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NEWSLETTER



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News from our Co - Headteachers

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of Our School Community,

As we come to the end of the first half term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly busy but incredibly positive and memorable start to the academic year at Shenfield High School.

There is a real sense of momentum in the school right now - whether in classrooms, in extra curricular activities, on stage, on the sports field or around the site, our students continue to demonstrate ambition, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of pride in their school.

One of our proudest moments this term was receiving the ALPs Platinum Award in recognition of our A Level results, which place us in the top 10% of schools nationally for value added. This outstanding achievement reflects not only the hard work and determination of our students, but also the dedication and expertise of our teaching and support staff.

Our recent Open Evening was another standout moment. We were overwhelmed by the number of students who volunteered to act as ambassadors and tour guides. Visitors were full of praise for their enthusiasm, courtesy, and pride in their school, and we couldn't be prouder of how they represented our school community.

Creativity and performance have also taken centre stage this half term. We had an incredible 120 students audition for our upcoming production of High School Musical - our largest turnout ever. The enthusiasm and talent on display were phenomenal, and we're very excited for what promises to be a fantastic show later this year.

Inspiring learning has gone beyond the classroom, too. A particular highlight was a visit from the poet Kimba, who brought spoken word and performance poetry to life in a way that left a lasting impression on students. His sessions encouraged creativity, confidence, and self-expression - core values we aim to nurture in all of our students.

In sport, we've made history. At the ESSA Cross Country County Round, all five of our teams qualified for the next stage - a first in the school's history. To see so many of our students performing at this level is both exciting and testament to their determination and team spirit, along with the dedication of our fantastic PE Department.

I would like to thank you, as always, for your continued support. It makes such a difference to have a strong partnership between school and home, and we never take it for granted.

As we now head into the half-term break, I hope all our students find time to rest, reflect and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in November, ready to build on this excellent start.

Warm regards,

Mrs Martin & Mr Rigg
Acting Co-Headteachers

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Platinum Award - Top 10% in the Country

Shenfield Sixth Form Shines Bright: Top 10% in the Country and Awarded Prestigious Platinum Status

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Key Stage 5 students who received their results this summer.

Thanks to their exceptional performance, Shenfield Sixth Form is now officially recognised in the top 10% of sixth forms across the country for value added progress. This remarkable accomplishment is further highlighted by our receipt of the coveted Platinum Award, a prestigious accolade that recognises the highest standards in teaching, student achievement, and overall sixth form experience, and places the Sixth Form in the top 10% of the country.

This success is a testament not only to the dedication of our students but also to the unwavering support and expertise of our teaching staff and the wider school community. Together, we continue to provide an environment where students are empowered to excel and reach their full potential.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students for their achievements and thank everyone who has contributed to making Shenfield Sixth Form a place of outstanding success.

Here's to a bright future filled with continued excellence!

A Level - Platinum Award

Alps

Top 10%

2025



SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 13th November
6pm - 8pm**

Head of Sixth Form Talks

6pm, 6.45pm, 7.45pm

Football Academy Talk 7.15pm

See website for more information



Sports Academies



Theatre Academy



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Sixth Form Open Evening - 13th November 2025

Our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday 13th November, from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, and we would be delighted to welcome you. Come and discover what makes Shenfield High School's vibrant Sixth Form such a fantastic place to learn and grow.

Explore the wide range of A Level and BTEC subjects on display in the Sports Hall, and take the chance to chat with our staff and students about life in the Sixth Form. We look forward to seeing you there as the evening runs through to 8.00pm.

The presentations in the Hall will be led by the Head of Sixth Form and the Senior Student Leadership Team.

The format for the evening will be:

Speeches in the Main Hall:

6.00pm – 6.20pm

6.45pm – 7.05pm

7.45pm - 8.00pm

Opportunities to view displays and talk to staff:
6.00pm – 8.00pm (all displays will be closed at 8.00pm)

Football Academy Talk 7.15pm (in the Main Hall)

For more information about our Sixth Form Open Evening and academies, please go to our website and follow our Instagram accounts.

#countdown #meetthesixthformcommunity



Sixth Form Academies



OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 25
FOOTBALL ACADEMY TALK 7:15PM ON 13/11/2025
TRIAL DATE - SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 26 - 4:00- 5:30PM

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Senior Student Leaders

Our Year 13 senior student leaders have made an excellent start to the year, settling quickly into their new leadership roles.

Abbie and Owen represented the Sixth Form brilliantly at the recent Open Evening, delivering confident and inspiring speeches to prospective students and their families.

The group has also shown great community spirit by supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning, helping to raise both money and awareness for a wonderful cause.

A huge thank you goes to all of our Sixth Form students who gave such a warm welcome to Year 6 visitors and their parents during our Open Mornings — your enthusiasm and professionalism are a credit to the school.



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#XTRA CURRICULAR				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Jazz Band Mr Oliver and Miss Lethbridge Monday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block Advanced Singers Mrs Lethbridge Monday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block Whole School Musical (Year 7-13) Emma Kain Monday 3 - 4pm X Block Art Club (KS5) Art Room Monday 3 - 4pm Art Learning Hub Mr Sains Monday 3 - 4pm Library	Jazz Band Mr Oliver and Miss Lethbridge Tuesday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block Ukulele Group Mrs Lewis and the Sixth Form Students Tuesday lunchtime X Block Art Club (Key stage 1) Art Room Tuesday lunchtime Art Art Club (KS5) Art Room Tuesday lunchtime Art Whole School Musical (Year 7-13) Emma Kain Tuesday 3 - 4pm X Block Learning Hub Mr Oliver Tuesday 3 - 4pm Library	Music Theory Mr Oliver Wednesday lunchtime X Block Fun Science Experiments Mrs Archard Wednesday lunchtime S11 Art Club (KS4) Art Room Wednesday lunchtime Art Engineering Club Dr Pope Wednesday 3 - 4pm S13 Workshop Learning Hub Mr Sains Wednesday 3 - 4pm Library	Shenfield Singers Mr Lethbridge and Miss Lethbridge Thursday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block X Band Mr Oliver Thursday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block Art Club (KS5) Art Room Thursday lunchtime Art Ink and Imagination: The Reading and Writing Society Mrs Archard and Miss Archard Thursday lunchtime S11 Whole School Musical (Year 7-13) Emma Kain Thursday 3 - 4pm X Block Art Club (Key stage 1) Art Room Thursday 3 - 4pm Art Learning Hub Mr Oliver Thursday 3 - 4pm Library	Shenfield Singers Miss Lethbridge Friday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block X Band Mr Oliver Friday 8:30 - 9:00am X Block Eco Club Mr Gray Friday Week 8 lunchtime PE Learning Hub Mr Sains Friday 3 - 4 pm Library
SAVE THE DATE - Lower School Play (Year 7-9 only) March 2026 - July 2026 lunchtimes and after school (TDQ)				
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Student Leaders

Student Leaders Launch Exciting House Projects!

Our Student Leadership Team has hit the ground running this term, launching an inspiring range of projects tied directly to our school's core House Values. This initiative empowers our students to be active agents of change, developing key skills while enhancing our school and local community.



The teams are already making excellent progress in the initial stages of their work:

Year 7 (Charity and Volunteering):

The Year 7 leaders are currently dedicated to researching and identifying local charities we can forge meaningful links with for the academic year. Their work will help define our school's charitable focus, embodying the spirit of Parks House.

Year 8 (Environment and Community):

Focused on our campus and local area, the Year 8 team is busy developing plans for a sensory garden to enhance our outdoor space. They are also investigating road safety around the school to ensure a safer environment for all students and families, a great example of Attenborough's community focus.

Years 9 & 10 (Wellbeing and Academics):

Our older student leaders are taking a data-driven approach. Both the Year 9 (Wellbeing) and Year 10 (Teaching and Learning) teams are busy creating comprehensive surveys. These surveys will gather crucial student data, giving their projects a strong foundation built on the authentic voices and experiences of their peers. This student-led research will be vital to improving aspects linked to Nightingale (wellbeing) and Harry (scholarship).

We are incredibly proud of the initiative and dedication shown by our student leaders. Their projects are a powerful demonstration of what we can achieve when students take the lead. We look forward to sharing more updates on their progress throughout the year!

