

SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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News from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to congratulate the newest members of our Shenfield community on the start they have made.

Our year 7 students have settled into secondary school life remarkably well and have shown themselves to be a year group full of kind, positive and respectful young people who do themselves and their families proud through their general conduct and engagement with lessons and other school activities.

The year 12 students who have joined us from other schools have seamlessly integrated themselves into our Sixth Form and have been supported in this by our own returning year 11s who have, themselves, transitioned to Sixth Form life very positively. This 'step up' is not always the easiest but we have all been impressed with the work ethos demonstrated by our whole Sixth Form.

A big thankyou to two Sixth Formers in particular; Malcolm and Isabelle, our Head Students. They recently spoke to parents at our Open evening and did a fabulous job. In total they presented four times to a hall full of parents and children which is no easy feat; I was very proud of both of them.

In any large community good communication is critical but also difficult to get right. I am aware that there is more we can do at Shenfield High to provide the level and type of communication that makes it easier for us all to work together effectively.

Work is about to get underway on making improvements to our website as this is currently underutilised as a means of parents being able to source information easily and independently and we will also explore how we can use our school Twitter account to provide a greater breadth of quick updates and positive news stories.

In the next half term we will also consult on a new communication policy that will make it clear what all parties should expect in regard to timing, type and tone of communication.

I hope you enjoy the new newsletter format.

We would love to hear from anyone out there who went to Shenfield High School themselves and would be interested in being part of a Shenfield High School Alumni.

Our young people need to hear about and hear from a range of adults who, have attended their school and can support with raising their aspirations.

We want our students to be ambitious for their school success and future path and having 'real' people share their stories can be powerful. If this is something you feel you could be part of then please email in with your details, education and professional pathway and we will get back to you.

I wish you all a restful, and not too cold, half term break.

Yours sincerely,

C. Costello

Clare Costello
Headteacher

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

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*new pastoral manager starting next half term

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*new Head of Year starting January 2024

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British Army Officer Scholarship - RSM Hambidge

A British Army Officer Scholarship has been awarded to Combined Cadet Force Cadets Regimental Sergeant Major David Hambidge.

The scholarship includes £3,000 in the recipient's final school year, plus a confirmed Army bursary, worth up to £7,000, if they choose to study a recognised degree at a UK university it qualifies Army scholars to apply for an additional Army bursary of up to £75,000.

The scholarship awards young people with proven leadership potential a place to train at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and later commission into the British Army as Officers. Candidates are assessed across several areas including, physical fitness, planning, teamwork and leadership skills. They also must pass a series of challenging interviews from senior army officers and write an essay as part of the intensive selection process.

In the citation, David is 'recognised as possessing exceptional leadership potential' and has secured a confirmed place to train as an Army Officer with the Army giving them financial and career support through school and university.



Lt Simon Brooks, Contingent
Commander (CCF) said:

“David has been a valued members of the CCF and is now the most senior rank a cadet can achieve, leading the younger cadets. Congratulations to David on his fantastic achievement. The CCF and the wider Shenfield High School are very proud of his achievement.**”**

David said:

“I couldn't have achieved this without the support of the entire CCF team and my fellow cadets who have helped me prepare. Particularly Lt Brooks and Major Maynard. Without the CCF, I would not have had the opportunity to find my passion for the Army and pursue a future career. I have only just been promoted to RSM and I look forward to helping develop the Army section and younger cadets this year. I have chosen to follow an engineering career and feel that my passion for this subject and military life is best met as an officer, I intend to join The Corps of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) once I pass out from Sandhurst Military academy.**”**

Shenfield School Headteacher, Miss Clare Costello, presented David with his certificates, from the President of the Army Officer Selection Board, and Army Scholar badges for his CCF uniform. She congratulated RSM Hambidge on his fantastic achievement and acknowledged the incredible opportunities CCF offers all cadets from years 9-13 at Shenfield High School. She went on to say Shenfield High School CCF has proved time and time again to provide a fantastic opportunity to develop leadership, discipline, self-reliance, confidence and numerous other soft skills outside of the traditional classroom setting that will benefit our students as they progress through higher education and ultimately onto employment across all career choices, as demonstrated by RSM Hambidge.

