



SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

L E A R N I N G F O R L I F E

Information 2020



Dear Parents

Thank you for your interest in Shenfield High School.

When a child enters Shenfield High School they begin a learning journey which will last them a lifetime. For a young person moving from Primary School to Secondary School it is a time of great excitement and, possibly, some trepidation. It is the same for parents. We want you to share your child's excitement and anticipation but we also want to dispel some of the nerves!

I often feel that a school is like a well run family. There are clear roles and responsibilities, a great deal of care and nurturing, lots of fun and opportunities and some very clear expectations too. All those aspects come together to create a harmonious school community. I hope you will want your son or daughter to be part of it.



Our prospectus will give you a flavour of the sort of school we are. More detailed information is available on our website:- www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk.

Here I would like to share some of the essentials.

Carole Herman
Headteacher

GETTING TO KNOW AND LOOKING AFTER YOUR CHILD

There are two elements at the heart of the transition from Primary School to Shenfield High School; students' welfare and students' learning. Staff from Shenfield High School will get to know your child while they are in Year 6. There will be opportunities to visit Shenfield as well as time for our staff to visit our local primary schools. This year our Open Evening and Open Mornings will be replaced by information provided on-line. We will review other events later in the year in the light of Covid-19 guidance.

During the summer holiday the soon-to-be Year 7s are invited to come to our Performing Arts, Science, Literacy and Sports Camp. Here they will continue their learning, make new friends, and get to know both the school campus and some of our staff.



Students in Year 7 are organised into Form Groups. They will get to know their Form Tutor, their Pastoral Manager and Pastoral Team Leader, who look after day-to-day and pastoral concerns.

Sport and Performing Arts

We are very proud of particular strengths in both sport and performing arts and we hold Sports trials and Performing Arts auditions in October for children applying for admission the following September. Full details of the application process is on the school website and in the relevant sections of this booklet. The auditions/trials will take place in line with Covid-19 guidance.



THE YEAR 7 CURRICULUM AND KEY STAGE 3

New students in Shenfield will experience a rich and varied curriculum and will be expertly supported in their learning. Every student will become known and known well as a person and as a learner.

In Years 7, 8 and 9, students study the following subjects:

- Art
- Drama
- Social Sciences including Citizenship and Religious Education
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Spanish



Through lessons and extra-curricular activities, we also focus on transferable skills such as researching, investigating, problem solving, creativity, organisation, working independently, teamwork, underpinned by literacy, numeracy and information technology. Developing these essential skills will allow students to feel confident in all other aspects of the curriculum.

KEY STAGE 4

In Key Stage 4 students begin to specialise.

All students study English, Mathematics, Science, PE and Social Sciences which includes Citizenship, RE, Personal, Social and Health Education. Careers guidance is also included.

In addition, and with appropriate guidance, students select from other areas of study, which include:

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| • Fine Art or Textiles Art | • Geography |
| • Business | • Health and Social Care |
| • Computer Science | • History |
| • Drama | • Music |
| • Engineering | • Performing Arts |
| • Enterprise | • Physical Education |
| • Film | • Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics |
| • French | • Sociology |
| | • Spanish |

Detailed curriculum information is available on our website.





THE SIXTH FORM

Entry to Shenfield High School's Sixth Form is based on a student's work ethic, achievement at GCSE, the desire to achieve further qualifications, a sense of responsibility and the availability of an appropriate programme of study. There are a wide range of subjects on offer.

We are proud that as part of our extensive Sixth Form curriculum offer, we also have a Football Academy, Cricket Academy and Performing Arts Academy. These areas of the curriculum represent particular strengths of the school and offer students the opportunity to work at the highest levels of excellence within these fields. Further information about our academies is available from the PE Department and the Drama Department.

As the most senior members of the school community, Shenfield Sixth Formers enjoy a number of privileges such as their own dedicated study space, café and social facilities. Year 12 and Year 13 students also act as role models to younger students and assume a number of responsibilities.

There is a separate Sixth Form Prospectus published each year.



EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS

We are very proud of the strengths we have in performing arts and pathways are available for students who have a particular interest and talent in these areas.

Students applying for a place at Shenfield High School may also audition for a place in the Junior Performing Arts Academy (JPAA). Auditions will take place on Saturday 10th October 2020. Membership of the JPAA gives access to extra training through workshops and master classes with outside practitioners, audition masterclasses and first allocation for theatre trips.



Students are able to develop their interest and talent in the performing arts right the way through to the Sixth Form. In our Sixth Form Performing Arts Academy, students have an opportunity to participate in professional workshops led by drama practitioners. Students also have timetabled hours to study acting skills such as voice and speech, characterisation, movement, dance and sessions on physical theatre, devising, working from a script and Improvisation. The Academy is designed for students taking performing arts subjects at A Level/BTEC Level 3 or to students prepared to make a serious commitment alongside other Sixth Form courses.





EXCELLENCE IN SPORT

Shenfield High School is very proud of its consistently outstanding standards in sport and exceptional extra-curricular success.

Students applying for a place at Shenfield High School may also attend trials for a place in the Junior Sports Academy (JSA). Trials will take place on Saturday 10th October 2020. Our **Junior Sports Academy** will enable students to pursue their sporting interests and develop their talents. The JSA provides significant extra time to help develop the athlete's skills and fitness, giving access to an Athlete Mentoring Programme, Strength and Conditioning, Advanced Coaching, fitness testing data analysis and parent-student athlete information evenings.

Our facilities include a well-equipped gymnasium, an indoor heated swimming pool, a sports hall large enough to accommodate five badminton courts and with indoor cricket nets. We also have a 'third generation' artificial grass pitch, a new sports pavilion with classroom area and an electronic rowing and fitness facility.

Outside, the extensive playing fields are marked out to include one rugby, four football pitches and training areas. These facilities combined with the school's reputation for football success helped us establish a Football Academy in 2010 and Cricket Academy in 2012.

The **Shenfield Football Academy** provides elite level football coaching and development for Year 12 and Year 13 students. The 2-year course consists of 8 hours a week of coaching from UEFA qualified coaches as well as regular matches in the prestigious National League with our partners Brentwood Town FC. The Academy has become one of the most successful of its type anywhere in the country, reaching three National cup finals in the last five seasons, including winning the National Conference Cup in 2015.

Shenfield has also been crowned Essex Champions in 5 of the last 7 years. The Academy now boasts many highly successful graduates including three current professional players as well as numerous semi-professional players. The Academy is also very proud of our former students who have gone on to study degree courses both in the UK and the USA alongside football scholarships. Overseas tours occur on a biennial basis and provide a exciting opportunity to learn of the huge scholarship opportunities available for talented footballers at American Colleges.

Shenfield Football Academy for Girls, in association with the London Lionesses, has been set up and welcomed its first participants in September 2020.

In 2016/17 the **Shenfield Cricket Academy** enjoyed its most successful year to date. The team claimed the U'17 and U'19 Essex cups, retained their St Albans invitational crown and narrowly lost to Millfield in the National cup semi final. In 2018 the SCA retained the U19 Essex Cup for the 5th year running and was rewarded for being nominated as a Top 100 Schools

for Cricket (The Cricketer Magazine) for 3 years running, by a first ever fixture with the MCC. Shenfield won an enthralling Fixture by 1 wicket with 2 balls to spare.

The SCA enjoy a biennial overseas tour having played in Cape Town in 2015 and 2017 and toured Barbados in 2019.

We are fortunate that ex Shenfield High students Matthew Salisbury (Durham CCC) and Mady Villiers (Essex, Surrey Stars and England Women's Cricket squad) come back to help coach within our programme and support Catherine Dalton (Essex CCC and Ireland) who is the lead coach alongside Director of Sport Garry Sapsford. The SCA played 20 games this 2019 season including six games on tour in Barbados, National Cup fixtures and an annual fixture with the MCC.