	Key Focus Area	House Link & Values
Year 7	Charity and Volunteering	Parks: Resilience and Tolerance
Year 8	Environment and Community	Attenborough: Community and Discovery
Year 9	School Wellbeing	Nightingale: Care and Empathy
Year 10	Teaching and Learning	Harry: Leadership and Scholarship

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Sports Leaders

This term has seen our Sports Leadership team grow to 65 pupils across Year 7-9. They have already supported 10 events this half term including football, gymnastics, cross country and archery.

We have had just under 2000 primary pupils take part in events across 25 local primary schools. The leaders have been instrumental in ensuring these events have run smoothly and they have been perfect ambassadors for the school.

Over the course of the year all leaders will get several opportunities to help and all pupils will take part in a leadership day and a first aid course. We are excited to see them develop over the year and well done to all.



Our Sixth Form Football Academy students supporting 300 local primary pupils with our annual Shenfield Cup.

Year 9

Lyla M	Paige H
Mollie B	Chloe D
Amira K	Olivia B
Grace H	George W
Maisie M	Mitchell A
Jessica B	Matthew C
Sophie B	Jake M
Millie E	Douglas C
Isabella C	Dylan K
Lexi E	Ben P
Summer L	Archie P
Talia R	Brandon T
Georgina N	Benjamin A
	Alfie S

Year 8

Tara S	Freya E
Mercedes D	Charlie A
Grace D	Daniel F
Scarlett E	Digby L
Macie M	Ben W
Keira A-B	Dami M
Kaitlyn H	Max C
	Alfie B

Year 7

Evelyn M	Jessica M
Macey P	Lianne E
Edith O'G	Alessia W
Elsie M-B	Zach F
Arabella W	Owen C
Evie O	Lewis W
Nicole T	Matthew H
Bella D	Oliver H
Amelia V	Blake K
Kataleya M	Tommy M
Sarah P	Sonny A
Bonnie A-L	Oscar B

**Well
Done!**

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A graphic with the words "Well Done!" in a large, bubbly, yellow font with a red outline, set against a background of a globe.

HOUSE HEROES TOP ACHIEVERS
04.10.25 - 10.10.25
Robyn L Year 8

YEAR 8 KS3 C POINTS
04.10.25 - 10.10.25

YEAR 8 KS3 C POINTS
04.10.25 - 10.10.25

YEAR 9 KS3 C POINTS
04.10.25 - 10.10.25

YEAR 10 KS4 C POINTS
04.10.25 - 10.10.25

YEAR 11 KS4 C POINTS
04.10.25 - 10.10.25

FACULTY FOCUS

COMPETITION TIME

**Year 7
Geography**

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Year 7 First Half Term at Shenfield High School

What an amazing start our new Year 7 cohort have had to their new beginnings at Shenfield High School. Both Mrs Hyatt and myself have been so impressed with their presentation, manners and friendliness towards staff and each other.

As you can see from these pages, they have had a busy half term. Our cross country event was attended by the entire year group on 25th September with all students joining in. Even those who were unable to run were cheered on by their classmates as they walked the course.

Rafi from 7P and Lianne from 7R were the overall winners - an excellent achievement! Well done to all those who took part.

Drama had over 120 students audition for places in our next school production of 'High School Musical', with many from Year 7. All successful students are now busy with rehearsals, and we can't wait to see this show in February 2026.

Students throughout the school were once again invited to apply for the Student Leadership team roles. This involved writing a letter of application stating their reasons for applying and what they would be able to offer/bring to the role. Students then needed their application supported by a fellow student and a member of staff.

Mrs Hyatt and I were overwhelmed at the enthusiasm and desire to contribute to our school community and 12 of our Year 7 students have been selected to represent Year 7. What a fantastic accomplishment for those chosen.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Archie, Marnie, John and Sophie for getting on stage after only being with us for a month. We are very proud of you.

We wish you all a happy and safe extended half-term.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Mrs K Kalaitzis
Year 7 Pastoral Manager



Cross Country Winners

**Well
Done!**



Year 7 Ambassadors

Year 7 Student Leaders

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Year 7

Most conduct points achieved this half term

PLACE	NAME
1	Alfie H
2	Elsie M-B
3	Willow-Grace S
4	Zack F, Ollie M & Luke P,
5	Sara R
6	Lorcan M
7	Sophie G
8	Billy H & Luke S
9	Molly-Ann F
10	Lucia S

New Friends

This poem has been written by two Year 7 students Anais and Molly who met for the first time on their first day at Shenfield High School. This is a celebration of not only their poetry skills, but of one of the many budding friendships amongst our newest students

"2nd September, a very special day,
Coming into secondary school making our way.
Two strangers looking around,
For someone to talk to on the playground
Coming into class giving one another a smile,
Thinking of talking to one another for a while.
Then we went up to each other
And started chatting
Still to this day really good friends who can't stop yapping."



Mrs K's Most Outstanding Students



James J

Contribution
Commendation

We would also like to thank every single Year 7 student who gave up their time to showcase their school to the local community. They were brilliant and we are incredibly proud of them all.

James was given a 'Certificate of Commendation' in recognition of his outstanding assistance during Open Evening. A member of the public emailed in to personally commend James for his manners and his excellent tour. Congratulations and well done.



Bonnie A-L

Special Star

**Well
Done!**

Bonnie was awarded Mrs K's 'Special Star' for showing resilience and perseverance in overcoming her fears at Open Evening. Congratulations and well done.

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Year 7 Our First Term at Shenfield

Our Year 7 would like to tell you how their first half term has gone.



"In my first half term at Shenfield, there has already been so many fun things and I really look forward to even more stuff."

Evie

"I have enjoyed making new friends and finding my passion for rugby. It has been an amazing half term at Shenfield."

Reuben

"In my first term at Shenfield High School I have enjoyed many subjects as well as making new friends."

Aanya

Student Leader - House Captain

"I love Shenfield as we have Mrs Hyatt and Mrs K which makes school so enjoyable."

Jessica

"So far my experience of being part of the student leadership team has been fantastic and so fun! We have been researching about local charities to see which ones we can help and donate to. At our last meeting we chose a local charity to make a PowerPoint and have also planned to make our main charity 'Eyes of Africa' as it is quite a big one. I am really looking forward for the rest of the year and the future."

Scarlett

Student Leader - House Captain

"I love Shenfield as it has helped me academically and mentally. I love all my teachers."

Vivienne

"In my first term of Shenfield, it has been amazing and I have enjoyed everything including meeting new friends."

Emily

"It is a really fun school."

Nevaeh

"Shenfield is the best thing ever."

Jaxxon

"My name is Bonnie and I love Shenfield because people are so lovely and teach us great things. I am obsessed with sports so I am pleased that I am part of the JSA as it gives me the chance to showcase my talent. I also love my pastoral manager and head of year. These are only a few reasons why Shenfield is the Best!!!"

Bonnie A-L

"I love Shenfield because sports I've made so many friends. Mrs K and Mrs Hyatt (our pastoral manager and head of year) have made it so much easier."

Lucia

Student Leader - House Captain

"I've made lots of new friends and enjoy the adventure from moving class to class."

Jahmai

"In my first half term at Shenfield, I have enjoyed spending time in the pavilion and meeting all my new friends."

Arabella

"I found in my first term at Shenfield High School that I love all my teachers especially Mrs K. I love all of the sport. It is really fun."

Teddie.

"I am Freddie and I would like to talk about my time at Shenfield High School and what being a student here means to me. So far it has been very welcoming and enjoyable. It has been fun and I have learnt a lot. I think that the pavilion is a great idea because it lets us meet new people and socialise. I have also had the opportunity to be a student leaders for which I am very grateful. A student leader is an amazing role where I and my fellow student leaders can help the school make decisions and run charity events."

Freddie

Student Leader - House Captain

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Year 8

Most conduct points achieved this half term

PLACE	NAME
1	Eliza W
2	Harry T
3	Florence S
4	Bella C & Eliza S
5	Riley L
6	Robyn L
7	Fredie-Lee M
8	Miguel S
9	Brooke D & Scarlett-Rose N
10	Tristan T & Lucas V

School Ambassadors

A special mention must also go to our incredible ambassadors across all year groups who represented the school so impressively during Open Evening and Open Morning. Parents and visitors were full of praise, commenting on how friendly, knowledgeable, and welcoming you all were. You made a fantastic impression and showed exactly what makes our year group so special. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered — you've made the school extremely proud.



