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NEWSLETTER



Top 200 sporting schools of 2024

It's been another exceptional sporting year – and schools all over the country turned in a year of outstanding performance. Each year, the Top 200 Sporting Schools list is compiled by the exclusive Top Sports Schools magazine.

Our fourth Top 200 edition is a celebration of the best of the state schools, built on a year of exceptional results on the field. And once again, it's the schools that do everything else well, too, that shine. From more than 20,000 different sports, over 120 different events.

Showing the sporting achievements of hundreds of schools that have competed very successfully, Millfield School retains the top spot for their seventh year in a row.

The Somerset school turned in another year of outstanding performance with success in sports ranging from cricket and football to tennis, netball, basketball and hockey.

There was no change in second or third place either, with King Edward's School, Birmingham, retaining the title of the top 200, their ever-better, proving that success is

the students who did better than any other in the country, with a record-breaking 100% success rate in the 2024-25 season. The school's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff and students.

Other schools in the top 200 include: King Edward's School, Birmingham; Millfield School; and King Edward's School, Birmingham.



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News from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, it is the morning after the night before and I am still in awe of the performances that I witnessed last night in our school production of Matilda! The depth of talent is clearly a strength of these students; singing, dancing, and acting. What is less obvious, but still very much significant, is the dedication, collaboration, and positive ethos of the students and of the staff who lead them and teach them so well. Talent alone does not produce a performance with such heart and with such strong group interaction. Well done to everyone involved in making the memories that will come from such a fabulous show.

Each time I read our newsletters it is a good reminder for me of all the wonderful things that our students are undertaking and of the progress we are making as a school community. Like the performing arts at Shenfield High, sport has always been a popular strength of the school and is key in providing students with rich experiences and for nurturing and developing talent. I am happy to see more articles of what our students who also have academic talent are being supported with. In this edition you can read about our Aspirational Learning Pathway (A.L.P.), the Brilliant Club and the engagement with our Learning Hub.

We were pleased with attendance at our Year 11 parents' evening this half term; it really makes a difference to the engagement of young people with school when their parents or guardians engage; thank you to all of you who came out to support your child's progress. The next half term is a busy one with Year 9 Options Evening and parents' evenings for four year groups. We hope to see you all at these events so we can discuss your child's progress, highlight some curriculum information and to answer questions you may have.

If you are keen to get involved in wider school life, then please look out next half term as we will be seeking support with a parent's association, an alumni network and responses to parental surveys on some of our new developments this year; your input and your voice is vital in supporting the continued development of our school.

I would like to wish the staff and students visiting Seville on the Languages trip and South Africa on the cricket tour a safe and rewarding trip and I have my fingers crossed for the rest of us that we see some Spring sunshine soon.

Have a good half term.

Best wishes,

C. Costello

Clare Costello
Headteacher

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House Points Termly Results

					
SPRING 1 2025	Running total	26937	29078	27236	23767
	Termly	 7,564	 7,370	 7,411	 6,385
AUTUMN 2 2024	Running total	19,373	21,708	19,825	17,382
	Termly	 9,505	 11,418	 10,203	 8,474
AUTUMN 1 2024	Total	 9868	 10290	 9622	 8908

Spring 1 2025 results

Running Total House Points

C-POINTS and KS4 CREDITS

			
19478	21052	19826	17666
TEAM COMPETITIONS			
7459	8026	7410	6101
TOP FORM			
2642	2826	2860	2601

RUNNING TOTAL

		29078
		27236
		26937
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Well Done!

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Year 11 Points to Prom

At the start of this new term, we launched 'Points to Prom' for Year 11 students. This initiative requires students to be successful in 3 out of 4 categories to purchase their ticket for Prom.



The 4 categories are:

- Have 95% and above attendance
- Achieve 20 Key Stage 4 credits
- Achieve 20 Points to Prom
- Not have 2 late to lesson detentions

Key Stage 4 credits are rewarded to students that are engaging with learning in the classroom, being a positive role model and excellent Shenfield student within the school community. Points to Prom are rewarded to students who are completing anything extra for their studies, this may be revision sessions, past papers etc.