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Welcome from Mr Poole



Dear parents/carers,

As we move towards the end of an action packed first half-term at Shenfield High School, I wanted to take the opportunity to formally introduce myself to you all.

As Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Attendance, my role dictates that parent contact and communication will be regular and informed by the ever-changing circumstances and challenges that are presented to our youngsters in today's society.

With that in mind, it's vital that you are aware that any adaptations to policy, approaches to behaviour management and most importantly, support offered to you as guardians is informed by Government guidance and academic research.

Rest assured, the team that support my role will always be placing the well-being of students at the heart of their work and specifically will ensure that:

- There is a high staff presence in corridors to praise and where necessary correct student conduct
- We support staff development and training so that our students are supported with expert practitioners
- We model and uphold the high expectations we expect of students in our community
- Academic excellence is supported through our behavioural systems

Finally, I want to thank the wider school community of students, teachers, and parents for how they have welcomed me this half-term and I look forward to the new half-term with continued optimism.

Kind regards,

Mr T Poole
Assistant Headteacher for behaviour and attendance

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form Open Evening is on Thursday 16th November from 6.00pm-8.00pm. We very much hope you will be able to attend to see what Shenfield High School's thriving Sixth Form has to offer.

You will have the opportunity to view the displays of the considerable number of subjects available at A Level and the BTEC courses. These displays will be located in the Sports Hall. In addition, you will have the opportunity to talk to Sixth Form staff and students throughout the evening until it draws to a close at 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 – 6.30pm

7.00pm – 7.30pm

7.45pm – 8.15pm

Please see website for booking details:-



[6th Form Open Evening - Shenfield High](#)

Opportunities to view displays and talk to staff:

6.00pm – 8.00pm

(all displays will be closed at 8.00pm)

There will be an impartial Careers Advisor available during the evening to help with any queries students and parents may have.

Parents' Association

All the money we raise goes to help the school provide better resources for our children.

Please do support us where you can!

If you would be willing to join the SHSPTA then we'd love to hear from you. Not much time is needed just an hour or so here and there - whatever you can spare!

You can contact the PTA via:

Email: shspa@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

Twitter: @shs_pta or Facebook



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Year 11 Revision/ Drop in Timetable

With year 11 mock examinations commencing on the 20th November we wanted to share two important documents with you in preparation. Firstly the revision/drop in timetable, and secondly the mock timetable.

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

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



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

t.arnold@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

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Year 11 Mock Examination Timetable



WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

Monday 20 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	Maths P1 Higher	90/113	119
9am	Hall	Maths P1 Foundation	90/113	119
11.20am	iRoom	Drama Btech	90/113	20
11.20am	Gym	Computer Science P1	90/113	58
PM				
2.00 pm	Hall	French Listening	50/62.5	6

Monday 27 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9.00 am	Hall	Computer Science P2	90/113	58
9.00am	Gym	French P4 Writing	80/100	6
11.20 am	Hall	English Lang P2	105/131	119
11.20 am	Gym	English Lang P2	105/131	119
PM				

Monday 4 Dec				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Hall	Spanish P4 Writing	80/100	20
11.20am	Hall	Food Technology P1	105/131	46
PM				

Tuesday 21 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	Film Studies P1	90/113	54
9am	X4	Music	90/113	11
11.20am	Gym	Combined Trilogy Biology	75/93.75	142
11.20am	Hall	Biology P1	105/131	96
PM				
2.00pm	Hall	Spanish Listening	50/62.5	23

Tuesday 28 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	Geography P1	90/113	80
11.20am	Hall	History P2	105/131	
PM				
2.00pm	Gym	English Lit	45/56	119
	Hall	English Lit	45/56	119

Tuesday 5 Dec				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	E3 & 4	Art	150/188	30
PM				
12 noon	E3 & E4	Art	150/188	30