Year 8 were selected to independently show our visitors around the school during Open Mornings.

Read more about our Open Evening on page 21



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Year 9

Most conduct points achieved this half term

PLACE	NAME
1	Riley K
2	Summer L
3	Henry C-P
4	Phoebe B & Jack T
5	Ryan O'S & Zachary S
6	Charlie T
7	Henri S
8	Bobby B & Alarni S
9	Femi O-A
10	Elsie-May N, Devon O, Harry P & Alfie S



Year 9 have returned since September with a new sense of focus and progress within their lessons. Through assemblies and form time activities the year group have been setting targets for the upcoming year and been introduced to the idea of their Options and the process ahead. This last week has been busy with lots of assessments after the first half term of learning and the students definitely deserve a good rest over the next week and a half.

One of the most exciting things to happen so far is our new starters in our Combined Cadet Force (CCF). The new students who have signed up have just received their uniform and been involved in some of the first steps; looking extremely smart around school on a Thursday. If any students are keen to get involved still then please come and see Major Maynard and Captain Brooks on your return after half term and find out what is involved and how to sign up.

As always, the year group have had a busy half term of sport – netball for both the A & B team, rugby with both the boys and girls in Essex Cup and Festival action and the boys and girls football teams are already busy with matches in Mid Essex, Essex & National Cups.

Alongside this, Mrs Arnold has been extremely impressed with the Year 9s jumping at the opportunities to lead primary school events over the first half term, especially when it comes to football and gymnastic events.

Mr Chapman
Year 9 Head Of Year

Well Done!



16.10.2025

shenfieldhighschoolpe Exciting news just in from Mrs Cos! Our Year 9 girls netballers won the Brentwood District title this evening. All 7 Brentwood schools were in attendance and our girls backed up their excellent showing at the Essex tournament to come out on top against some strong school teams. 🏆💖🎉👏

#ShenfieldNetball

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Year 10

Most conduct points achieved this half term

PLACE	NAME
1	Eloise S
2	Jhazzielle M
3	Charlie H & Jamie-Leigh J
4	Emilia D & Casper N
5	Molly F & Will H
6	Belle H & Isaac M
7	Isabella-Brooke A & Sophie M
8	Dillon N
9	Molola O & Scarlett P
10	Gabriella G & Rachel W

Year 10



www.instagram.com/p/DOOrSKiA68/?img_index=1



sheenfieldhighschool.co.uk Congratulations Y10 student Egor who is just back from representing his Latvia in where he scored an absolute brilliant #sheenfield #latvia 🏆❤️👏👏👏



sheenfieldhighschool.co.uk Being now to report Egor C in year 10 has been selected for the England U17 Futsal Talent Programme. He recently attended trials in Northampton and will now represent the England U17 Futsal for 2 years in the build up to the U19 European Championships in 2027. Egor currently represents Sheenfield Futsal Club who play in the National Futsal League. 🏆❤️👏👏👏

We would like to congratulate Egor J and Ethan C for representing their countries. Egor had the opportunity to play for Latvia at the Riga FC Stadium and Ethan has been selected for the England U17 Futsal Talent Programme. We are very proud of both boys and their incredible achievements.

Both Mrs Benjamin and I are extremely impressed with the majority of our 240 Year 10 pupils for their effort, focus, drive and determination this term. The options process required considerable time and energy from both pupils and parents to ensure that everyone made the right choices for their GCSE pathways. Mr Clifford worked tirelessly to make sure that, on returning to school in September, all pupils were able to follow their chosen options successfully.

From our observations in lessons, it is clear that pupils are enjoying their option subjects — including Film, 3D Studies, Art and Design, and Food Technology — many of which are being taught by new teachers this year.

As the term continues, Year 10 pupils are engaging in assessments across both their core and option subjects. Mrs Benjamin, the Year 10 form tutors, and I will be closely tracking pupils' academic progress and supporting them to achieve their full potential.

We are also incredibly proud of the large number of Year 10 pupils who have represented the school with distinction in a range of sporting activities, including rugby, horse riding, football and cricket. Their sporting excellence is something we can all celebrate.

Several pupils also continue to be actively involved in the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), and it is always a pleasure to see them wearing their smart uniforms with pride.

This term we have welcomed a few new pupils into Year 10, and they have integrated seamlessly into the year group.

Finally, we would like to thank parents and guardians for their continued support with attendance. We aim for every pupil to achieve at least 95% attendance, as there is a clear link between good attendance and academic success.

Mr Fletcher
Year 10 Head of Year

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Year 10 Hyde Hall Art Trip

This term we have been fortunate enough to take our Year 10 Fine Art students on a trip to RHS Hyde Hall.

Students enjoyed a day of photography and workshops which will underpin their Natural Forms project. This trip was a wonderful opportunity for our students to experiment with media and develop their own photography through the wonderful variation of plants in the garden.

We would like to thank Hyde Hall and our fantastic Year 10 students for making the day a huge success.



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Year 11

Most conduct points achieved this half term

PLACE	NAME
1	Fran R
2	Stephanie S
3	Charlotte S
4	Sophie H, Izabelle K, Riley M & Charlie-Romero Y
5	Shivam D
6	Devon H, Sadie S & Ava T
7	Amber J
8	Rogue K
9	Sophie P
10	Jessica J, Mason L & Derrick O

Year 11 Prefects

We are thrilled to announce that 16 of our most dedicated and hardworking Year 11 students have been appointed as prefects.

This prestigious honour was awarded not only based on a rigorous written application - completed over the summer holidays - but also in recognition of their consistent commitment and exemplary conduct throughout four years at Shenfield High School. These students truly embody the positive values and spirit we celebrate in our school community.

Our newly appointed prefects are excited to begin their roles, working closely with their selected departments and various areas of the school. They will collaborate with Year Team staff during lunchtimes to support younger students and assist with key school events such as Open Evenings, Parents' Evenings, and other whole-school activities. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across the school.



Emily, Lucy, Krishna, Lilly, Maisy, Shivam, Phoebe, Amanda, Tia, Heidi,
Stephanie, Charlotte, Livy, Louise, Libbie, Paige

#challenge #contribution #collaboration

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Year 11 Revision Support

YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM 2025

Subject	Revision type	Day and time	Room	Teacher
Fine Art	Coursework Catch-up	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-4pm	Art	All Teachers
Biology	Revision sessions	Monday 3-4pm Friday 8-8:40am	S15 S55	Mrs Turner-Smith Mr Allum
Business Studies	Paper 1 theory and exam technique	Tuesday 3-4pm	T58	Mrs Bellworthy
Chemistry	Revision session	Wednesday 3-4pm	S52	Mr Richards
Drama	Revision sessions	Monday 3-4pm	X2A	Miss Kelly
Engineering	Coursework catch-up	Wednesday 3-4pm	Workshop	Dr Pope
English	Literature revision Language revision	Monday 3-4pm Tuesday lunchtimes	E50 E59	All Teachers
Enterprise and Marketing	Coursework Catch-up	Every Lunchtime	T58	All Teachers
Film Studies	Revision Techniques/Drop In/ Coursework Catch Up	Monday Week 4 and Monday Week 5 - 1.30pm-2.00pm	I72	Mr Sheriff
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Drop-in session Technical Skills Club	Monday After School and Thursday Lunchtimes Friday after school	T58 T58	Mr Costello Mr Costello
French	Skills-based revision dependent on upcoming exams (speaking, writing, listening and reading)	Thursday lunchtime	H17	Ms Shaunik
Geography	Drop-in session Exam practice and advice	Friday lunchtime Monday 3-4	H63 H63	Mr Springett Mr Springett
Health and Social Care	Coursework catch-up	Every lunchtime and Thursday after school	C60	Mrs Marks and Mrs Smith
Maths	Aiming for Grade 7 (Higher)	Mondays 3-4pm	C93	Mr Russell
	Aiming for Grade 6 (Higher)	Wednesdays 3-4pm	C77	Mrs Taneja
	Aiming for Grade 5 (Foundation) Spark Maths Drop In	Wednesdays 3-4pm Tuesday lunchtimes	C94 C60	Mrs Bollington and Mr Miller Maths Teachers
Music	Listening and Appraising music theory Composition Intervention and Drop-in	Monday 3-4pm Wednesday 3-4pm	Music Music	Mr Willsher Miss Lohredo and Mr Willsher
PE	Revision sessions	Tuesday lunchtimes	C51/C52	Mr Hall and Ms Cosentino
Performing Arts	Coursework catch-up	Every lunchtime	Drama	Miss Sherwood
Physics	Revision session	Friday 3-4pm	T17	Dr Pope
Sociology	Revision sessions	Wednesday 3-4pm	H14	Miss Leigh, Mr Ireland and Mr Bishop
Spanish	Skills-based revision dependent on upcoming exams (speaking, writing, listening and reading)	Tuesday lunchtime	H14	Mr Shaunik
The Learning Hub	Online resources, group revision, silent revision - all subjects	Monday to Friday 3-4pm	Library	Mr Clifford and Mrs Towns

Sixth Form Academic Mentors Supporting Study

This term, a number of our Sixth Form students have taken on the role of Academic Mentors, providing valuable support to students in independent study sessions as they prepare for their GCSEs.

