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# AUTUMN TERM 2

# DECEMBER 2023

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## News from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and are encouraged and impressed by the range of activities and opportunities that are available to our students at Shenfield High School. Part of our school vision is to encourage students to embrace all opportunities and so it is great to see so many students across year groups joining in with, and contributing to, wider school life.

Last Thursday evening I had the pleasure of watching our Xmas Music Concert. Here we had students of all year groups working together to create high quality performances under the skilled instruction of the music team; we even had an audience sing-along!

Last week, our year 11 students participated in a Sixth-Form taster day which you can read more about in this newsletter. This is the first time we have offered this experience and it was gratifying to see so many of the year group embracing the opportunity and thinking positively about their next steps. Their mock results will be published in the New Year during our Year 11 Conference and parents will have an opportunity to discuss the grades during parents evening.

The new school year for students starts again on Friday 5th January. Whilst for most families the Xmas holidays are a time of joy and family connection it can also be a difficult time for some and for young people who are without the routine of school. Please find details of support listed below.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

*C. Costello*

Clare Costello  
Headteacher

## Wellbeing Support over Christmas

There are a number of external agencies that can offer support should you have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child:

The most direct route is Children's Social Care who can be contacted via 0345 603 7627. They have an Emergency Duty Service Out of Hours (Monday – Thursday 5.00pm-8.45am, Friday 4.30pm – Monday 8.45am inc. Bank Holidays) available on 0345 606 1212.

Alternatively there are some external services detailed on our website: <https://www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk/contact-us/report-a-concern/>

If you are concerned about the mental health of a child and it is not an emergency. Contact CAHMS on 0800 953 0222 or go to <https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/set-camhs>

Alternative you can Call 111 – Option 2

Further details on mental health support in Essex are available from <https://www.essex.gov.uk/mental-health/get-help-and-support> or via ESCB at <https://www.escb.co.uk/working-with-children/emotional-wellbeing-and-mental-health/>

If you are concerned there is immediate risk of harm, you should call 999.



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## Year 7 Christmas House Events

Year 7 had their Christmas events on Wednesday with a quiz, Christmas dinner and Christmas fun run. After their first two lessons the year group descended on the main hall in their form group teams to answer questions on Christmas, music, movies and general knowledge.

At the time of going to press the answer sheets are still being marked but there will be individual team winners and huge points for the winning house! The students then enjoyed a Christmas meal with all the trimmings and crackers in the refectory, sitting with their classmates and enjoying the festive tunes.

The day ended with a rather damp fun run, with the students pushing through the rain to go under, over, through and round the different obstacles on the course to complete as many laps as possible. Again, the house who achieved the most laps taking home the most house points! The day put all the students in a festive mood and a good time was had by all (especially once they had dried off!). Results will be shared in Monday's Celebration Assembly.



## House Points

C-POINTS			
A	H	N	P
10,928	10,205	11,886	10,308
TEAM COMPETITIONS			
A	H	N	P
6668	6529	7008	5886
Top form			
3518	3379	3508	3386

## OVERALL

Attenborough	Harry	Nightingale	Parks
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
17,596	16,734	18,894	16,194

## Whole School Clubs

To find the list of clubs available now please visit the school website, click on about us where you will see the sub heading of Clubs, Activities & Assemblies. In here you will be able to see options for all year groups.

[Clubs, Activities & Assemblies - Shenfield](#)



## Extra Curricular

"The secret of success is to be ready when opportunity comes..."

Please fill in your 'My Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable' in your planners

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## Operation Christmas Child

Year 7 and 8 within their form groups collected a wonderful collection of Christmas gifts and filled over 100 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These gifts will bring joy into the lives of needy children.

Thank you Year 7 and 8 for your generosity.



## School Christmas Tree Decorators

Some outstanding year 7 students were picked to decorate the SHS Christmas trees to get in the Christmas spirit.



Thank you Alana, Ben, Jessica and Jack for a wonderful job.

## Panathlon Champions

Our amazing Tenpin Bowling team travelled to Romford for their second Panathlon tournament of the year. They were amazing and averaged over a 100 per student which meant it secured them 1st place out of 21 schools across London and South Essex.

Special mention to Emma who got 2 strikes and won highest scorer of the tournament out of over 100 students with a score of 124. Woody also joined the hundred club and received a certificate with a score of 104. All students were a pleasure to take and we had a great morning.



## Wellbeing

In the new school year we have access to an exciting new programme 'Govox' which will enable us to assess wellbeing across the school setting.

This will be something all students have access to via their school emails and will give us a great insight into the wellbeing needs of our student body. We will provide further information about this in January; please look out for it as we want to involve families in the follow up work as much as possible.