Students and staff are continually being updated with the information for where students are and how far they need to go to be successful. Continued communication around this narrative is really encouraging students to invest into the initiative, which is then having a positive impact on Year 11 engagement and overall attitude around the school.

Well done to all the students that are already meeting the criteria to attend the Year 11 Prom on the 2nd July 2025 at Greenwood Hotel, Ingatestone. Keep it up!

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POINTS



PROM

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY - FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

Should you have any questions,
please contact either:

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or

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Year 7 Golden Ticket

This term's focus for Year 7 is being safe and responsible.

Students are awarded a 'Golden Ticket' by Miss Arnold, Miss Smalling, form tutors or staff in the Pavilion.

Well done to all Year 7 students who have already received their Golden ticket and reward.

Well Done!



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GOLDEN TICKET

DATE	YEAR GROUP	HALF TERM FOCUS
2025/2026	YEAR 7	SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

THIS GOLDEN TICKET ENSURES REWARD

Year 7
Earn your sweet Golden Ticket this term for being safe and responsible.

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Exceeding Expectations

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Well done

To all students awarded EE postcards in KS3

For your excellent attitude to learning and attainment.

Amazing work!



Shenfield High School

21/02/25

Parents and carers will remember that last term, we launched a drive to celebrate excellence and nearly 800 students received a postcard for exceeding expectations in various subjects.

This half term, we are incredibly proud to announce that over 1000 Exceeding Expectations (EE) postcards have been awarded, recognising the dedication, effort, and outstanding achievements of our students at Shenfield High School.

A huge congratulations to all the students who have received an EE postcard! Your commitment to excellence and hard work continues to inspire us all. Keep striving for greatness!

Well Done!



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Shenfield High School Awards Evening – Sponsorship Opportunities

We are excited to announce the return of Awards Evening at Shenfield High School - a special event dedicated to celebrating the incredible achievements of our students. From academic excellence to sporting success and contributions to the school community, this evening will shine a spotlight on the hard work and dedication of our young people.

To make this event truly special, we are reaching out to local businesses who may be interested in sponsoring an award. This is a fantastic opportunity to support and inspire the next generation while also promoting your business to our school community. Sponsorship could involve funding an award, providing a prize, or simply having your business name associated with a specific category.

If you or your business would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Mr B Clifford at
b.clifford@shenfield.essex.sch.uk
for more information on how you can be
part of this exciting event.

Let's work together to celebrate the achievements of our students and strengthen our ties with the local community.

UK General Election Conference

On Monday January 27th, sixth form Politics students had the privilege of attending a virtual conference about the 2024 UK General Election.

Run by Oxford High School, the event was a fantastic opportunity for students to consolidate and widen their knowledge of UK Politics before the summer exams.

The students were particularly interested in Lord Hayward's thoughts about the impact of the General Election on the Conservative Party and whether the next election would see the Party lose its place as the Official Opposition.

Many thanks to the Politics Department for facilitating this event and to Oxford High School for securing such experts for the students!

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

STUDENTS ARE KNOWN and **KNOWN WELL** and **PREPARED** for a future of **LIFELONG LEARNING.**

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Year 9 Options Evening

As our Year 9 students approach a crucial stage in their educational journey, they will soon have the opportunity to select their Key Stage 4 options. This is an exciting time, offering students the chance to shape their future studies, but we also understand that it can be a little overwhelming. At Shenfield High School, we are committed to providing all the guidance and support needed to help students make informed decisions.

The process began with the Options Launch Assembly on the 7th February, where students received detailed information about the wide range of subjects available at Key Stage 4. This was then followed by subject-specific assemblies, delivered by our dedicated team leaders, giving further insight into each course.