Wednesday 22 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	English Literature	90/113	119
9am	Hall	English Literature	90/113	119
11.20am	Gym	History P1	75/94	113
PM				
2.00pm	Hall	French Reading P3	60/75	6

Wednesday 29 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Hall	Maths P2 Foundation	90/113	119
9am	Gym	Maths P2 Higher	90/113	119
11.20 am	Gym	Sociology P1	105/131	49
PM				

Wednesday 6 Dec				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	E3 & 4	Art	150/188	30
PM				
12 noon	E3 & E4	Art	150/188	30

Thursday 23 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	Engineering	90/113	75
9am	Hall	Drama	105/131	20
11.20 am	Gym	Film Studies P2	90/113	54
PM				
2.00 pm		Spanish Reading P3	60/75	

Thursday 30 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	History P3	80/100	
11.20am	Gym	Combined Trilogy Physics	75/93.75	142
11.20am	Hall	Physics	105/131	96
PM				

Friday 24 Nov				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Gym	PE	90/113	94
11.20am	Gym	Combined Trilogy Chemistry	75/93.75	142
	Hall	Chemistry	105/131	96
PM				

Friday 1st Dec				
Time	Venue		Length	Cand
9am	Hall	Geography P2	90/113	80
11.20 am	Hall	Business	105/131	
PM				
2.00pm	Hall	Sociology P2	60/75	



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Careers Information Fair

On Thursday 13th October, the Careers Department hosted their annual Careers Information Fair Evening.

This event gives the pupils from Years 8 to 13 the opportunity of meeting employers within industry, training providers, colleges and universities face to face for general discussion and advice on a wide range of careers and education opportunities. 60 organisations and businesses were represented on the night.

Selected Sixth Form Ambassadors acted as the welcome party, aiding the exhibitors and handing out programmes amongst many other organisational duties. Miss Kadem, Team Leader for Careers and Mrs Utton were on hand to guide.

Talks were from Essex University on Student Life. Apprenticeships Explained from AIM Group and Making the right choices after your GCSEs with Mr Cooke Head of Sixth Form. The relaxed yet informal atmosphere as well as the colourful displays encouraged our pupils to ask questions and investigate different types of career or educational options.

We would like to thank those who gave up their evening and supported this event.

If you attended the Careers Fair and have any comments from the evening, please email your comments to Mrs L Utton (Careers Administrator) l.utton@shenfield.essex.sch.uk and if you have a moment to complete our parent evaluation form and send it to l.utton@shenfield.essex.sch.uk we would be extremely grateful.



[Parent Evaluation Form](#)

Please click here to view information given in presentations delivered on the night:-



[Essex University, Student Life](#)



[All about Apprenticeships Guide](#)



[Making the right choice after your GCSEs](#)

SNAP Charity

SNAP is an Essex charity for parents and carers of children with additional needs and disabilities.

SNAP's aims are to inform, encourage and support parents, allowing them to grow in strength and knowledge so that they are better equipped to give the best possible help to their children. With that in mind, Jamie Cox, his mother and his sister endured the September heatwave and walked 5km to raise over £900 to support their services.



Registered Charity No. 1077787

Bearing in mind Jamie's dislike for walking and mum's recent knee surgery, this was no mean feat! So well done to Jamie and family for their efforts and support of a very valuable local charity.

Debate Club

With the Barbie Movie dominating the box office and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak proposing that students study mathematics till age eighteen, it is hardly surprising that Debate Club has hosted many lively arguments this term! In the most recent session, students debated whether 16-year-olds should be allowed to vote in UK General Elections.

While both sides delivered compelling arguments, the 'Ayes had it' and decided to lower the voting age, giving young people a greater voice in UK Politics. A special mention has to go to Shayla (Year 8) and Ollie (Year 11) for making some excellent points and compromises!

If you want to participate in Debate Club, sessions run every Thursday lunch in H54!

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National College - National Online Safety



We're delighted to let you know that Shenfield High School has become 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's why you've 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're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all training and resources.

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't find the answer you're looking for, you can always get in contact with them.