Over the Christmas holidays, Kooth are providing young people and families with resources and access to support.

Please click below to access resource packs that you may find useful at home over the break.

[Parents/Carers resource pack](#)

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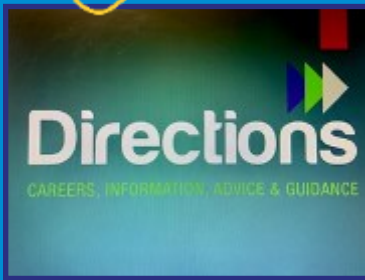
## Y11 Post 16 Options

On Friday 10th November 2023, Directions gave their post 16 options advice to all Y11 students during their assembly.

Thank you Emma Doman, Careers Advisor for sharing.

Presentation can be found here:

[Post 16 Options Guide](#)



## Careers Information

Year 11 students were spoken to by Fiona Byford Smith, Information, Advice and Guidance Advisor at Chelmsford College.

Fiona took our students through the opportunities available to them with Chelmsford College plus an impartial explanation of apprenticeships, BTECs and T-Levels.



Please click here for the presentation should you wish to view or contact Chelmsford direct.

[W:\Careers\Events\Talks and Assemblies\2023](#)

Each week Mrs Utton makes sure that current careers information is available to students in form tutor notices via Weekly careers bulletins. Please click here for:

[Key Stage 4](#)

[Key Stage 5](#)

## What's coming up for the Careers Department?

### Y12 Work Experience

- Y12 Block Work Experience takes place in July 2024. Please click here for parent/guardian letters and other documentation to support with the 26th February 2024 deadline including Mr Bishop's Work Experience Assembly Presentation.

[Year 12 Work Experience](#)

- Y7 Employability Soft Skills Workshops with Axis Group Feb 2024

## What is the Careers Department in the process of organising?

- Y8 Advanced Employability Soft Skills Workshops 2024
- Y9 Apprenticeship Talk with Chelmsford College
- KS4/KS5 Careers Talks and Insight in:
  - Accountancy
  - RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors)
  - Data & Technology Careers

## Careers Interviews

[SHS Careers Area](#)

Y10-13 Please click above and complete the careers interview request form, should you wish to be put on the wait list to be seen by our impartial Careers Advisor Mrs Doman. All careers interviews are booked by Mrs Utton, Careers Administrator for a full hour in school time, Wed/Thurs each week.

## Careers Bulletin

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.

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## Year 11 Revision/ Drop in Timetable

All students will receive their official mock results at the Year 11 Conference on Wednesday 10th January.

All after school sessions will run up to an hour except for Further Maths



The end of November saw our Year 11s take part in their mock exams. We were extremely proud to see how well prepared they were, and despite the wind and rain, they were lined up and ready to go every morning, break and after lunch. This was a perfect practice run for the real exams in the summer.

With that in mind, please note that all revision sessions will start again after the Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing as many students as possible get involved. Year 11 intervention forms will start again after the positive feedback we received from students in the first round.

Subject	Revision type	Day and time	Room	Teacher
Art	Drop-in sessions	Mon – Thu lunchtimes and after school*	E3 and E4	Mrs Kemp and Mrs Toland
Business Studies/ Enterprise	Coursework catch-up for GCSE and National	Mon – Fri every lunchtime	T58	All teachers
Computer Science	Grade 9 – 7 revision Grade 4+ revision	Monday week B after school Tuesday week A after school	C72 C72	Mr Maling Mr Maling
Drama	Drop-in sessions WJEC	Thursday after school	E1	Miss Joshua
Engineering	Revision sessions	Tuesday lunchtimes	S5	Mr Hall
English	English Language revision English Literature revision	Monday after school Tuesday after school	H9 E59	Mr Clifford Mrs Whitfield
Film Studies	Coursework and exam revision Film Studies revision	Monday after school Thursday lunchtime	I72 I72	Mr Sheriff and Mr Towns Mr Sheriff
Geography	Exam Revision	Thursday lunchtime	H51	All teachers
Health and Social Care	Drop-in sessions	Thursday after school (after October half term)	C51	Miss Crick
History	Exam Revision History Drop-ins	Friday lunchtimes Tues A lunch and Monday B lunch	H61 H61	Mrs Howard All teachers
Maths	Maths grade 9 – 7 (invite only) Maths grade 3 to 4 (invite only) Maths grade 4 to 5 (invite only) Further Maths (invite only) KS4 PREP club	Monday after school Monday after school Thursday after school Monday 3 – 4:30pm Tuesday lunchtimes	C93 C76 C94 C80 C71	Mr Russell Mr Dennehy Mrs Ballington Miss Albery Mr Russell
PE	Revision sessions grade 9-7 Revision sessions all grades	Thursday lunchtimes Friday lunchtimes	C12 C12	All teachers All teachers
Science	Physics revision Chemistry revision	Friday after school Monday after school (after half term)	T17 S52	Dr Pope Mr Richards
Sociology	Revision	Wednesday after school	C55	Mr Ireland



If you have any queries then please contact Miss Arnold, Head of Year 11, on the following email address:-

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## Sixth Form

### Year 13

The Sixth Form Open Evening was held on the 16th November and I was so proud to see so many of the Y13s helping various subjects and delivering speeches to a packed audience.