Working closely with younger pupils, the mentors offer guidance, encouragement, and subject-specific help - creating a supportive environment where students can build confidence and develop effective study habits.

It's been fantastic to see how this peer-led initiative not only benefits those receiving help but also gives our Sixth Formers the opportunity to develop leadership, communication, and teaching skills.

A big thank you to all involved



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World Challenge 2027

Additional opportunity for Year 11 and 12

After the opportunity to go to Vietnam sold out for 2027, the current Year 11 and 12s have been presented with a chance to visit Morocco on another World Challenge expedition.

This amazing adventure will give students the chance to acclimatise in Marrakech before heading to a community initiative, helping a school to build some much-needed infrastructure as well as mixing with the students and locals. The group will then head off to among the High Atlas Mountains, sleeping under the stars and culminating in reaching the summit of Mount Toubkal over 4000m up!

They'll then head to the coast to rest their weary legs, visiting Essaouira engaging in local crafts and cooking before heading back to Marrakech to discover more of The Red City, doing some off-road biking and exploring the markets and souks.

If you are interested in taking up this opportunity then check out the Zoom recording below and visit the trip sign up page.

Zoom recording – <https://youtu.be/uuMPiCek8As>

Sign-up page - <https://weareworldchallenge.com/trips/en5yk3v/>



World Challenge Expedition 2025 - See next page to find out more



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World Challenge 2025 eSwatini & Kruger National Park



15 Shenfield students headed to eSwatini just before the end of the summer term to take part in an opportunity of a lifetime. After 24 hours of travelling, the group started the trip with an unplanned detour to a hostel in Johannesburg before catching a bus across to eSwatini the next morning.

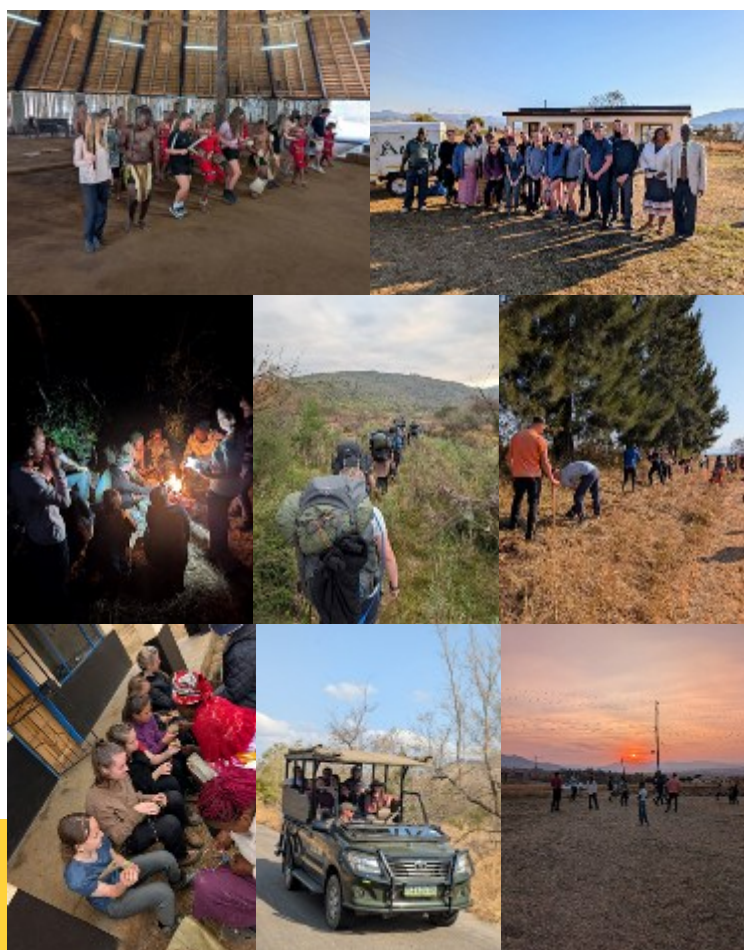
The group settled into their first campsite before visiting the Mantenga Cultural Village to learn about the country's traditional homesteads. The group then travelled on to their community initiative at a Neighbourhood Care Point, which provides food, shelter and childcare for the local community.

Throughout the next few days, the group helped to dig a trench up to a water source to provide clean water for the NCP, engaging and working with the local residents as well as enjoying a 4-3 win in an evening football match against the locals. The students finished up their time at the NCP with a traditional Swazi meal before heading to their trekking phase.

The Ngwempisi River & Ridge trek involved 3 nights and 4 days of trekking and camping in the African wilderness.

The team camped by riverbeds, in rock lodges and did some wild camping in between their tough and treacherous trekking, as well as bonding over the evening campfires.

The expedition wrapped up with two nights and three days in Kruger National Park, with early morning, whole day and late-night safaris to see all the incredible wildlife as well as a slap-up group meal to end the trip on a high. After another day of travel the students, all reflected on what an incredible adventure they'd enjoyed as Mr Chapman and Miss Matthews handed them back over to their parents!



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We are on Instagram!

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@shsdramapa



A huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you who follows, likes, shares, and supports our school community on Instagram.

Your support helps us:

- Share student achievements
- Celebrate creativity and events
- Connect with families, stakeholders, and the wider community
- Showcase the spirit and values that make our school special

Every follow is more than just a number — it's a sign that our stories matter and that our community is growing stronger together. Here's to the next 1,000!

Weekly updates include:

#househeroes

#worthamention #WAM

#facultyfocus

#events

#learningforlife

.....and much more!

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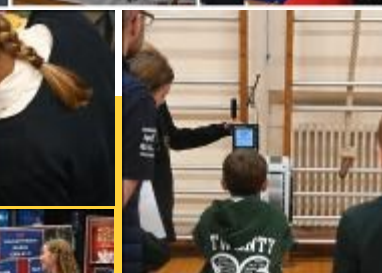
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Open Evening and Tours

Our recent Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October was a fantastic success, with standing-room-only speeches and bustling corridors as students and parents explored everything Shenfield High School has to offer. Visitors enjoyed madcap experiments in science, a wide range of sporting activities from our incredible PE department, beautiful artwork, and musical performances throughout the evening. Every department pulled out all the stops to showcase our incredible students and the brilliant learning experiences on offer.

Following this, our Open Mornings on Tuesday 7th October and Monday 13th October were equally popular. Parents were able to experience a typical day at Shenfield, observing lessons and seeing our students engaged and working diligently.

We always value these opportunities to connect with families and share the vibrant life of our school. It's a pleasure to highlight the achievements of our students and the many exciting opportunities available here at Shenfield High School.



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An Inspiring Visit from Performance Poet Kimba



We were thrilled to welcome the incredible performance poet Kimba to Shenfield High School recently. Our Year 7 students had the amazing opportunity to experience Kimba's infectious energy and creativity firsthand. His dynamic performance, full of rhythm, wit, and his signature "secret sauce" SHAMPOO, had the whole school buzzing with excitement about poetry.

Following the performance, students took part in engaging writing workshops led by Kimba himself. These sessions allowed our young poets to experiment with language, rhythm, and storytelling, and they were a huge hit with everyone involved.