Comprehensive fixtures for Shenfield High School teams are organised for all major sports. In recent years, our football, futsal, cricket, basketball, rugby, netball, tennis, athletics, trampolining and rounders' teams have enjoyed considerable success. To evidence this fact Shenfield teams have won 12 National titles in a range of sports since 2002.

A large number of Shenfield High School students have also been awarded county and national honours in their respective sports with some going on to professional sporting careers.

The extensive extra-curricular programme provides excellent opportunities for regular practice at morning, lunch and after school training every day. All students who aspire to maximise their potential in a vast range of sports are therefore provided with the opportunity to be the best they can be. This is a key reason for our considerable success in district, county and national sporting competitions.

Maximising Participation: For those students seeking a less competitive environment we have run a hugely successful 'Rec Night' club for the last 24 years where students come along and try their hand in a range of sports. From swimming, trampolining to badminton and table tennis, it is a great way to socialise and exercise with friends in a relaxed warm environment.

In every sense Shenfield PE is dedicated to fulfilling its aim of Maximising Participation and Developing Excellence.

If any further information is required on our sporting provision please email Director of Sport Garry Sapsford g.sapsford@shenfield.essex.sch.uk





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Lessons are crucial but at Shenfield High School we believe that our students' experience of school should extend beyond the classroom.

Choirs, orchestras, bands and ensembles take place every day of the week before school, at lunchtime and after school. There are many opportunities to perform both at our regular concerts and musicals and in the community. Students may also learn a musical instrument with our peripatetic staff.

Something for everyone

There are a wide variety of clubs – art, book club, cricket, drama, Duke of Edinburgh, enterprise groups, futsal, gardening club...rampaging chariots, rocket-building, singing, trampolining, ukulele...almost everything you can think of from A to Z (almost!) Our Practical Learning Centre is a particular favourite where students can get involved in small animal care and horticulture. We have a fantastic reputation for producing splendid shows, the most recent being 'School of Rock' and 'Anything Goes'.

A list of all the clubs currently available is on our website. We are currently adhering to Covid-19 guidelines.

We encourage our students to get involved in the community, both in school and beyond our gates. Shenfield High School students are well known for their enterprise and frequently get involved in raising money for local, national and international charities.

OUR EXPECTATIONS

PREP

All students are expected to engage in PREP. PREP is about students working independently outside the classroom to review what they have been taught and to take their learning further. PREP is short for PREPARE:

Plan your time

Re-read, re-draft, recite, re-test, research, rehearse and record

Essential facts, figures and formulae,
essay model answers

Pactice question

Answers and mark schemes

Rever and reflect in your progress

Enjoy your future success

Students and parents are given extensive guidance to ensure that PREP is effective. Resources are available and regular advice sessions with teachers are scheduled. We want all our students to 'PREP' for success.





UNIFORM

We have a very smart uniform for all students in Year 7 to Year 11 and in the Sixth Form. We expect all our students to be appropriately and smartly dressed and be good ambassadors at all times. Our uniform requirements are available on our website.



BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Good relationships are essential to Shenfield High School because we are a community of people - staff and students - working and living together during the school day.

All members of the school are expected to help create an atmosphere conducive to learning, with courtesy and respect as a basic requirement. Good and appropriate behaviour is supported by school policies.

A PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

We encourage parents to become fully involved in the education of their children. Students and parents enter into a partnership agreement on joining our school which symbolises the joint approach to school and parents working together for the benefit of the young people in our care. Contact between parents and teachers is very important and there will be regular opportunities to meet teachers and discuss your child's work, attitude to learning and progress. You will also be able to see current assessment information on your child on Go4Schools.

Throughout the year there are occasions when teachers, parents and students can come together informally such as concerts, drama productions, sporting and social events. Links and relationships between parents and school are also strengthened through informative guidance and presentation evenings, regular newsletters, and the Parent Council.

All parents are encouraged to become members of the PTA. The Association holds various fundraising events throughout the year and makes a valuable contribution to enhancing the school's facilities.

We look forward to working with you.

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