Our UCAS deadline is the 20th December; a large number of students have already applied and started to receive offers. We like to get ahead of the official UCAS deadline, so that students do not have the added pressure on their shoulders over the Christmas break. We will continue to help support students in the New Year, but with the upcoming mock exams we are hopeful the majority of applications will be sent before the 20th December.

Our mock examinations start after Christmas, allowing sufficient content to have been covered since the Y12 end of year examinations. As soon as we have finalised the timings and venues, we will be able to publish the individual timetables to our students before they break up for Christmas.

We have moved back to face-to-face Parents' Evenings, and very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on February 15th (further details to follow in due course). Thank you as always for your continued support.

### Year 12

We have many trained Peer Mentors that are supporting our students in lower years and we have just started to recruit students that will be able to listen to students in Y7 and Y8 practise their reading.

Initiatives like this bring so much reward to the younger students within our school and our Sixth Form students get a sense of achievement for the part they play in seeing their students make progress. We really are grateful for the time that they all put into this.

On Thursday 18th April, we will invite Y12 students and parents/guardians back into school as we return to face-to-face Parents' Evenings. Further details will follow in due course.

In the summer term, our Y12 students will sit their Y12 examinations (17th June – 5th July). During this term there will be an introduction to the UCAS process; this is the system that is used to apply to university.

Finally, an incredible 63 students still have 100% attendance to lessons which is great to see! The Y12 cohort have settled incredibly well into Sixth Form life and we look forward to 2024 and further success.



YEAR 13

UCAS Deadline



Mock Exams start



Parents' Evening



YEAR 12

Parents' Evening



Mock Exams start





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## Sixth Formers Learn with the Lords

On Wednesday, 22nd November, Sixth Form students participated in the Learn with the Lords Programme run by the UK Parliament.

Within this session, students spoke to Paralympian Baroness Grey-Thompson about her role within the House of Lords and whether she believed the upper chamber required further reform. In addition to humanising the institution, students said they found the session 'very helpful', coming away with new arguments and examples they can use in their studies.

We thank Baroness Grey-Thompson for her time, and we look forward to the next 'Learn with the Lords' session!



## Visit from Parliament

On Tuesday, 28th November, Sixth Formers were treated to an assembly from the UK Parliament Education Team about 'How UK Politics Works'.

Within the assembly, students were taught the functions and roles of the House of Commons and House of Lords before moving on to MPs' work. Students were then told about how the voting system works and how they can get involved in politics outside General Elections.

Thank you to the Head of Sixth Form, Mr Cooke, and the Site Team for making this visit possible!

## Sixth Form Mentors

Mrs Downey and 6th form mentors are getting into the Christmas spirit with the peer mentoring programme Christmas Breakfast.

Mentors and their mentees came together for their love of all things Christmas. The peer mentoring programme is hugely successful and supports a large number of our younger students within the school.



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## Sixth Form Taster Day

On Wednesday 13th December, we invited our Y11 to sample a day of Sixth Form lessons.

Our aim was to help ensure that our Y11 students experienced a range of the subjects available at Shenfield Sixth Form and were aware of the entry requirements needed to study those subjects.

Y11 students that have already submitted their Sixth Form application can still amend their choice; to do this please email:

[a.cooke@shenfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:a.cooke@shenfield.essex.sch.uk)



## Year 9

With the lead up to the options process being so prominent in year 9's minds, the run up to Christmas has been largely occupied with end of term assessments and discussions about future goals and aspirations.

Fortunately, thanks to the hard work of Miss Matthews, year 9 were able to down their pens and don their dodgeballs for a morning of fun! Those students opting for the safer option, played a range of mini games, all in the name of fun, festivities, and house points. We even had a guest appearance from some year 11's who were keen to get in on the activities.

It was a delightful morning where the fun loving, and collaborative nature of our learners really shone. From myself and the year 9 team, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## Jack Petchey Award to RSM Hambidge

We are pleased to announce that cadet RSM Hambidge was successfully awarded a Jack Petchey grant, which he has decided to use to purchase a portable generator for cadets to use when conducting overnight exercises in remote locations, the addition of a power source will provide an opportunity to create a dedicated HQ with light and emergency power.