I hope you'll sign-up and make the most of their resources.

Kind regards,

Mr DJ Barron

Assistant Headteacher: Safeguarding and Inclusion



Shenfield high school is pleased to announce we are running an Eco club to try and involve more of the school community in making our school a more sustainable place.

The club runs at lunchtimes in H51, led by Mr. Gray.

We hope to set up a committee (potentially involving parents and carers and other adults) to help get a green flag award for the school. So, please encourage your son/daughter to take part and shar with us any of your ideas for a sustainable school.

Mr Gray

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[National College Sign Up](#)



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Student Leadership Team

After a rigorous interview process, we would like to congratulate the following students who have been selected and are now a part of our student leadership team for this academic year.

Well done to anyone who applied and interviewed for a role.



J M Berry	House Captain
L Elsdon	House Captain
M Ash	House captain
T Venter	House captain
Z Muir	House Captain
A Keen	House Captain
O Jarman	House Captain
M Faulkner	House Captain
L Tamulaityte	House Captain
L Brown	House Captain
H Turner	House Captain
P Brudenell	House Captain
H Tremain	House Captain
L Boulton	House Captain
R Turner	House Captain
B Janaway	House Captain

J Griffin	Deputy House captain
L Archer	Deputy House captain
A Rayner	Deputy House Captain
S McCormack	Deputy House Captain
L O'Meara	Deputy House Captain
M Kayongo	Deputy House Captain
C Spong	Deputy House Captain
P Jervis	Deputy House Captain
L Hone	Deputy House Captain
M Vemula	Deputy House Captain

L Mercer	Sports captain
I Cosentino	Sports captain
S Bailey	Sports captain
D Kenley	Sports captain
C Norris	Sports Captain
A Hill	Sports Captain
O Jarman	Sports Captain
D Woodward	Sports Captain
P Horton	Sports Captain
A Carter	Sports Captain
R Abela	Sports Captain
V Walker	Sports Captain
B Backman	Sports Captain
A Shalujo-Afolabi	Sports Captain

P Hammond	Arts Captain
F Sharma	Arts Captain
A Leigh James	Arts Captain
S McCormack	Arts Captain
E Crate	Arts Captain
I Clark	Arts Captain
A Tomlin	Arts Captain
L Perrott-Williams	Arts Captain
L Hone	Arts Captain
G Campbell	Arts Captain
S Crawley	Arts Captain
L Berry	Arts Captain

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Borneo - World Challenge

Students from Year 11, 12 and 13 had the trip of a lifetime at the end of the summer term last year.

After an epic 20+ hours of flights the students acclimatized in Kota Kinabalu, exploring the local street markets for souvenirs and tasting the local delicacies (along with the usual burger and chips!) After a good night's sleep, the group spent some time on the idyllic Dinawan Island, relaxing and paddle boarding in the sea. After a slow and relaxed start the real challenge began with their trek phase, climbing Mount Kinabalu.

Trekking up the mountain over 2 days before a fitful night's sleep ahead of the final push to the summit at 4,095m and the usual photoshoot and celebrations. What goes up, must come down and despite the weary legs all the students made it down the mountain to the hostel and a slap-up meal refuel followed by a well-earned nap before moving to our next destination.

It was from the mountain to the jungle for the students travelling by coach across the country to hot and humid jungle setting of Kinabatangan. Staying in the water top chalets and engaging in the reforestation of an area devastated by illegal felling of trees and helping to bring wildlife back to the area. Culminating in a 2-night stay in hammocks falling asleep to the noises of the jungle the students made their way back to camp to take part in a local ceremony, representing the school and accepting gifts from a nearby settlement visiting to look at sustainable communities.

After enjoying a (non-river water) shower for the first time in 3 days it was time for the students to begin the last leg of their expedition, travelling by bus to Sandakan to enjoy some R&R by the pool and visiting the local wildlife sanctuaries for orangutans and sun bears. The highlight for many being the close encounter with a wild orangutan on the final morning before heading to the airport and the long journey home back to their parents with a whole raft of stories and souvenirs to share with their loved ones.