Adding to the excitement, many of our students were lucky enough to receive signed copies of Kimba's recent book, *Write the Wrongs*, making the day even more memorable. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and inspiration flowing through the students as they explored new ideas and approaches to poetry.

We hope to welcome Kimba back to Shenfield High School very soon for more unforgettable SHAMPOO-inspired poetry adventures.

19 Shenfield High School Students Published

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Cora W	Hannah O	Clara K	Emma P
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Our Key Stage 3 students recently participated in The Young Writers' Grim Tales Writing Challenge. Following our gothic scheme of work and inspired by the style of classic grim tales, students were encouraged to craft original narratives. Students had to reimagine traditional fairy tales with their own dark and imaginative twists. All things mysterious, macabre and magical were explored in their terrifying tales.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this challenge. We had some outstanding submissions and are delighted that 19 of our students' stories were selected for publication.

Huge congratulations to our talented young writers! We are so proud of what you have achieved.

To see Kimba working with our students please go to
www.instagram.com/p/DPQs15iAsdz/



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Celebrating the CCF at our Open Evening

At this year's Open Evening, our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) truly rose to the challenge. With enthusiasm and confidence, our cadets engaged with prospective parents and Year 6 visitors, proudly explaining the many advantages that being part of the CCF offers.

Throughout the evening, cadets demonstrated how their experiences have helped them to overcome shyness, build confidence, and develop strong leadership and teamwork skills. They spoke about how the discipline, communication, and resilience they've gained will serve them well in further education and whatever careers they choose in the future.

Visitors were also able to get hands-on with a variety of activities — including a lucky dip of army ration packs, first aid demonstrations, and, of course, the ever-popular camouflage cream station, which proved a huge hit with the many enthusiastic Year 6 pupils touring the school!

Our cadets were outstanding ambassadors for the school, embodying the values of confidence, commitment, and camaraderie that lie at the heart of the CCF.

For more information about joining the cadets at Shenfield High School, please contact CCF@shenfield.essex.sch.uk



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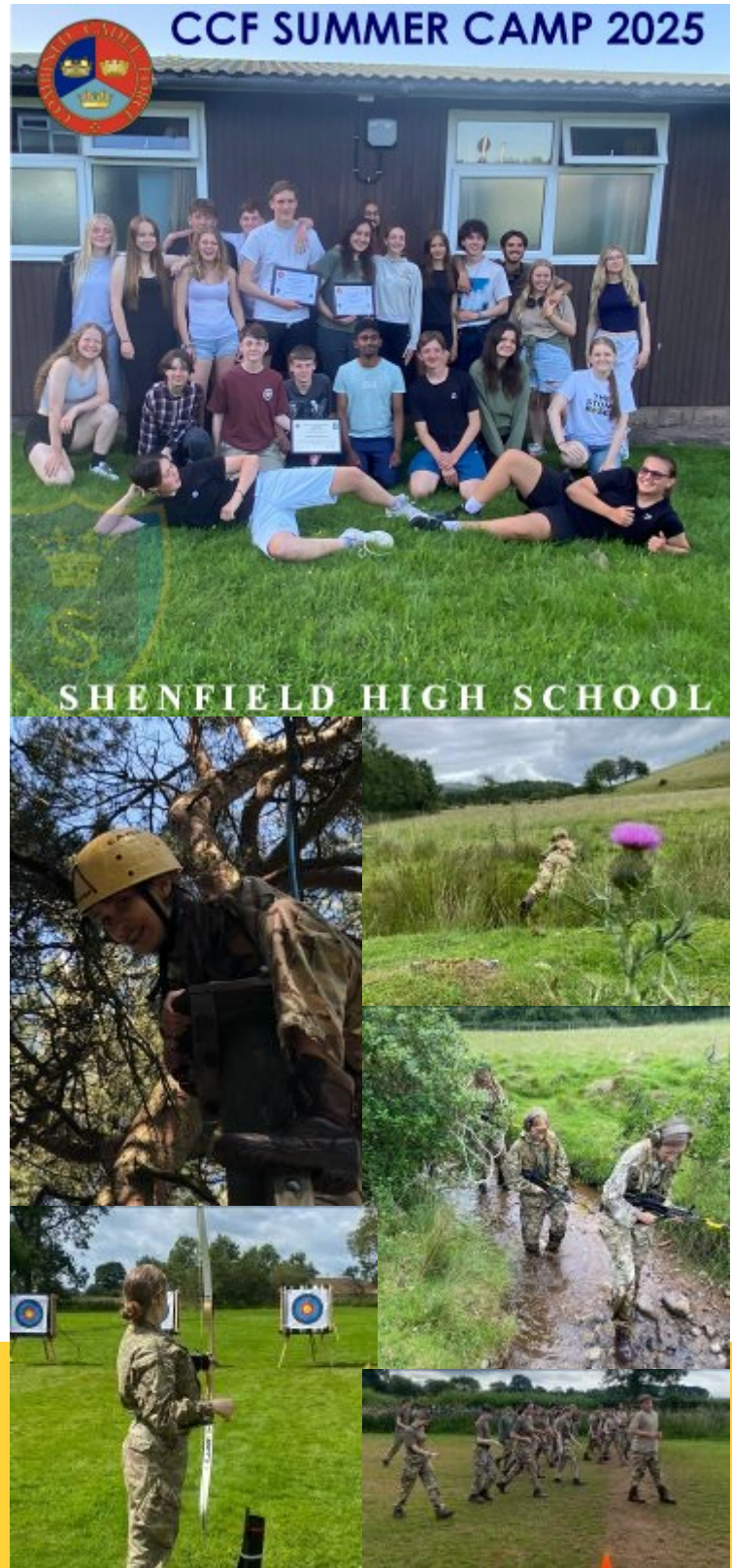
CCF Summer Camp

CCF Summer Camp – Warcop, Cumbria (End of Summer Term 2025)

To round off the Summer Term 2025, 26 of our Year 10–13 cadets travelled north to Warcop in Cumbria — just a stone’s throw from the Scottish border. Of course, no CCF road trip would be complete without the traditional stop at the “Golden Arches,” providing some much-needed fuel for the long journey!

Upon arrival, cadets were allocated to their Army billets before embarking on a full week of challenging and rewarding activities. We were blessed with fantastic weather throughout the week, which made the most of the stunning Cumbrian scenery and provided the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable camp experience. One of the major highlights was the live firing range day, where every cadet achieved highly respectable scores. Special congratulations go to Senior NCO Luke, who earned the difficult and prestigious Marksman qualification. All cadets have since been awarded the relevant weapons badge, which they can now proudly display on their CCF uniforms.

Another standout event was the Adventurous Training (AT) day, which pushed cadets well out of their comfort zones. The day featured a range of physically and mentally demanding activities — including some that tested a few cadets’ fear of heights — but all showed outstanding courage and determination. The day also included a short bushcraft session, Bear Grylls-style, where cadets learned practical survival skills and got hands-on experience with classic outdoor techniques. The contingent also competed in a drill parade against other units, demonstrating the discipline and teamwork that have been the hallmark of their training throughout the year.



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CCF Summer Camp-cont'

The traditional overnight exercise formed the culmination of the week. Designed to test leadership, fieldcraft, and resilience, the exercise saw cadets sleeping out in the forest and cooking their own meals using army rations. This year, the contingent was split into three sections and tasked with conducting a reconnaissance of a mock "enemy" position — a purpose-built assault house located on exposed high ground and featuring its very own helipad, making it even more challenging to approach undetected.

In a tactical twist, Capt Brooks and Maj Maynard were directed to assign less experienced cadets to lead the reconnaissance, giving them an invaluable opportunity to develop leadership skills under pressure. The teams gathered intelligence on enemy numbers, vehicles, and weapon systems before leading a dawn assault the following morning. Under the command of their junior NCOs, the attack was executed with precision and determination — and we are pleased to report that the 'enemy' was successfully neutralised and the objective fully secured.

The week also included a demanding physical training day, featuring a replica field gun challenge inspired by the famous Royal Tournament Field Gun competition between Devonport and Portsmouth who annually competed for the Brickfield Trophy. The cadets enjoyed the experience so much that we are now exploring ways to raise funds — around £4,000 — to purchase our own field gun and limber, with the aim of turning it into an inter-house competition in future across the wider school community. Any offers of sponsorship, introductions to corporate funding or support would be greatly appreciated.