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## Shenfield Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

### Poppy Appeal 2023

Shenfield High School CCF Cadets and staff once again helped to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal to help raise awareness and funds to support military veterans.

We were based in Brentwood Sainsbury for most of Saturday 3rd November selling poppies and other RBL related poppy appeal items. As usual our cadets drew an enormous amount of positive attention and supportive comments from the local community.

In total we raised over £1,050 in Sainsbury and a further £402 in school kindly supported by the 6th form senior students.

### Remembrance Sunday Parade 2023

Sunday 12th November, 40+ Shenfield High School Cadets joined the annual remembrance ceremony at Brentwood War memorial for the act of commemorating the sacrifices of former and current service personnel in our Armed Forces, this is an important part of being a cadet and a sombre highlight of the cadet year at Shenfield High School, this is an opportunity we take very seriously. In the weeks leading up to remembrance Sunday our cadets spent many hours practicing their drill techniques.

Shenfield senior cadets were honoured to be invited to provide a guard of honour for the war memorial during the act of remembrance and a senior cadet to escort and support the Deputy Lieutenant of Essex.

## Charity walk

By the time most of will have had an opportunity to read this newsletter our cadets will have completed their annual charity walk, as in previous years we chose to support a military veteran's charity, at the time of drafting this article we had already raised just over £630. If you would like to make a small donation, please follow this link.



[SHS CCF Fundraiser](#)

## Christmas Festivities

Just to prove that Christmas is not always red, gold and silver, our camouflaged cadets enjoyed a fun filled parade afternoon with a mixture of quizzes, karaoke, dance, and a blast from the past with an old-fashioned bingo session !!!! All activities were enjoyed with the copious consumption of numerous mince pies and chocolates.



On behalf of all the Cadets and CCF staff, we wish you all a peaceful and restful festive break.

Season's Greetings

Captain Brooks

Contingent Commander

Shenfield High School CCF

Cadets will resume after the festive break,  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024



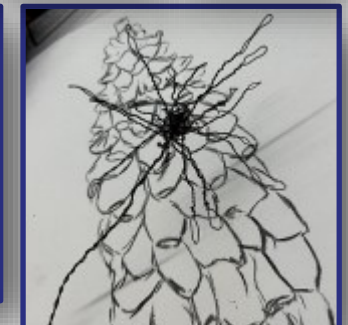
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## Year 10 GCSE Trip: RHS Hyde Hall

This half term Year 10 GCSE Art students braved the inclement weather to visit RHS Hyde Hall. The students were guided through the gardens, taking the opportunity to take some fantastic photographs of the gardens and sculptures to underpin their 'natural forms' project. They then learnt some new techniques through a range of workshops which produced some of the brilliant work shown here.

Our students were, as usual, impeccably behaved and a credit to our school, and they enjoyed a very intensive if slightly damp day!



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## Maths Excellence Roadway!

Maths have launched their Excellence road way for the second year. Students can complete Teacher Challenges and Wider Activities to earn Excellence Stickers.

When a student has exceeding attitude to learning and three excellence stickers they will be entered into to the end of term excellence Raffle. Earn six stickers for two entries and so on!

Students can find information of the Teacher Challenges on Edulink and on Maths notice board. Wider activities are shared on Edulink throughout the year.

The first raffle was drawn 8th December with first prize being a Christmas lunch time Feast for the winner and two friends!

Congratulations from the Maths Department to Ryan G-B for winning this term's Excellence Raffle. The prize is a lunchtime Christmas feast for you and two friends!

Ryan earned nine Excellence Stickers and so was entered into the raffle three times!



Our winner Ryan and his two friends enjoying their Christmas feast!

Students gain one entry to the raffle for every three Excellence Stickers they earn!

A mention is also needed for students who earned at least three excellence stickers but didn't win this time.

These include Aisling K, Frankie H, George B, George W, Harry S, Isabella R, Izzy H, Miley C, Nathan O, Pheobe B, Poppy W, Poppy Y, Ruby P, Talia R, Violet R, Lucas W, Lola G, Benjamin A, Harry B, Millie E, Paige J, Ruby-Leigh C, Tjaart V, Belle H, James G and Patrick O. Well done to all and good luck for next term's raffle!

## National Fish Heroes

The year 10 food students were lucky enough to participate in the National Fish Heroes scheme this term. We won a delivery of 8kg of fresh rope grown mussels from Offshore Shellfish. This is a scheme supported by the Fishmongers company and DFDS delivery. It was organised by The Food Teachers centre UK and is all about educating students on sustainable food sources from the sea like mussels.