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Maths Challenge

A group of Year 13 students recently took part in the UKMT KS5 Maths Challenge, a highly prestigious problem-solving competition.

Of the students that took part, 67% received a Bronze award which is a fantastic achievement and one that top universities will look at very favourably when considering applications.

Of these students, Henry N obtained the highest result, but we would like to congratulate everyone that took part as they did very well on a very challenging paper.

We will be running our next challenge after Christmas for selected students in Y9,10 and 11.

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

Be excellent and good luck!!!



KS3 Psychology Club

This term the Social Sciences department have set up a Psychology club for Key Stage 3 as often students do not get to experience this subject until Key Stage 4 or 5.

Thanks to the great work of sixth formers: Janet-Anne N, Amie M, Emma M and Belle F for assisting and in some cases leading in this.

Students have looked at Psychologists such as Professor Emeritus Philip Zimbardo and his; 'Lucifer Effect', Dr Ceri Evans Red Brain/Blue Brain model as well as some more traditional theories and Artificial Intelligence's impact in the field of Psychology.

Students also use a technique called LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® in a format that was recently used by Shenfield Staff at Trinity College Oxford University.

Huge well done to members:

Eden I	8H
Skye-Louise L	8H
Emilia D	8H
Krishna P	9H
Mia G	9T
Demi C	9T
Abi M	9A

**Psychology Club is open to all
Tuesday lunchtimes in C56.**

Interested? Come and talk to us and ask what it is all about.
The Social Sciences Department



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Food Technology

We have been lucky enough to win a place in the Fish Hero – Mighty Mussel delivery 2023 program!

This involves selected schools receiving an assignment of 8 Kg of Grade A fresh mussels in November.

Approximately 60 of our students will be participating in preparing and cooking those mussels in school (watch out for pictures and a short story about the event top follow).

The program also provides training for the staff involved and is supported by the Fishmongers' company. We are hoping to be selected for further events as they happen over the course of the year.



Register for your Mighty Mussels - 8kg for your pupils to prepare, cook and taste!

Year 11 Food Technology

Year 11 have been making some scrumptious pastries in Food Technology. They have worked so hard and their skills were impressive.



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

House Points

C-POINTS			
A	H	N	P
5822	5249	6429	5392
TEAM COMPETITIONS			
A	H	N	P
3922	3311	3629	2980
Top form			
1772	1661	1729	1680

OVERALL

2 nd	3 rd	1 st	4 th
9744	8560	10,058	8372

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Sixth Form

The Sixth Form continued to grow this year, seeing more students deciding to stay with us from Year 11 and also joining us from a staggering 22 different local schools.

At the time of writing, 96 Year 12 students still have 100% attendance which is brilliant, underlining how well the year group have settled and are engaging in their studies.

Following the summer break, our Year 13 are driven and determined with a clear focus on their upcoming mock exams which start after Christmas. Many have started their university process by visiting various university Open days and starting their online application. Five students met the early entry deadline with the desire to include Oxford or Cambridge as one of their options.

A fantastic start from both year groups, which is great to see.

Peer Mentor Team

Mrs Downey trained many Year 12 Peer mentors this term.

The peer mentoring program is a Sixth form enrichment program. Mentors are there to help the younger students build confidence and gain the skills needed to be better learners and manage their school life.

Congratulations to our Sixth Form students who have shown commitment and enthusiasm in volunteering to take on the rewarding role of Peer Mentor which enriches and broadens their experience while helping younger pupils.

Our senior student Peer Mentors make a valuable contribution to the school community by helping younger pupils to experience success and emotional well-being in school.

Having applied to take on the role of Peer Mentors, Year 12 students took part in training this week to develop the specific skills necessary, which include good listening and communication skills as well as Safeguarding of pupils.

Students now look forward to joining our existing team and offering support throughout the school. Peer Mentor intervention can make a significant difference to a younger pupil's life.