After an action-packed and thoroughly rewarding week, the contingent returned to school tired but proud. We also bid farewell to our Battery Sergeant Major Stephanie and Regimental Sergeant Major Nathan, who leave at the end of Sixth Form to pursue careers within the public services. We thank them both for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to the CCF, and wish them every success for the future.

The camp concluded with the traditional end-of-camp briefing from the Camp Commander and RSM. We were delighted to hear that our very own Daisy received outstanding praise, being described as "the best section commander the training team and RSM had seen over the entire three-week period." Considering the camp involved more than 1,400 cadets from across the South East, this is a truly remarkable achievement — and one that reflects the professionalism and teamwork of our entire contingent.

It was, without doubt, a week to remember — blessed with great weather, breathtaking scenery, and the perfect mix of challenge, achievement, and camaraderie — a fitting way to end the Summer Term 2025.



Capt. Brooks
Contingent Commander

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Jack Petchey Awards

On Monday 20th September our 2024 – 2025 Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners received their medallions at an awards event alongside other Brentwood schools.

This Annual extravaganza gives an opportunity for our students to be publicly recognised not only by their peers but also by the wider community.

We are able to recognise and award nine students each year for a plethora of reasons that align with our core school values.

Many congratulations to our award winners: Lily, Nathan, Alfie, Daisy, Thevindu, Maisy, Oliver, Ava and Cara.



Each of our award winners were nominated by a member of the Shenfield High School community who recognised and wanted to reward their efforts to achieve their best in some aspect of their lives.

Reading the full citations from these nominators is truly inspiring and makes you incredibly proud of the achievements of our young people. These are students though known well in our school and are thoroughly deserving of this award.

"He is a master at juggling his numerous commitments across his education-sport-work and CCF, he will always make himself available to support his peers and students in younger years to become better versions of themselves, using active encouragement and his ever-present cheeky smile and humorous banter." Alfie

'Lily has dedicated her own time to supporting the art department Lily willingly shared her work with parents and prospective students showing superb interpersonal skills. Lily was highly successful at not only emphasising the values of the art department, but the school as a whole.' Lily

'Nathan delivered potentially life-saving first aid to the student, alerted staff members to the emergency, all the while remaining calm and level-headed. He showed a level of maturity and compassion beyond his years.' Nathan

"I believe she embraces the ethos and purpose of the scheme..... she has proven to be such a strong, focused student who throws herself into her work and extra-curricular activities. She is a hard-working student, excelling in her studies who always sets an example to others. She is an inspiration to all.' Ava

'She is an outstanding role model to her peers, taking total responsibility for her work and learning, she is always on time and always works to the best of her ability.showing a clear sense of community and desire to fulfil her potential.' Daisy

'Maisy is an ally to her friends, but also the wider school community and beyond. She thrives on challenge and, even when faced with unforeseen difficulties, she perseveres to overcome. She is a fantastic role model and exceptional member of our community, looking out for everyone, including staff.' Maisy

'She has proven herself to be an outstanding student who upholds the values we pride ourselves on as a school. She is a strong, focused student who throws herself into her work and extra-curricular activities.' Cara

'I believe he embraces the ethos and purpose of the scheme. He is a hard-working student who always sets an example to others. He has embraced the opportunities offered at Shenfield High School and shows a clear sense of community.' Oliver

'Thevindu has faced many challenges in recent years, yet despite these obstacles he is the most diligent, hardworking and smiley young man you can meet. He is a real inspiration to us all' Thevindu

"The Achievement Awards are primarily about recognising those who put in the effort and do their best."
Sir Jack Petchey CBE

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Meet our new Careers Lead



I would like to introduce myself as the new Careers Lead / Coordinator at Shenfield High School.

My name is Mrs Wood and I am looking forward to working alongside staff and in partnership with you, your child and the many providers who support making careers provision such an important part of student's education, helping them to explore their future career paths.

I have worked in education for 18 years, the last eight of which have been in careers linked roles, administering work experience programmes and arranging a variety of careers related events such as Careers Fairs, Mock Interviews and student workshops.

I am passionate about helping students discover their interests and strengths and where they might lead them in the future, and my goal is to provide them with the necessary guidance and resources to successfully transition from school into the world of work or further education.

Both the school and I are fully aware of the responsibility to help students as individuals reach their best outcomes to help them progress in education and work.

We rely on outside partnerships to deliver on this responsibility, and I would welcome contact from any person or company that would like to contribute, have any questions or would like to be involved.

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The school invites outside providers to assist with Mock Interviews, Work Experience, Skills Workshops, Employer Engagement events, and in the delivery of information about available options Post-16/18 including apprenticeships, T-Levels and Higher Technical qualifications. If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please get in touch and I can talk you through how this works in more detail.

I will continue to deliver information about careers events and opportunities regularly via termly newsletters and emails, but in the meantime please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to be involved.

Thank you,

S. Wood



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New School Minibuses



We're proud to announce that our school's minibuses have been newly branded and sign written to display our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) identity, alongside the insignia of our affiliated regiment, the 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery.

These new designs do more than just look impressive – they reflect the spirit, pride, and discipline that define our CCF contingent. With clear regimental colours and official insignia, the minibuses now carry our cadets in style and with a strong sense of belonging wherever they go.

The refreshed branding celebrates our ongoing partnership with the 7th Parachute Regiment RHA and stands as a visible reminder of the values we share: commitment, teamwork, leadership, and service.

In the accompanying photo, two of our senior Year 11 cadets proudly stand beside one of the newly branded vehicles, representing the dedication and leadership that characterise our CCF.

Keep an eye out for our newly branded vehicles around the community – they're not just modes of transport, but symbols of pride and connection between our school, our cadets, and the British Army family.

Bookbuzz 2025: The Results Are In!

All of our Year 7 students have now ordered their Bookbuzz 2025 titles — and the results are in! After weeks of browsing, debating, and voting, here are this year's most popular choices:

- 1st Place: *The Nine Night Mystery* – murder most horrid clearly appeals to our curious Year 7s (58 orders)
- 2nd Place: *Stitch Head* – proof that comic books for the win still holds true (33 orders)
- 3rd Place: *I Am Rebel* – it seems sad dog face stories are always a winner with our readers (26 orders)

Bookbuzz Winners and Guest Speaker

There's even more exciting news — Shenfield High School has won the national Bookbuzz competition! As part of our prize, we'll be welcoming author Ashley Thorpe in November to talk about her fantastic novel, *The Boy to Beat the Gods*.

Once the books arrive, we'll be celebrating with:

- Reading sessions across the year group
- Competitions, including the Battle of the Bookbuzz Books (say that ten times fast!)
- Book swaps and book reviews
- Prizes for our most engaged readers and collaborators

We can't wait to see which books become the next big favourites at Shenfield — happy reading, everyone.

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The Learning Hub Continues to Grow

The Learning Hub is going from strength to strength this term! Running after school from 3–4pm, it's open to all students who want a quiet, supportive space to complete homework or get extra help from teachers.



We're particularly pleased to see a growing number of Year 11 students attending regularly. Many have commented on how much they value the personalised support and focused environment the Hub provides — perfect for revision and exam preparation.

We're also putting out a call to parents: if you have any spare or no-longer-needed revision guides at home, we'd love to give them a new life in our Learning Hub. These resources make a real difference to students who may not have access to them at home.

Donations can be dropped off at the library — thank you for helping us support every student's learning journey!

The Aspirational Learning Pathway Returns!

We're excited to announce the return of the Aspirational Learning Pathway (ALP) after-school sessions — now in their third year! These sessions give some students the chance to explore new interests, develop practical skills, and stretch their creativity beyond the classroom.

After half term, Year 8 students will be joining Dr Pope in the workshop for an exciting Engineering project, where they'll design, make, and sell Christmas decorations. Meanwhile, Year 9 will be exploring film production and film history with Mr Towns, Mr Alexander and Mr Sheriff, delving into the creative and technical sides of filmmaking.