All the year 10 Food students were able to gain first-hand experience in selecting, cleaning and preparing mussels for cooking as well as being able to try out 4 very different methods of cooking the mussels. This sort of practical experience is absolutely invaluable in widening their knowledge and understanding of sustainability, provenance and food preparation as well as giving them exposure to foods they would otherwise not try! We had a number of converts to eating mussels as a result!



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## Junior Performing Arts Academy

We were delighted to invite 120 local primary school students to work with our Year 7&8 JPA and Year 10 GCSE Dance students as they represented us as Performing Arts Leaders in our annual Christmas Dance Festival.

Our students worked with small groups of KS2 students teaching them choreography and leading them in creating a dance which they showcased to the other students.

We were blown away by the enthusiasm of our local primary students as well as the leadership skills shown by our Shenfield representatives.

We cannot wait to welcome KS1 students to SHS in the new year for another opportunity to inspire our local community to engage in the arts.



## Farewell

This week we say goodbye to a valued member of the JPA team as Miss Joshua leaves us to expand her teaching experience in Dubai.

Miss Joshua has been an asset to the growth and development of the JPA and has made a huge impact on the students involved.

We wish Miss Joshua luck for the future and she will be sorely missed.

## Celebrations

This term has been a busy one for your JPA students as they have been working hard learning new choreography and vocal numbers in preparation for our annual showcase next year, however, the hard work continues outside of the studio and we would like to celebrate the following students for recent outstanding achievements:

- Ava T - Achieving:  
Grade 6 LAMDA- Distinction.  
Inter foundation Modern theatre- Distinction.
- Olivia C - Achieving:  
Grade 5 LAMDA - Distinction
- Paije H, Violet R , Alfie G  
Performing in Basildon Towngate's Pantomime 'Cinderella'
- Lila B  
Performing the role of Princess Fiona in her Stage School show
- Eva H  
Performing the role of Miss Trunchbull in her Stage School show
- Adisa R  
Finishing her West End run in Tina Turner the Musical
- Lola G  
Finishing her tour national of Annie the Musical
- Shayla McC and Miley K  
Finishing their West End run in Matilda the Musical



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## Year 7 Pantomime Trip

On the 13th December 61 year 7 students attended the annual Pantomime trip to see "Cinderella" at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon. We were lucky enough to see some of our own students in the cast! The year 7 students had a great day and were wonderfully behaved ("Oh yes they were!") and we all made it home before we turned into pumpkins at midnight.

## "Bring It On" – Whole School Musical

With show week fast approaching, rehearsals have really ramped up and the cast have been making great progress! All cast members have shown incredible resilience and dedication in their rehearsals these last few months, we are so very proud of them all!

Tickets will be available in the New Year! Tues 27th Feb and Weds 28th Feb 2024, 6.30pm

## KS3 Drama Interhouse Competitions

Students in years 7-9 have been creating Christmas themed performances for the Drama Interhouse Competitions! All year groups have thrown themselves into the competition, getting us all into the Christmas spirit! Students showed incredible dedication even bringing in props and costume from home to compliment their performances!

## Year 9 Business Challenge

As we approach the festive shopping period year 9 students have been learning about the finances of retail businesses in the Maths Department's annual inter-house Business Challenge!

Year 9 students have been competing in running their own Shenfield Streetwear retail businesses, making decisions around stock purchases and trying to maximise their profit!

## Modern Foreign Languages

A welcome update from Kyia S, who left Shenfield in 2021 after completing her A-Levels is now enjoying a year in Spain, where she took the opportunity to visit the region of Castilla-La Mancha, the setting for the film Volver which the class studied at A-Level. In the New Year, she will be heading to South America to work in journalism.

Shows what you can do having started studying Spanish in Year 9 at Shenfield!



Well done to Lilly J (Year 9), Will Hand Jessica S (Year 8), who have impressed this term with their brilliance at Spanish – consistently high scores in vocabulary testing and great contributions to classwork – exactly the kind of commitment and interest that makes great languages students!

## Health Education

Learning more about our health is a crucial element of our PSHE lessons in the school. We would like to make you aware of two online resources which are really user friendly and enable all of us to be more aware of how we could help in an emergency.

The first is an app from the Red Cross which can be placed on your phone and then is there for useful advice should a situation arise.



[British Red Cross](#)

The second is a short interactive training course which you can do on your phone and takes about 15 minutes. It is called RevivR, it is produced by the British Heart Foundation and is specifically about learning CPR and how to use a defibrillator.



[British Heart Foundation](#)



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## Happy Birthday!