Essex Golf

Jacobs V and his Essex Golf Team came second to Surrey on Sunday 17th September at Goring and Streatley Golf Club, having to play in torrential rain with streams running on to the greens.

They had a sore lesson in having a competition go to 9 holes rather than 18 and losing many balls in the bushes.

This was the first time in 10 years the U14s made it to the Golf Regional finals, so to come runner up is a huge achievement in very difficult playing conditions.



Shenfield Tenpin Bowling Super Stars!

On Thursday 12th October we took a team of students to our first ever Panathlon Tenpin bowling event at Hollywood Bowl in Basildon. The pupils were so excited to represent their school and they did so brilliantly. Each pupil bowled a whole game and they were working as team to score the highest score. They were competing against 20 other schools and they did themselves and the school proud and walked away, in the words of one pupil with 'well smart medals'.

Special mention to Blake and Rachel who both scored over 100 and Rachel went on to score the highest individual score of the day with a score of 130. We can not wait for the next event and look forward to seeing our pupils represent Shenfield in such a great manner again.

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Shenfield Football Academy

The sixth form Shenfield Football Academies for both boys and girls have made a great start to the new year. There are currently 40 boys and 17 girls on the programme enjoying their football and training three days a week with Wednesday match days.

Boys' Academy

The first team have made a slow start to the season in a very strong English Colleges National Premier League. They picked up a win in the first round of the ESFA National Super League.

The results do not paint the full picture with some games lost which should have been won and many debuts for new year 12 students. 23 students have currently made first team appearances this season.

The second team have made a great start to the season in the Essex Colleges Premier League, winning two and losing one of their opening three games.

They have shown fantastic attitudes towards the programme and lots of second team players have made the step up into first team football.



Top row: Milazzo, Bains, Okafor, Alo, McLachlan, Smith, Riches, Ona, Omosule, Ejesi

Bottom row: Hilliard, Hawkins, Walker, Okoro, Coussens

Second Team results:

Brentwood School 0 – 1 Shenfield (friendly)

Shenfield 2 – 3 FITC

Harris Academy 2 – 3 Shenfield

Shenfield 3 – 2 South Essex College



Top Row: Ona, Panton, Carr, Read, Taylor, Fairey, Lawrence, Bradbury

Bottom Row: Carolan, Sankoh, Fowler, Toolan, Khumalo, Rainbird, Lawford

1st Team results:

AFC Sudbury 1 – 0 Shenfield

Shenfield 1 – 6 Sigma

West Suffolk 2 – 1 Shenfield

Harris Academy 2 – 3 Shenfield

Seevic 4 – 2 Shenfield

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Harris Academy Chobham	2	2	0	0	2	6
2	Shenfield High	3	2	0	1	1	6
3	USP1 (SEEWC)	1	1	0	0	2	3
4	FITC1	1	1	0	0	1	3
5	Harris Academy Chafford 1	1	0	0	1	-1	0
6	Roding Valley	1	0	0	1	-1	0
7	Sigma Swyth	1	0	0	1	-1	0
8	SEC 1	2	0	0	2	-3	0



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Girls' Academy

The girls football academy have made the perfect start to their season and have been absolutely fantastic. Lots of new year 12 students joined the programme this September and the girls have immediately come together which has shown in their results.

So far top of the league!



Top Row: Reilly, Kenly, Holt, Harding, Morris, Rapson, Attwaters-Watson, Reed

Bottom Row: Matthews, Byron, Rayment, Sanders, Wood, Campbell, Sheen (missing Brown)

Girls' results:

Shenfield 4 – 1 Hills Road

Shenfield 4 – 0 Sigma

Milton Keynes 4 – 5 Shenfield

Top scorer so far is L Kenly with 8 goals in 3 games.

National Finalists English Schools Swimming Association



ENGLISH SCHOOLS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the Y7/8 Girls and Boys relay teams on making the National team relay swimming finals. This is the first time in SHS history that we have made a national final for swimming.

The Boys finished 4th in their 4x50m FC relay to qualify 18th nationally.