Our Key Stage 4 Curriculum booklet can be found on our website at:

www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk/curriculum/year-9-options/

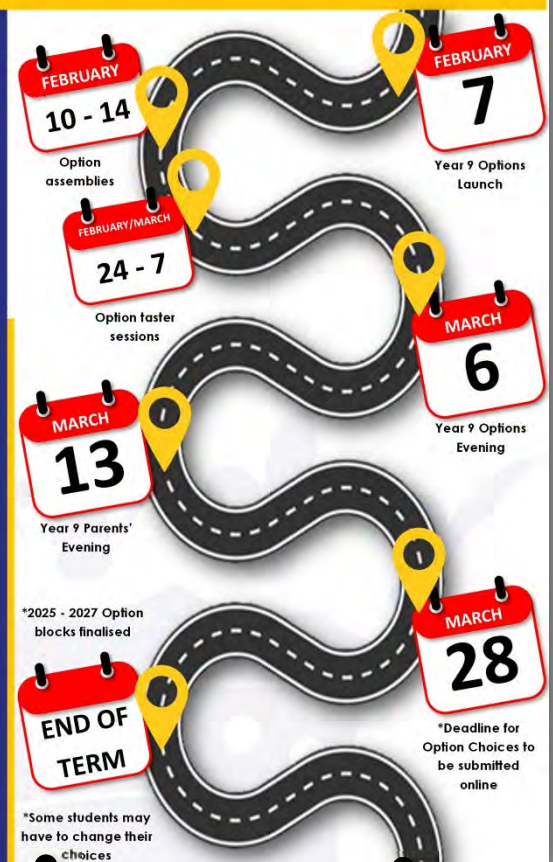
To help students experience potential subjects first hand, we will be running option taster sessions, allowing them to explore different courses before making their final choices. In addition, we encourage all parents and carers to attend our Options Evening on Thursday 6th March. This event will provide an opportunity to speak with subject teachers, learn more about the curriculum, and gain a clearer understanding of the options process.



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Timeline of Option Process

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Details on how to book for the Options Evening will be shared after the half-term break. We look forward to supporting our students in making confident and informed choices for their future.

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The Learning Hub - A Huge Success!



Since launching before Christmas, The Learning Hub has quickly become a buzzing after-school space for students to focus, revise, and support each other in their studies. What started as a small initiative has grown so much that we're now almost at full capacity in the Library!

Students have been making the most of this opportunity by engaging in online revision, peer-led study groups, past paper practice, and completing homework.

Year 11 prefects and our fantastic Year 13 student leadership team are on hand to offer guidance, while even Mr. Clifford and Mr. Towns have been spotted getting involved—just don't forget to print **DOUBLE SIDED!**

With such a fantastic atmosphere of hard work and collaboration, The Learning Hub is proving to be an invaluable resource for our dedicated scholars. Keep up the great work, everyone!

Library 3-4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

It is a peer-to-peer study support session where students can get help from the 6th form leadership team, prefects and our Year 10 teaching and learning group. It is an opportunity to get help with exam prep, revision or homework from other students with experience.

In the learning hub you will also have access to a teacher and key resources for every subject.

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Well Done!

Points to Prom for Year 11 students who attend

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Expanding Opportunities!

Our Aspirational Learning Pathway (ALP) is going from strength to strength, with two sessions now running for our enthusiastic students.

A group of 26 Year 8 students are currently working with Mr. Miller in preparation for the UK Maths Challenge 2025. They have been tackling some seriously tricky mathematical problems and will soon have the chance to compete against other local schools as part of a dedicated ALP maths team.

Meanwhile, 29 Year 7 students have been sharpening their debating skills with Mr. Rees-Gildea. They have been split into teams, assigned thought-provoking topics, and are now deep in preparation for their upcoming debates—we can't wait to see their arguments in action!

Looking ahead, both year groups will explore politics and psychology next half term, offering them even more exciting learning opportunities beyond the curriculum. Well done to all our ALP students for their hard work and enthusiasm!



Year 8 Scholars Explore the Cold War!