Miss Woodhouse celebrated a special birthday a couple of weeks ago, so the group all signed a card and sang happy birthday. Will F made her a "wood house" out of gingerbread which was amazing. We even managed have a celebratory cupcake each just before break.



## National College - National Online Safety



Shenfield High School is a member of The National College – a multi-award-winning online training provider for staff and parents.

What does this mean for you?

As part of our membership, The National College provides dedicated training and resources for parents and carers – particularly, around online safety and keeping children safe online.

Online safety advice on any topic

Of course, staff will continue to teach children about the risks online. But with the internet so readily accessible, the most effective approach to online safety needs everyone involved, including parents and carers.

That is why you have now got access to hundreds of courses, explainer videos and online safety guides to support your awareness of the online world. Topics range from understanding apps like TikTok and Instagram to recognising the signs of online harm and what you can do to help.

Sign up is easy

Signing up to the platform is simple. Just follow <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/shenfield-high-school> and complete your details. Once you are set up, you will be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.



**National College Sign Up**

Download the app for free

Another fantastic benefit of The National College is its National Online Safety app, which you can download for free. It gives you access to all their parent and carer resources on the go, whenever you want.

You can download the National Online Safety app using the links below:

App store



Google Play



They're always here to help

The National College has a brilliant support team if you have any questions. Their help centre provides a comprehensive bank of answers to most FAQs, but if you still can not find the answer you are looking for, you can always get in contact with them.



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## Engineering Club

The quad bike is up and running!!!!!! Can I getta Whoop Whoop!!!!??? The final strip down to allow the finishing touches to the bodywork is all that is left, but the engine runs and the brakes are doing what they should.

The year 10 and 11 students (Hannah R, Bobby F and Jamie C) are looking forward to the final rebuild and the opportunity to make a few laps of the school playground.....after hours of course, although there would be less reason for them to be late to lessons if they could use it during the day!!

The first of the coin rings have also been finished. Well done to Dr Pope who managed to finish his first!!!!!!.....his acceptance speech was long and boring and no one really listened to it. The other year 10 and 11 students are bringing up the rear and their effort should be commended. I don't think they'll be done in time to make Christmas presents this year, but a gift at Feb half terms is definitely on the cards.

If you would like to get involved in engineering club, please speak to Mr Hall or Dr Pope to find out what we will be getting up to next.



Engineering Club.

Wednesday afterschool  
3-4pm



## Shenfield Alumni



If you or someone you know would like to be part of the Shenfield High School Alumni, please email details to :-



[alumni@shenfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:alumni@shenfield.essex.sch.uk)

## Parents' Association

"Thank you" to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our grand draw. Over 1200 were sold and the draw has been made. Winners will be advertised on social media and will be contacted by phone. "Thank you" also to the following local businesses that donated a prize! The Lot Bar and Restaurant, Carmel Jane Photography, Sealife Centre Southend and Starry Eyed Weddings

You can contact the PTA via:

Email: [shspa@shenfield.essex.sch.uk](mailto:shspa@shenfield.essex.sch.uk)

Twitter: @shs\_pta or Facebook



## U16 Southern Schools Ski Race Championship



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Year 10 Tristan H won the U16 Southern Schools Ski Race Championship on 5th November 2023 representing Shenfield High School.

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## Netball



Netball club has been thriving since the start of the new year, we have had over 50 girls from year 7 to year 10 attending on a Monday after school, where we have played numerous inter-school competitions.

The progress the girls have made is amazing and we look forward to seeing them in action in their upcoming fixtures. We currently have enough year 7 girls for 4 teams in Netball, all committed to training which is amazing. They have won their first 3 games of their Essex Cup competition so far.

The year 8 girls had their first B team tournament at William de Ferrers, the girls were fantastic and placed second in the tournament. Well done to all the girls involved.

The year 7 B team had their first Shenfield tournament at Ursuline where they played fantastic netball positioning 2nd place.

A big thank you to our year 12 students Elsie who has been supporting our Netball Club alongside the PE staff and the amazing Mrs Woodward.



## Rugby

The Year 7 & 8 boys rugby teams have had their first two waterfall festivals across the first two half terms, with the Year 7 team also having the opportunity to face several other schools around Essex at their U12 rugby festival at Brentwood School. The Year 7 boys have had a very successful start to their Shenfield careers losing only once in their first waterfall festival and going unbeaten at both the second Mid-Essex festival, as well as their matches at the Essex U12 rugby festival. Some excellent performances throughout from both the seasoned rugby player and those playing competitively for the first time. The year 8 boys have really enjoyed their second year of MESSSA waterfall festivals at both St Martins & William De Ferrers school, having a mixture of results from their matches with some excellent team performances against difficult opposition at both. It has been a great start to the year for the boys rugby and I'm sure we'll continue to see some outstanding play and improvements with the last two tournaments after the Christmas break.