The Girls finished 5th in their 4x50 IM relay to qualify 15th nationally.

The teams head to Birmingham in November with the hope of improving their current National ranking.

We wish them the best of luck. #TEAMSHENNERS



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Interhouse Cross Country

This term all KS3 students took part in interhouse XC to compete for the title of XC champions. Not only were there individual winners but the house with the lowest combined score would win overall.

Winners:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 7: Nightingale (girls) | Attenborough (Boys) |
| 8: Harry (girls) | Attenborough (Boys) |
| 9: Attenborough (girls) | Parks (Boys) |



Year 7 sport camp winners

Well done to all of the New Y7 students who attended the 25th SHS sports camp. Lots of friendships and progress made. Nightingale were our overall champions with Teddy and Lya the outstanding Boy and Girl of the week.

Essex County School U14 Football

George C, Silva T-E & Zac T were all successful in making the Essex County School U14 representative team.

There were over 150 of their best footballers in Essex on trial over a two week period.

All three boys played in the first game of the season on Saturday 14th October in a National Cup Fixture against a strong Berkshire team. Essex won the game 8-2 with Silva scoring 4 goals, the boys now play Sussex is round 2.

Girls' Rugby

Girls rugby just keeps on growing here at Shenfield! It's becoming such a popular new sport and numbers playing and training have been very impressive.

Our U14s got this season's campaign off to a great start with their first win in the Essex cup against Woodlands, with a score of 50-31. This was a fantastic team performance with huge improvements being made by all. Player of the match was Tegan Baand Coach's player of the match was Leyla S. The U16s team start their Essex cup journey off in November as well as the Year 7 team having friendlies planned in November to promote the sport.

This year we continue to have a strong partnership with Old Brentwoods Rugby Club. Two of their coaches have volunteered to come into school every Tuesday to support us in developing our players and helping us to promote girls rugby. As a result of enjoying these sessions, six of our Shenfield girls have now joined Old Brentwood's Rugby Club.

The school's development of the game continues on Wednesday 1st November, when we will be running an exciting, fun rugby event for many Year 7 girls. Local schools in the Brentwood area will be taking part; their girls are coming to Shenfield in order to give rugby a go and hopefully take up a new sport.



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Cross Country Club

The weekly morning cross-country club has had over 30 runners in attendance every Friday since we returned to school in September. These runners have really worked hard on their fitness in these sessions, many have also taken part in regular Park Runs so we were confident they would perform well in the Brentwood District races, hosted by Becket Keys school.

The girls' races took place on Tuesday 10th October with the Year 7 girls going out first. Our girls made a great start and led by an incredible performance from Amira K who came home first by over 200m, our team beat the 5 other schools to win the team gold. (Top 6 runners see Amira K, Elsie S, Grace H, Freya G, Marlie L and Mollie B)

Our Year 8 girls went out next. Whilst our Year 8 girls are not club runners they again performed with great determination with our top 6 runners taking second position. Congratulations to Amber K, Amelie A, Isla F, Lily N, Ava W and Gabby G.

The Shenfield Year 9 runners were led home by Maisie B, closely followed by Poppy H and Stephanie S with Ellie G, Fae D and Sophia H making up our team who all finished in the top 13 places and won the gold medal.

The boys races took place the day after and the Year 7 boys sent out a signal to all other schools about how prepared they were for the race! Lucas W won the race with Shenfield runners taking all of the top 5 places! Shay M 2nd, Tom E 3rd, Daniel S 4th, Luca G 5th with George B 7th (giving a team score of just 22 points). Remarkably our Shenfield B team also won the silver medal with St Martins' 60 points worse off than our B team.

The Shenfield Year 8 boys team then also came first with Will H winning the race, closely followed by Casper N. In second and Joe S in third place. Jude L, James H and Emmanuel O also finished in the top 10 places to see our team to the gold medal position 40 points ahead of Becket Keys.

The Year 9 boys were led by Zac T who won his race, with Alf C 3rd, Louis W 4th, Jamie N 6th, Ethan C 7th and Louis K making up our top 6 to win team gold.