We can't wait to see the amazing things our students produce this term. Year 7 ALP sessions will begin after Christmas, so parents should keep an eye out for invitations later next term.



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Year 9 History Interhouse Competition



History students have been learning all about the First World War and why this really was a 'world' war. We have been learning about the experiences of different people from all over the world and how they contributed to the war effort.

The History Department would like to invite Year 9 students to participate in this year's Forgotten Armies Competition. All participants will win C points and the top entries will win points for their house. Additionally, these entries will be entered into the National Forgotten Armies Competition.

The competition will run between the whole year group and we would love it if you would take part.

There are two way students can do to enter. Either:

Write a speech or a poem that could be read at a Remembrance Assembly or other event to honour the contribution made by one of these "Forgotten Armies".

Or:

Design a war memorial or a wreath dedicated to one of these groups.

DEADLINE:

Monday 10th November

If you have any questions, please see Ms Barrett in H56.

Alternatively, please click on the link below for further details about the national competition.

<https://www.westernfrontassociation.com/latest-news/2025/june-2025/2025-2026-autumn-project-with-prizes-for-12-14-year-olds-the-world-s-war-and-forgotten-armies/>

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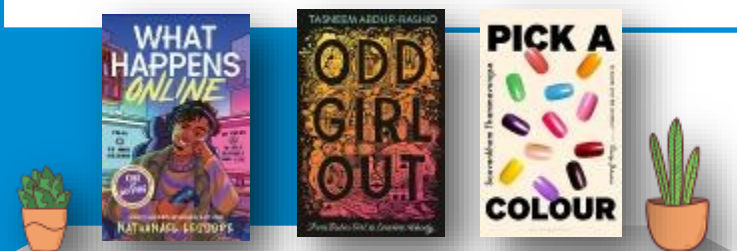
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Shelf Life

Welcome to Shelf Life – our new, termly book recommendation feature. Each edition, we'll share brilliant reads for students, parents, and staff, from gripping thrillers to powerful stories and hidden gems. Whether you're looking for your next holiday read or something to spark discussion at home, this is the place to start.

Look out for fresh picks every term — happy reading!



For fans of Gaming and Streaming

Book Review: What Happens Online

by Nathanael Lessore



This one's ideal for readers into gaming, online life, or social issues. Fred is almost invisible at school, but as "Existor," his gaming/streaming alter-ego, he's popular. When things in his home life get harder, he's tempted to use his online voice in ways that might hurt others. When rumours spiral, it becomes tough for Fred to juggle who he really is and who others see him as. A thoughtful, gripping read, especially relevant in our digital world.

Why we recommend it:

- ✓ A gripping read for anyone who loves gaming or social media.
- ✓ Explores big themes like online identity and kindness in a modern way.
- ✓ Great for reluctant readers — short chapters and loads of energy.

For fans of Drama and Friendship

Book Review: Odd Girl Out by Tasneem Abdur-Rashid



What happens when your life suddenly changes — and everyone expects you to stay the same? Maaryah's family splits, her home moves from Dubai to Essex, and she stands out at her new school, especially as the only hijab. Between friendship troubles, new routines, and trying to stay true to herself, she learns that "fitting in" might mean standing out in all the right ways. A heartfelt, funny, and sharp book all about identity, family, and courage.

Why we recommend it:

- ✓ A brilliant, relatable story about friendship, belonging and identity.
- ✓ Perfect for readers who enjoyed Wonder or And the Stars Were Burning Brightly.
- ✓ Shows that being different is something to be proud of.

And one for the grown ups

Book Review: Pick a Colour
by Souvankham Thannavongsa



Set over one summer day in a small, Canadian nail salon, this novel peels back the layers of everyday lives: the customers, the staff, their expectations, their regrets. The salon is owned by Ning, a retired boxer, and staffed by workers who all share the name "Susan" — a symbolic touch that raises questions about identity, anonymity, and how we present ourselves. Through subtle detail, internal monologue, and quiet tension, Thannavongsa explores labour, migration, beauty, and what it means to be seen (or unseen).

Why we recommend it:

- ✓ It turns the everyday into something meaningful — ordinary conversations and routines become windows into larger issues like identity, power and belonging.
- ✓ The writing is precise and thoughtful; the narrator's reflections stay with you long after finishing.
- ✓ Great for readers who enjoy literary fiction that isn't "plot-driven" but rich in character, setting, and emotional nuance

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MFL News

Year 6 Open Evening

We were very enthused to see the buzz around French and Spanish at the Year 6 Open Evening, held earlier this month. Lots of very engaged prospective students, and it was heartwarming to see so many of the student tour guides speak so well about language learning – surely the best advertising we can have! A special mention for Mr Norman, who was drawing the crowds with the activities that he was involving the children in – at the cost of his own voice the next day!

Year 11 Mocks

Preparations are underway for the Year 11 Mocks, beginning with French and Spanish Speaking during the week commencing 10th November 2025. Mrs Shaunak-Hobbs will be leading the preparation sessions in the Main Hall and T7 for both languages during normal lesson slots – thanks to her for making all of this possible. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that Mrs Shaunak-Hobbs can facilitate the sessions by making sure that students have their equipment (all exercise books from Year 10 and Year 11, Grammar & Translation Workbooks and pens in the usual colours!).

Appointment times for speaking exams/assessments will be provided to students during the week beginning 3rd November.

Barcelona Trip

MFL Trip to Barcelona 2026 – Information Evening

Please note that there will be an Information Evening about the upcoming trip to Barcelona on 6th November 2025 from 6pm in the main hall. Please make every effort to attend if you have signed your child up for this opportunity, as there will be important advice to pass on and we can deal with any specific issues relating to participants face-to-face.

We look forward to seeing you!



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Performing Arts

Record GCSE and A-Level Results!

Outstanding Results in Drama and Dance!

We are incredibly proud of our Drama and Dance students for their exceptional achievements during the summer. Our Year 11 Tech Award Dance students achieved an amazing 100% Level 2 Distinction* – Level 2 Merit (equivalent to GCSE Grades 9–6/5). GCSE Drama students celebrated 92% Grade 9–4, and our A-Level Theatre Studies students achieved an outstanding 100% A*–C for the fifth consecutive year!

An amazing well done to all our talented and hardworking students!

If you are interested in finding out more about our KS4 and KS5 courses please contact the Performing Arts Team Leader, Ms Sherwood – e.sherwood@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

Open Evening

A huge thank you to all our JPAA students who supported our Open Evening earlier this month. The event featured an incredible range of performances, alongside engaging live singing and dance workshops led by our external teachers, Miss Hollingsworth and Beth.

Prospective parents and students were thoroughly impressed by the exceptional talent, confidence, and professionalism demonstrated throughout the evening. Thank you for being such outstanding ambassadors — warmly engaging with our Year 6 visitors and their families, and so passionately representing our department.

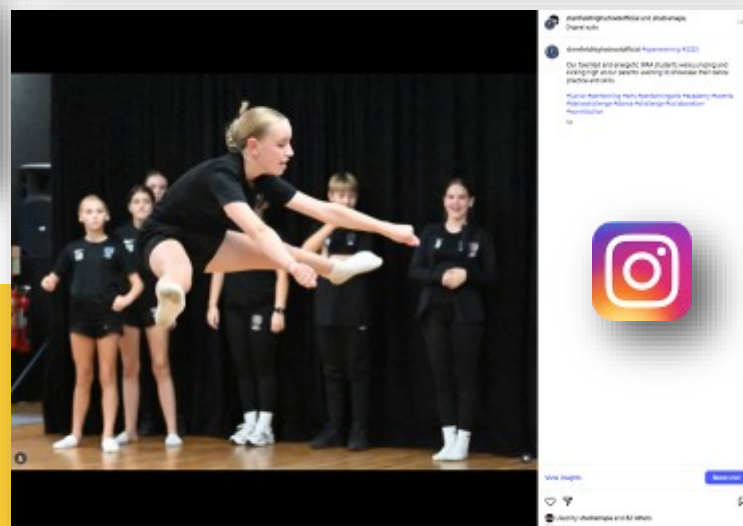


2025
GCSE DRAMA
92% Grade 9-4

2025
Tech Award Dance
100% L2D* -L2M
(Grade 9 - 6/5)

2025
A-Level Theatre
Studies
100% A*-C

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Junior Performing Arts Academy News

Drama Focus

The Academy members have started working on this year's Shakespeare School Festival which will be on Monday 3rd November at The Palace Theatre, Westcliff on Sea. This year we are exploring William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". On October 1st, the students participated in a two hour in school workshop with a professional actor, Molly, exploring the scenes from the play.

