they leave the armed forces.

Our cadets really stepped up to the challenge on what was a rather chilly evening in March, however thankfully a dry one. As well as sleeping under the stars for the night they also used some of the skills they have learnt over the past 6 months, these being a simple but demanding patrol and clear 'enemy' locations, using paint ball guns, a night stalk to see who could sneak up on staff undetected. Our clear winner of this was Riley who practically attached himself to one of the 6th form NCO's and just walked in to surprise the staff.

Many of the younger cadets made light work of the 24 hour ration packs, by consuming the entire breakfast, lunch and dinner menu in one go, 4,000 calories in one hit certainly gave them enough energy to not need any sleep all night !!!!

If you wish to contribute to our nominated charity, please go to www.justgiving.com and use the following code in the search bar 1706876451376.

At the time of writing this article we had raised an incredible £205, which brings the total amount raised for armed forces charities since last September to just under £2,500.





#### **Great Tommy Sleep Out 2024** Can you last the night?





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#### **World Book Day Week**

We had a fantastic week in school celebrating 'World Book Day' with our students. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including: a book swap, a book bake off, cinema book club and our book picnic!

We were also so proud of our brilliant bakers and writers who submitted some very high quality work indeed. A huge congratulations to our winners.

A big thank you to the students who took part. We are very proud of the hard work and contributions from our students.

Thank you also to the Library Team and staff who were involved to support the many events that were a huge success across that week.



Mae, Amber, Ewan, Ethan, Isabella, Lexi, Blake



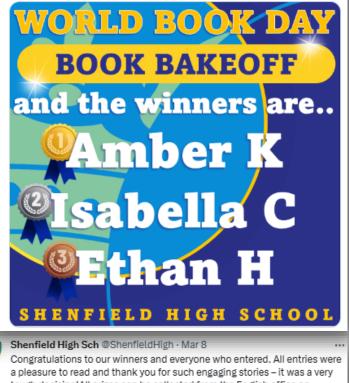
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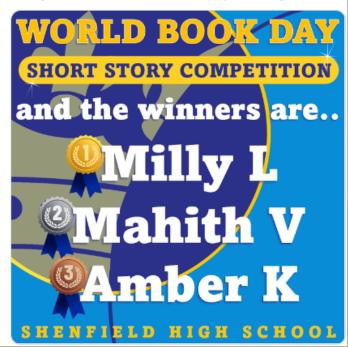


nfield High Sch @ShenfieldHigh · Mar 5 Thank you again to our students for their fabulous @ bakes...clearly a huge success. #WorldBookDay2024 #WorldBook contribution #challenge #collat

Shenfield High Sch @ShenfieldHigh · Mar 7 Well done to all of the students who took part - the bake off was an amazing success and we are really proud of the hard work and contributions from our students. So talented! #welldone #proud #contribution #bakeoff #WorldBookDay #creative #readingforpleasure #ready4reading



tough decision!All prizes can be collected from the English office on Monday.#welldone #contribute @WorldBookDayUK #reading #books



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#### **International Women's Day**

For 'International Women's Day' this year we decided to reward students for their excellent attitude and hard work ethic at school.

Having so many brilliant students here it was difficult to select individuals, so students were selected by their Pastoral Manager or staff around the school for their contribution to school life, for upholding our school values and for being a role model to others.

Students enjoyed participating in a range of activities including: researching females from different times, places and cultures to celebrate their achievements, discussing their own personal journey as well as those who had inspired them and creating their own messages of gratitude to share with staff, friends and family members.

We were also lucky enough to host our guest speaker, Ferne McCann, who was able to share her story with students and answer questions from her audience. It was a wonderful day where students said that they felt focused, inspired and grateful to be able to celebrate this day!



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#### **Performing Arts**

#### Junior Performing Arts Academy

This half term our JPA students, along with our GCSE Dance students, had the fantastic opportunity of taking part in a workshop with the critically acclaimed dance company Zoo Nation.

The students spent 2 hours exploring choreography from the West End show Everybody's Talking About Jamie and they did an incredible job, showing such focus and professionalism throughout. The workshop leader was blown away by the talent of our students and we were very proud of them.