14 of our Year 8 students are currently taking part in The Scholar's Programme run by The Brilliant Club, an exciting initiative designed to stretch and challenge high-achieving students.

Led by Dr. Les Newsome from King's College London, the programme focuses on the Cold War period, covering key topics such as communism vs capitalism, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the threat of nuclear war, and the Vietnam War.

Through face-to-face tutorials, our students are developing their analytical thinking and engaging in seminar-style learning—just like university students! At the end of the programme, they will complete a project demonstrating their understanding of this fascinating period. The experience will culminate in a visit to a competitive university, where they will celebrate their achievements at a special graduation ceremony while also getting a taste of university life.

So far, the students have thoroughly enjoyed exploring a period of history not covered in the school curriculum, and we can't wait to see their final projects!



The
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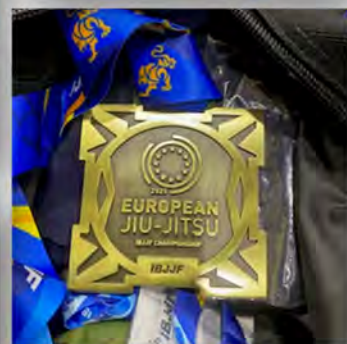
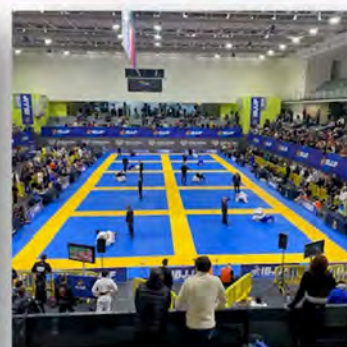
European Jiu-Jitsu IBJJF Championship 2025

Major Robin Maynard Rtd. former 7 Para RHA British Army officer and now a valued staff member at Shenfield High School, running the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and the PIC, competed in this year's European Championships being held in Lisbon Portugal.

This year's European championships had the biggest number of entrants ever, with 6000 competitors over 7 weight brackets in 5 belt grades; white, blue, purple, brown, and finally black belt.

Unlike some martial arts, a black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) is earned over a long period of time with the following as a time guideline in earning your Belt: white belt to blue belt taking 2 years, blue belt to purple Belt taking 4 years, purple belt to brown belt 4 more years, and finally brown belt to black belt 5 years. On average 15 years to get a black belt in BJJ

Success for Mr Maynard followed winning bronze in a very tough division, losing out to the overall group winner and now European Champion in the Semi Finals. Major Robin Maynard Rtd then entered the open weight category where his first fight was against the superheavy weight opponent 62Kg Vs 115Kg. It's fair to say he lost but tried hard not to be squashed!



Name	Academy	Weight Division	Medal
Daniel Antufia Morey	AOC Jiu-Jitsu	Medium Heavy	3
Paul Anthony Kelly	CLDJJ Ireland	Medium Heavy	2
Conry Daniel Luridin	CheckMat	Medium Heavy	1
Mauro Danesin	Clan Crossfight	Ultra Heavy	3
Oli Haukur Valttysson	Igor Araujo Team	Super Heavy	3
Sérgio Massaharu Akutsuwa	Lötus Club	Middle	3
Oomke Blaauw	Rio Grappling Club	Heavy	3
Renato de Oliveira Pleasant Fraga	Six Blades Jiu-Jitsu	Super Heavy	3
Randall Jason Denny	Team James Clingerman	Super Heavy	2
Sanford Balfour	Team Mayo	Super	1
Robin Maynard	ZR Team Association	Light Feather	3

Well Done!



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Modern Foreign Languages

Year 11 French and Spanish Mock Exams

Massive congratulations to Year 11 French and Spanish students, who have achieved a very strong set of results, building on their work in Year 10.

What they have achieved shows the importance of hard work, listening to and acting on feedback and never settling. Keep going, the next set of mocks is only around the corner!