Our Year 10-13 runners narrowly missed out on a clean sweep of the team golds when they finished 2nd behind an experienced Becket Keys team. Ryan C run despite having had 3 teeth out earlier in the week and came 2nd, Charlie E (8th) Charlie R (9th), Owen asking (10th) Harry C (11th) and Ben B (14th) made up our top 6 year 10-13 runners.

To win 5 of the 8 team events with 3 teams taking 2nd place represents our best ever performance at these District Races. A huge well done to everyone involved.

They will now prepare for the first round of the National cross-country cup on November 1st before the Mid Essex Championships on November 8th. #HardWorkPaysOff

Shenfield Sports Partnership Primary Events and Leaders

This half term has seen 17 events being organised by the Shenfield Sports Partnership and nearly 2500 primary pupils taking part from 25 local schools.

This has only been possible with the amazing leaders from Shenfield High School. 50+ Pupils have had the opportunity to referee football, coach young players, marshall and hare x country and lead multi skills events.

Parents and teachers of the local primary schools always comment on how polite, enthusiastic and encouraging our pupils are. Well done to all pupils who have helped this half term and I look forward to working with more over the course of the year.



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Junior Performing Arts Academy

No rest for the wicked... The Junior Performing Arts Academy have started the year with a bang! We have welcomed 6 new students to our Academy who have already blown us away with their commitment and enthusiasm.

Shakespeare School's Festival

Our Upper Academy have started rehearsals for the Shakespeare School's festival where they will perform "Twelfth Night" at the Broadway Theatre on the 9th November.

This week our year 10 & 11 JPA students had an amazing opportunity to participate in a 2 hour workshop led by a professional actor – Louie K, who worked with them on script work, character development and bringing page to stage. As always, our pupils were professional and dedicated throughout the workshop – being incredible ambassadors for the JPA.



Monologue Slam

Our Lower Academy are working towards a 'Monologue Slam' in November where they have been rehearsing solo speeches to perform as part of this competition. We are very proud of how hard the students have worked on interpreting their roles, learning their lines and working independently on this challenging task.

Zoo Nation Trip

Our Academy and GCSE Dance students were lucky enough to get the opportunity to see Zoo Nation's dance production of 'Message in a Bottle' last week, at the Phoenix Theatre. We were so proud to see the students so engaged in this thought-provoking production and take so much from it. We can't wait to start exploring some of the show material in our academy sessions.

Sixth Form Theatre Academy

National Theatre Performance

This year, we have again been selected to participate in The National Theatre's Connection Festival! We have been rehearsing hard since September and we are making great progress! Our first performance will be Friday 19th April 2024 at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch – and hopefully we are selected as a finalist to perform at The National Theatre itself!



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Bring It On! 2024 Whole School Musical

Auditions took place this half term for our 2024 Whole School Musical 'Bring It On'. Our show is now cast, rehearsals are underway, and we are already so impressed by our cast of 70+ students involved. Watch this space for more information on tickets for the show!



GCSE/A level

Year 10 and 12 Devising examination workshops with Ciaran "The Paper Birds"

At the end of September GCSE Drama and A-level Theatre Studies students "kick started" their Component 2 Devising examinations with a workshop with professional Theatre Company, The Paper Birds. Our students were incredible as always, challenging themselves to devise creative and thought provoking work for their upcoming examination performances.



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



[School Event Calendar](#)

Key dates Autumn Term 2

Date	Event
23 - 27.10.23	October Half Term
30.10.23	Student return to school—Week B
16.11.23	Sixth Form Open Evening
20.11.23	Year 11 Mock Examinations start
30.11.23	Ski Trip Parents' Meeting
06.12.23	Year 11 Mock Examinations end
4 - 5.12.23	Christmas Concert
20.12.23	Last day of term School closes at 12:00pm

Wishing everyone a
wonderful Half Term

Our **VISION** is to prepare our students to **EMBRACE** all OPPORTUNITIES and **FULFIL** all AMBITIONS.

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