After the workshop we took the students up to the West End to see a matinee performance of the show, which we all loved and has inspired some ideas for our JPA showcase in May.









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#### Sixth Form Theatre Academy

We have been hard at work, rehearsing for our upcoming National Theatre "Connections" festival. We are rehearsing a brand new play, commissioned by The National Theatre, called "Kiss/Marry/Push Off Cliff" by Josh Azouz.

We performed for representatives for National Theatre and The Queen's Theatre this week and received outstanding feedback!

We can't wait until our final performance at The Queen's Theatre on Friday 19th April.

#### Year 12 Theatre Studies Component 3 examination performances

The Year 13 A-Level students had their final practical examination of this course this half term – and they all performed to an outstanding standard. Pupils produced professional standard work for a visiting examiner – we are so very proud of you all! Months and months of hard work, line learning and rehearsals outside of lessons certainly paid off!





#### Year 11 GCSE Drama Component 3 examination performances

Our Year 11 GCSE students will perform their component 3 examination performances at the end of this half term. Students have been working incredibly hard to learn lines and stage their scripted performances in preparation for the visiting examiner on March 28th. We cannot wait to see all of your hard work pay off!

#### Year 11 Tech Award Drama Unit 3 monologue performances exams

Our Year 11 Tech Award students performed some outstanding monologue performances for their Unit 3 exam. This unit requires original monologue performances from all candidates, which is no easy task – but our Year 11 students showed resilience and enthusiasm throughout, which resulted in some wonderful performances!

#### Lower School play auditions

This half term saw the auditions for the eagerly anticipated Lower School play, where we saw over 60 Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils audition!

We were so in awe of the talent here at Shenfield, that we have taken the unprecedented decision to double cast the Lower School play for the first time ever! This goes to prove what a wealth of talent we have here in our lower years, and we cannot wait to get rehearsals underway!

The Lower School play will be held on 2 nights – 2nd and 3rd July. Tickets will be available on Parent Pay after Easter.

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#### **Key Stage 1 Dance Festival**

Following the success of our last primary dance festival in December, we were very excited to, this time, welcome 60 local primary students from Year 1 and 2 to work with our JPA students again.

Our JPA students, acting as Performing Arts Leaders, taught the primary students some Disney themed choreography which they all performed, some even dressed up in Disney costumes!

Our JPA students, yet again, acted as fantastic ambassadors for the academy and school and we cannot wait for our next festival in June.















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#### Ski Trip 2024

During February half-term we visited the Pas De La Casa region of Andorra, a place we know well and visited in previous years. 48 students and 6 staff made the long-anticipated journey, a trip that has been on hold for the last 3 years due to covid restrictions. It was great to be back!!!

From the 48 students on the trip, 33 students were absolute beginners. By the end of the week, everyone was skiing blue runs, a lot of red runs with confidence and there was a real sense of progression and achievement!

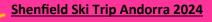
The 6 hours of lessons that they got before the trip were extremely helpful in making lots of progress and probably had something to do with not making a single trip to the medical centre.

Every day was jam-packed with lots of activities ranging from bowling, ice skating, swimming, pizza night, quiz night, to the final games night. We even managed one day on the slopes wearing fancy dress.

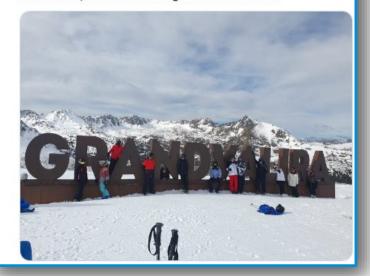
The students behaved incredibly well and were great ambassadors for the school. We cannot wait to run the trip again next year. The destination is still to be confirmed but a reminder that the trip sells out extremely quickly.

Well done to Miss Matthews' team who were the overall winners for the different competitions that we ran throughout the week.