Intervention sessions

- | | | |
|---------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Spanish | - | Tuesday lunchtimes (compulsory) |
| | | Wednesday after school (optional) |
| French | - | Thursday lunchtimes (compulsory) |

MFL Trip

Preparations for this year's trip to Seville are complete, and we are off during the February half term.

If you are;

- currently in Year 8,
- intend to be taking a language for GCSE if you are in Year 9 or
- are currently on either the French or Spanish GCSE courses

and would like the opportunity to see what life is like in another culture and use your skills learned in the classroom, we want to hear from you!

Depending on the level of interest, Mr Shaunak will look at arranging the next trip for February 2026.

Key Stage 3 French and Spanish

Some excellent performances in recent assessments across Key Stage 3, with special mention for sustained and consistently high achievement from the following students:

French

Year 7

Sean C, Layla D, Ralph E, Jessica M and Libby N

Year 8

Yasmin B and Millie E

Year 9

Abigail D, Oliver L, Ava N and Scarlett P

Spanish

Year 7

Chloe B, Brooke B, Layla D, Scarlett E, Lexi M, Libby N and Eliza S

Year 8

Angel D, Lily D, Millie E and Cooper L

Year 9

Evandro F-J

**Well
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Walking With The Wounded



You may recall in our last newsletter that we took part in Walking Home For Christmas, being the third time we have supported the veteran's charity.

By taking part in the #WalkingHomeForChristmas campaign, we are giving hope to veterans and their families who are struggling by supporting programmes run by Walking With The Wounded which tackles key issues such as mental health and unemployment.

Shenfield CCF walked from school to Brentwood War memorial and back again, the round trip is approximately 3.5km, as a contingent this could collectively be in excess of 500km.

I am very pleased to announce that to date, we have raised just over £670, bringing our total over the three years to over £2100. This is an amazing achievement and we would like to thank everyone who has generously donated to this cause.

Thank you for your sponsorship!
Capt. Brooks
Contingent Commander



Fundraiser



Shenfield CCF

♥ DONATE TO SHENFIELD

Raised
£675.82

Target
£200

RAISING MONEY FOR



Walking With The Wounded



If you would still like to make a small donation, please click the Walking With The Wounded link below:

<https://walking-home.walkingwiththewounded.org.uk/users/shenfieldccf>

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The Australian Wanderers girls football

The Australian Wanderers girls football sides visited Shenfield for the third time to play against Shenfield's U16 and U14 girls teams.

The Australian girls were a little shocked by the sub zero temperatures but the competitive football soon warmed them up. The U16 girls played first which proved a very even contest.

Shenfield dominated possession and chances but The Wanderers side, made up of girls from all over Australia, took the lead just before half time with an excellent strike from outside the box. In the second half Shenfield created several good chances but could not beat the Wanderers keeper. As Shenfield threw players forward they were undone on the counter attack but our keeper MJ pulled off a strong save to keep it at 0-1 which it remained at as the final whistle blew.

In the post match presentation Poppy H was awarded Player of the Match and presented with an Australian football shirt.

Shenfield's U14 girls were eager to get revenge from the start of their game. Amber scored the opener after good work from Amalie. Amalie then got on the scoresheet herself to put Shenfield 2-0 up. In the second half the Shenfield girls took complete control of the game scoring 4 further goals, one of which came from a passing move started with keeper Mimi and saw passes between 6 players before being finished by Amalie.

So the Shenfield Ashes were shared (some might say we won on aggregate) for the third year running. Maddie D was awarded the U14 Player of the Match and all girls really enjoyed the opportunity to socialise with each other over the post match teas put on by our brilliant Shenfield parents.

Thanks to all the staff involved and our parent volunteers that made these unique and unforgettable fixture opportunities possible.



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Matilda Whole School Musical

After the resounding success of last year's production, *Bring It On*, we wasted no time in planning our next whole school show. With the extraordinary wealth of talent across all areas of the Performing Arts at our disposal, it became abundantly clear that *Matilda Jr* would be the perfect choice for our dedicated cast!