## Maisie selected for England Schools U15 Football

We are so proud to say that our Year 9 football captain Maisie B has been selected to represent England Schools at U15 level. Maisie represented Essex Schools at U14 last year (playing a year up) and was invited along with Evie W to attend the first round of England trials this year. Evie went through a further stage of the trials and Maisie made it through 3 different trials before it was announced that she has made the squad after the final trial in Birmingham last weekend.



Maisie will be invited on a tour to Ireland and will play against the home countries later this year. Maisie is such a hardworking player who is eager to improve and always willing to take on feedback so she can be the best player she can be. She is an outstanding role model to our other female footballers. We wish her the very best for the England training and fixtures ahead.

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## 2024 Schools Guide reveals UK's best schools for cricket

Congratulations to our Shenfield High School team who feature in the top 100 senior schools in the UK.



State and private schools are both well represented in the top 100, with the best all-girls and prep/junior schools also picked out by The Cricketer's judging panel for a place in the coveted 2024 Schools Guide. The UK's best schools for cricket have been revealed in The Cricketer's Schools Guide 2024 - with an increasing number of state schools among those featured.

This year's guide features the top 100 senior, top 50 prep/junior and top 20 all-girls schools for cricket in a bumper 164-page supplement. 2024's successful roll call of schools - which features both state-funded and private establishments - was finalised after an exhaustive selection process that saw a huge number submit entries for inclusion in the guide.

All entries were then judged against an extensive set of criteria, which included a compelling commitment to cricket in the curriculum, facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

The Cricketer researches and produces the Schools Guide annually, with the 2024 edition being supported by Durant Cricket - one of the country's leading suppliers of cricket ground equipment.

## Football

The start to the Shenfield Football season been remarkable even by the high standards set in recent years.

The vast majority of teams (boys and girls) are still unbeaten and competing in every county and national cup at their age group.

The year 7 boys and girls teams enjoyed a few friendlies before their competitive football got underway. The Year 7 boys lost in the first round of the Elite Schools National Cup but have since then improved with every game and won every county and national fixture since. The year 7 girls look to have a really exciting team. They have only conceded 1 goal all season and seem to have the depth of squad that has every chance of going along way in both county and national cups.

The Year 8 boys and U13 girls, Year 9 boys and U14 girls are also unbeaten in all A team competition's. The U14 girls will play Surbiton High School after Christmas, they have played them twice before winning really exciting games by one goal in the National cup semi finals of 2021 and 2022. We will certainly need our loyal army of Shenfield supporters there to give all the girls the encouragement they need to beat Surbiton again.

Our U16 boys are perhaps the surprise package of the year. They were eliminated in the first round of last year's national cup after a tough away draw. This season they have played 8 games and won all 8 conceding only 1 goal all season. They will meet Fitzwimarc school after Christmas for a place in the last 32 schools in England. The Year 11 boys B team went all the way to the National cup semi final last season and they have enjoyed another strong start to their season winning 3 games to make the last 16 schools in England.

We also have our U18 boys and Girls Football Academy teams also still in their respective National Cups so all in all 2024 is going to bring a lot more exciting fixtures for our footballers.

Best of luck to everyone involved. We are confident that Shenfield Football will be the only winner!



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## Shenfield Football Academy News

### ESFA Super League Success for the Boys' Academy

The SFA boys have qualified for the knock out stages of the ESFA Super League for the first time. This competition is an elite level of national competition for football programmes across the country in a Champions League style format of small group. In our group we faced Barking Abbey, Harris Chafford, FITC Academy and Richard Hale (Hertford Town FC) in a very competitive group.

The boys did fantastic to qualify from the group winning 3 games and losing just one. This is an incredible achievement for the boys and we face Ravens Wood (Bromley FC) in the knock out round on January 8th.



Group results:

- Shenfield 3 – 2 Harris Chafford
- Shenfield 1 – 0 Barking Abbey
- Shenfield 0 – 2 Richard Hale
- Shenfield 2 – 0 FITC

## Girls' Academy

The girls have continued their great start to the season in both the league and ESFA National Cup competitions. They are currently sat second in the English Colleges National Premier League Group D. The girls have also managed to reach the last 16 schools in the country in the National Cup and face Redborne Upper School and Community College with a place in the ¼ finals up for grabs.



TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	PTS
East Norfolk Sixth Form College EN Women's Football Team 1	6	5	0	0	25	9	16	15
Shenfield High School SFA Women's Team	6	4	0	2	22	16	6	12
Varsity Nine Academy Varsity Nine Academy	5	3	0	2	24	12	12	9
Wilcoo Kaynes College Women's Team 1	5	2	0	2	18	12	6	6
Cambridge Regional College Women's 1	4	2	0	2	11	18	-7	6
Sigma Sixth Colchester Women 1	6	1	0	5	7	27	-20	3
Hills Road 6th Form College Hills Road Women's 1st team	4	0	0	4	2	15	-13	0

## Black belt for Ryan

Congratulations to Ryan for achieving a black belt in Karate.

He worked very hard for this award.



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## Cross Country

The Shenfield Cross-Country season saw so much success both on an individual as well as on a team level.

William H won the Regional Cross -Country race against a really strong field. The boy he beat in to second place qualified with his school team for the National finals and ended up winning that race. Proving how good a runner William is.

Amira K and Zac T (both running a year up in their races) also finished 4th in their races at the regional finals which is outstanding.

Although none of the teams managed to qualify for the national finals this year it was a superb season all in all. To have four teams qualify for the regional finals was a best ever achievement for Shenfield Cross-Country.

Our runners also dominated the Brentwood District races at Becket Keys winning every team award bar one. We also won the Year 7 boys and girls Mid Essex team titles after the races at Hylands Park as well as the U14 boys title. Furthermore several of our runners will qualify to run for Mid Essex at the Essex Championships in 2024.

Well done to everyone who has attended our running club before school on a Friday and represented the school in a sport that is often really hard work. The benefits that these students see to their fitness is clear but they also have to show mental toughness which is crucial to success in life.

They have some more races to look forward to after Christmas so we look forward to seeing anyone up for working off the Christmas Turkey at our training sessions in the new year

## Athletics

Following the superb season enjoyed by our cross-country runners, our athletes have also been preparing for the recent indoor athletics competitions.

The U14 boys and girls competed in the Lea Valley indoor competition where our boys made the B final having finished 7th out of 50 boys teams competing and our girls managed to reach the A final.

In the boys competition Zac T won the 800m in a superb time of 2:13 seconds, Silva T-E won the 60m sprint in 7.39 seconds and Emmanuel O jumped a school record of 5.05m, a remarkable jump for a year 8 boy.

In the girls competition Stephanie S ran a PB in of 44 seconds to finished 2nd in the A final of the 300m. Poppy H smashed the hurdles and the long jump winning both events against several excellent club athletes from the best athletics schools in England. The girls managed to finish 4th out of over 40 girls teams that entered which is a tremendous achievement.

The sports hall athletics competitions hosted at Shenfield was competed for by our year 7&8 boys and girls. Both girls teams managed to win their District title, the year 8 girls winning by just 1 point with the year 7 girls winning by a huge 20 points.

The boys had their competition this week with both year 7&8 boys teams winning all but one of the track events as well as winning all but one of the field events to finish over 30 points ahead of the nearest rivals.

All 4 teams will head to the Essex finals in March confident that they can win more Essex titles having won 3 of the 4 Indoor Athletics titles in 2022.



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## PE Theory Test 100%ers!

The following students all scored 100% on their PE theory test for this half term! Well done!



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



[School Event Calendar](#)

## Key dates Spring Term 1

Date	Event
20.12.23	Last day of term School closes at 12:00pm
21.12 - 03.01.24	Christmas Holiday
04.01.24	Staff Inset Day
05.01.24	Students return to Spring Term: Week A
08.01.24	Year 13 Mock Exams start
10.01.24	Year 11 Conference
11.01.24	Year 11 Parents' Evening
25.01.24	Year 10 Parents' Evening
30.01.24	Year 11 & 13 photographs
08.02.24	Year 7 Parents' Evening
15.02.24	Year 13 Parents' Evening
17.02.24	Ski Trip
19.02 - 23.02.23	Half Term



### YEAR 7

Mollie B
Grace C
Ruby C
Zachary C
Isabella C
Millie E
Sophia G
Reuben H
Rowan H
Olivia H
Amira K
Maisie L
Amelia L
Lyla M
Georgia N
Erin T
Milena W
Poppy W

### YEAR 8

Amelie A
Teddy B
Isobel C
Imogen C
Daisy-Mai D
Abigail D
Finlay F
Kayla F
Meg F
Mia G
Ollie G
Rose H
Evie H
Will H
Eden I
Amy-Leigh J
Amber K
Blaze K
Skye-Louise L
Milly L
Andreas L
Chrissie M
Lily M
Beabea P
Scarlett P
Sorlah R
Jessica S
Mila S
Eloise S
Maisie W
Abby W
Grace W
Rachel W
Freddie W

### YEAR 9

Lucy C
Fae D
Emily D
Darcy H
Paige J
Maisie-Jane J
Holly T