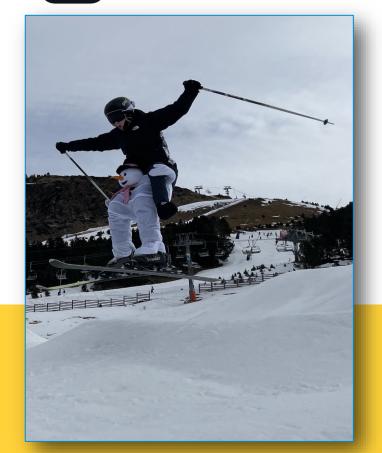
Highlights of this year's ski trip are on YouTube - https://youtu.be/UCLdI7MoCXM?si=jwkFSCjOZOYIwc24



SHS Ski @ShenfieldSki · Feb 19 Replying to @ShenfieldSki Above all else, an absolute belter again for all in Granvalira!







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#### PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION Everyone Welcome

The Shenfield Parents Association (PTA) is a voluntary organisation made up of parents of children at Shenfield High School whose main aim is to assist the school by helping out at school events and raising money for a variety of projects.

The PTA have sponsored classroom redecoration, purchased two new trampolines and lots more. They have also paid for various items of equipment needed in school such as interactive whiteboards, benches for the playground, IT equipment and other items that benefit the school.

We welcome any assistance that you can give however, the greatest support is to take part in our fund-raising events such as quiz nights, raffles, recycling clear out day, car treasure hunt to name but a few.

interested in joining us?

We attend school events and would love to speak to you about the amazing things we do for our school and how to get involved. You can also get more details by contacting the PA on:

<u>shspa@shenfield.essex.sch.uk</u>



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Your Parents' Association have set up an account with EasyFundraising.org. If you shop online you can earn commission for us by accessing your usual shopping sites via EasyFundraising.

It doesn't cost you anything, or anymore, than your usual on-line shopping and we won't be able to see what you have bought. Over 2000 popular retailers have signed up to EasyFundraising, let's help them to give something back!

Whether you are doing your weekly grocery shop, booking a holiday, ordering flowers or anything else you can help us to help your child's school.

If you order for business please do it via the EasyFundraising site, flights, hotels, equipment, stationery etc., can all earn commission.

#### https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ shenfieldhighschoolparentsassociation

Just log onto the above address, register and shop away – it is that easy. Or if you prefer just search for Easy Fundraising, find us there and register.

We are able to offer discounted vouchers to Southend's Adventure Island, Golf and Sealife Centre. Please email shspa@shenfield.essex.sch.uk for more details.

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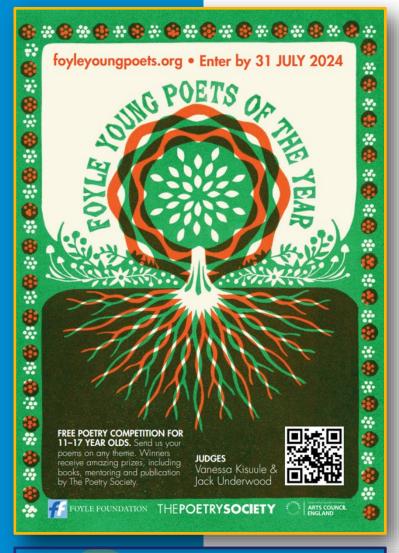
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Please keep up to date with school events by visiting our website at:-

School Event Calendar

### Key dates Summer Term 1

Date	Event
29.03.24 - 12.04.24	Easter Holiday
15.04.24	Summer term begins - Week A
18.04.24	Year 12 Parents' Evening
25.04.24	Year 10 Employer Engagement Day
30.04.24	Year 8 HPV Vaccinations
06.05.24	Bank Holiday
15 & 16.05.24	Year 7 New Entrants Sep' 2024 Welcome Meeting
15 - 17.05.24	Year 12 Geography Field trip
27.05.24 - 31.05.24	May half term

Our VISION is to prepare our students to EMBRACE opportunities and FULFIL ambitions.

We strive to ensure our KNOWN and KNOWN WELL and PREPARED for a future of LIFELONG LEARNING.

### Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter holiday.