This year, we proudly presented a cast of 60 members ranging from Year 7 to Year 13 on Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th February. For many students, this performance will mark their first foray into the world of school productions, a thrilling experience that they shall cherish forever. For others, it is with a tinge of sadness that we acknowledge this is their final appearance on stage as Shenfield students. Regardless of the stage of their journey, each cast member has poured their heart and soul into this production, and their sheer dedication is nothing short of remarkable.

Our students embarked on a rigorous and intensive five-month rehearsal schedule that has tested their resilience and commitment. Yet, many have forgone their social engagements to revisit the drama studios, tirelessly refining their musical numbers. Witnessing such commitment is a genuine delight for all involved; it attests to these individuals' passion for performing arts and the sense of camaraderie they have built throughout this process.

A particular highlight of this year's production is our exceptional Year 10 choreographic team. Together, this dynamic group of four has choreographed every single aspect of the show. Their creativity and unyielding enthusiasm have truly elevated the production, bringing a distinctive flair that resonates with the heart of *Matilda Jr*.

The dedication displayed by these students is nothing less than awe-inspiring, and we recognise that this show would not have been possible without their remarkable contributions.

Of course, the magic of a musical is not solely the result of our talented cast and crew. The production is a collaborative effort that involves numerous unsung heroes. The professionalism and unwavering support of the backstage team, who are also made up of our talented students, has been nothing short of commendable, ensuring that every detail is executed flawlessly.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our supportive staff, parents and family members. Your encouragement and assistance play a pivotal role and we are incredibly grateful for everything that you do.

Please follow us on X for news about forthcoming events.



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Performing Arts

Junior Performing Arts Academy

Drama Focus

JPAA students have been offered the opportunity to gain their Bronze and Silver Arts Award qualification, which is equivalent to a GCSE. It is a nationally recognised qualification which recognises and celebrates young peoples' employment and involvement in the Arts. JPAA students are also busy rehearsing for their monologue competition, participating in weekly acting workshops to hone their skills.

Dance Focus

We have welcomed a new dance instructor, Beth, who will be teaching the JPAA Tuesday morning dance sessions. Students have been put through their paces, and have been learning choreography from the musical "Wicked". We look forward to seeing the finished dance in the summer showcase!

Singing Focus

Through acting through song sessions, our JPAA members having been working on new musical theatre ensemble pieces from musicals Prom, Rent and Wicked. They have been working on vocal technique, harmonies, blocking and movement, as well as musical theatre delivery and musicality. These pieces, along with the dance and drama numbers that students have been working on in JPAA sessions will be performed in their end of year showcase and awards evening in May.

Trip to 'War Horse'

On January 20th, over 45 GCSE and A-Level students went to see "War Horse" live in the theatre. It was an incredible production, leaving our students gasping with disbelief during many parts. The students were in awe, and spoke very highly of the actors and production elements (including the amazing puppeteers!). Our students were excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the entire trip.

As part of their courses, the students will now prepare a live theatre evaluation for the component 1 written examination.

Sixth Form Theatre Academy

We have been hard at work, auditioning for our upcoming National Theatre "Connections" festival. We are rehearsing a brand new play, commissioned by The National Theatre, called "Saba's Swim" and cannot wait to perform in a professional theatre in May 2025. We have also been informed that representatives from The National Theatre have requested to attend our final performance in May, which is a great honour and only reserved for a few companies across the UK!

Year 7 Dance club

Every Friday
lunchtime in X2.

Bring your lunch.

Everyone welcome.



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Sports Leaders



Super proud of our Sports Leaders who support the work of the School Sports Partnership, working with young children to inspire them to have a lifelong engagement in sport, physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

A credit to the school!

SSP Shenfield @ssp_shenfield · Feb 4
Thank you @SHSPEDEPT1 @ShenfieldHigh leaders!! Couldn't do it without them!