The students explored the use of ensemble work, comedy, and Shakespearean language to bring this known classic to life. With over 40 parent tickets sold, we cannot wait to showcase the student's hard work in November!



During our Drama JPAA sessions, our Year 7s have been exploring physical theatre through Frantic Assembly workshops, learning to use their bodies to tell a story in exciting, non-naturalistic ways.

Over the past few weeks, students have created chair duets, honing their movement and performance skills and will audition these in preparation for the Summer Showcase.

Well done to everyone for embracing this new challenge with creativity and enthusiasm!



Upcoming Events

**Whole School Musical – High School Musical –
10th, 11th and 13th February 2026– 6.30pm**

**Sixth Form Academy "Home" Connections
performance – March 2026**

**Sixth Form Academy "Partner Theatre"
Connections performance, Queen's Theatre April/
May 2026**

JPAA Showcase – May 2026 – 6.30pm

Lower School Play - July 2026 - 6.30pm

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Junior Performing Arts Academy News

Dance Focus

Throughout our morning Dance sessions, JPAA members have been learning jazz choreography from "We Could Fly" from MJ The Musical. Students have been diligently working on their technique and eagerly challenging themselves with combinations that include corner work, slides, turns, leaps, floor work, and conditioning.

Their dedication, energy, and enthusiasm continue to impress, and we look forward to showcasing their hard work in the Summer Showcase!



Singing Focus

Through 'Acting Through Song' sessions, our JPAA members having been working on new Musical Theatre ensemble pieces from the musical "We Will Rock You" as well as exploring classic ballads from Carole King.

They have been working on vocal technique, harmonies, blocking and movement, as well as delivery and musicality. These pieces, along with the dance and drama numbers that students have been working on in JPAA sessions, will be performed in their end of year showcase and awards evening in May.

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL



120 students will star in our High school Musical!

This year's High School Musical auditions brought in a record number of participants — 120 students, our largest turnout ever! With so many talented performers, the callback process was both exciting and challenging.

We are proud to be an inclusive musical, with everyone who auditioned to receive a role on stage.

Rehearsals are well underway and full of energy. In just two weeks, our cast has already impressed the staff with their enthusiasm, commitment, and professionalism as they dive into learning lines and choreography. We are truly spoiled for choice this year and, as always, are blown away by the incredible talent within our school community!

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our talented student choreographers — Lola G, Ava T, and Lilly P-W for their exceptional work during the High School Musical audition process.

These students demonstrated remarkable leadership and creativity in developing and teaching the choreography for "Stick to the Status Quo" to more than 100 auditioning students. Their dedication, professionalism, and enthusiasm contributed greatly to the success and spirit of this year's auditions. Thank you for sharing your talents with our community.



Sixth Form Theatre Academy News

We have been hard at work, auditioning for our upcoming National Theatre "Connections" festival. We are rehearsing a brand-new play, commissioned by The National Theatre, called "The Animals" by Sean Buckley and we cannot wait to perform in a professional Theatre in April 2026.

"Student teacher Sam arrives at Redhill Youth Custody Secure Unit hoping to enrich the troubled resident's lives there by introducing them to the subject of Philosophy.

The wary class resist at first engaging in this alien, ancient art of thinking, but start to thaw when they find themselves being challenged and empowered in ways they haven't previously experienced.

Yet the hope Sam's teaching offers them is fragile, particularly for hard fronting Gee, who's on the verge of being released from the unit and secretly terrified at this prospect."

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Cross Country Historical Success

Shenfield's cross country runners enjoy considerable success already this half term.

Preparation for the season started with the weekly Friday morning running sessions. All Year 7-9 students took part in the inter-house cross-country races where we were very impressed with the effort levels across the 3 year groups. Year 8 was tied between all 4 Houses! The Year 7 and Year 9 races were won by Parkes.

Our runners went into the Brentwood District races well prepared and this was very evident as our runners dominated the top order places, winning 7 out of 8 team titles and coming 2nd in the only age group we did not win.

Therefore our runners were confident going into the first round of the ESAA National Cross-Country Cup races at Champion School. We entered U13 boys and girls teams, U15 boys and girls and the U18 boys team. All 5 teams finished in the top 3 schools from the 18 schools attending and so have qualified for the regional finals which will be held at Felstead School on the 6th November.

Congratulations to all of our runners who have worked so hard to get the fitness levels to be so effective in this sport. Running at this level is hard work and it takes real mental toughness to be willing to put your body through a pain barrier that allows success in this sport, so we really do give full respect to these incredible students.



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All five of our Shenfield teams have qualified for the regional ESAA Cross Country round — the first time in our school's history that we've had five teams competing at this level! 🌟

We're incredibly proud of every runner for their hard work, dedication, and team spirit. 🏆 🌟

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Special mention to Lianne E (Yr 7) and William H (Yr 10) who won their races at Champion.

Lianne was also crowned a NATIONAL relay road running champion with her Brentwood Beagles team mates and an Essex relay Cross Country champion again with her club.

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Shenfield High School Half Term Sporting Success

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Players of the Month

We have been really impressed with the commitment and performance levels of our Football Academy students since the start of term. Both boys and girls squads have already shown obvious progress. Special mention to Fenton and Francesca who have been outstanding.....



shenfieldhighschoolpe 🏆 Shenfield Football Academy Player of the Month Fenton 🏆

Fenton joined the programme this year as a Year 12 student and has made an immediate impact both on and off the pitch. His hard work, dedication, and willingness to listen and apply feedback in both training and matches have been outstanding.

A well-deserved recognition for a fantastic start to the year — congratulations, Fenton! 🏆

shenfieldhighschoolpe 🏆 Player of the Month – September: Francesca 🏆

Francesca has been outstanding throughout September, demonstrating exceptional hard work, dedication, and commitment to the programme. Her attitude both in training and during fixtures has been exemplary, consistently setting high standards for herself and those around her.

She approaches every session with focus and determination, always eager to improve and contribute to the team's success. Francesca's positive mindset, resilience, and willingness to learn have made her a key role model within the group.

Her performances this month have reflected her continual growth and development, and she thoroughly deserves the recognition as Player of the Month for September.

Fashion Shake-Up: Mr Clifford Confirms the Switch from Jackets to Jumpers

After weeks of speculation in the corridors, we can now confirm the rumours are true — Mr Clifford has officially made the switch from jackets to jumpers!

Yes, after an impressive 13-year streak of smart jackets, he's embraced the v-neck jumper life. The move has been described by close observers as "bold yet practical," with reports suggesting that the change has already led to reduced dry-cleaning bills and increased levels of warmth and general snugness.

When asked about his new look, Mr Clifford described the decision as "a revelation" and hinted at seasonal colours to come. (Could we see a festive knit by December? Only time will tell.)

In a show of true community spirit, Mr Clifford welcomes style suggestions from staff and students alike — particularly regarding colour palettes and layering techniques.

As for summer fashion? Discussions remain "ongoing," though rumours of short-sleeved shirts, linen blends, and even a return of the jacket are swirling once again. Watch this space — the Shenfield Style Saga continues.



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Half term Activity

OCTOBER HALF-TERM Schools OUT Activities

We're back for October Half-Term 2025! We can't wait to welcome 4-16 year olds across Suffolk & Essex to our six amazing camps. Covering the full working day from 8am-6pm and with many spooky-themed activities, its going to be an unforgettable five days!

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Key dates Autumn Term 2

Date	Event
22.10.25	Last day of Autumn Term 1
23 - 24.10.25	INSETS Days (no students)
27 - 31.10.25	October Half Term
05.11.25	Key Stage 4 Support Evening - Year 10
06.11.25	Barcelona Trip Information Evening
13.11.25	Sixth Form Open Evening
17 - 28.11.25	Year 11 Internal Exams
10.12.25	Year 11 Sixth Form Taster day
11.12.25	A Christmas Concert Showcase
19.12.25	Last Day of Autumn Term - students finish at 12 noon

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