Thank you to @SHSPEDEPT1 @ShenfieldHigh leaders! Brilliant role models for the younger pupils!

Massive thank you @SHSPEDEPT1 leaders! Brilliant as always!!



 @ssp_shenfield

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Another amazing start to the new year for our Shenfield High School sports teams and individuals.

For regular updates on these incredible achievements, please follow our PE Department's Twitter account.

All the participation and hard work has been recognised again in the School Sport Magazine which ranks the performance of both state and independent schools in the UK.

Shenfield High School is placed 66th best school in the country, which is a phenomenal achievement.

We are also progressing well in the ESFA National Cup so again, please keep an eye on our X account to see how they are getting on.

Well Done!

@SHSPEDEPT1



SHSPEDEPT @SHSPEDEPT1 · Jan 25

📧 ...

With 4 National ⚽ Titles & National Swimming finals, Shenfield were adjudged to be the 66th best school for sport in + (for National sport success) in 2024 according to @schoolsmag. Only a handful of non-selective State Schools above us.



SHSPEDEPT @SHSPEDEPT1 · Feb 3

📧 ...

With 12 of our Shenfield ⚽ sides still in their respective @SchoolsFootball + 🏆 competitions, be sure to tune in to the live 1/4 final / semi-final draws on Wednesday. See link below to the ESFA Youtube channel #SHSFootball



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Community News

Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and
Sunday 23 February
2025

10:30AM
To
4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

We have a family open day coming up at the Essex Fire Museum:

- **Sunday 23rd February 2025**

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, enter a haunted house, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please email us at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell us the number in their party and the time they would like to arrive (we are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm). This is just because we have to keep the main station informed of numbers throughout the day.

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Our address and contact details are:

Essex Fire Museum

Grays Fire Station,

Hogg Lane,

Grays RM17 5QS

Phone: [01376 576847](tel:01376576847)

Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk))



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We're the programme makers of the BAFTA-nominated Channel 4 series, The Dog House, which is about to return for a new series. Described as one of the most heart-warming programmes on TV, we are starting the search again for people who can offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons for doing so. We wondered if you might be able to help?

Could you provide a loving home for a rescue dog? The Channel 4 series, The Dog House is looking for couples, individuals, friends and families who are seriously considering bringing a rescue dog into their lives and are willing to share their reasons for doing so.

Please follow this link to apply:

[The Dog House | Channel 4](#) or
email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk

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Let's talk relationships

Relationships, Sex and Health Education survey

Share what's important to you in confidence.

Please complete this short survey to help us best support young people.

Scan me



The Relationships, Sex and Health Education survey 2025 opened on 1 January and they want to hear from young people aged 11-25 about big topics like relationships, sexual health and how young people use the internet.

The information they receive will be used to shape a number of services for young people including education, professionals training and sexual health services. Findings will also be shared with Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) to inform their wider work on keeping children and young people safe across the county.

The survey can be accessed using the following link:

[Relationships, Sex & Health Education Survey 2025 - Essex County Council - Citizen Space](https://www.essex.gov.uk/citizen-space/relationships-sex-health-education-survey-2025)

This survey is completely anonymous and confidential – this means you can't be identified from your response, and your answers will be kept safe and secure.

For more information on the survey please contact YouthWork@essex.gov.uk

If you would like any further information regarding this article, please contact YouthWork@essex.gov.uk directly.

Survey closes 16th March 2025

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SUNDAY 11TH MAY

Join us for breathtaking ride starting and ending at The Crix in Hatfield Peverel. Choose your distance!

Support people living with cancer as you pedal through the stunning countryside of Essex and Hertfordshire.



SCAN ME



6 Miles
Ed's 15 Miles
30 Miles
50 Miles
65 Miles
100 Miles

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Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is organising its annual Ride for Helen cycling event .

It is a great family event with a range of route distances to suit all levels. The money raised will go to support the provision of services to those living with cancer.

Further details of our charity can be found on their website www.helenrollason.org.uk



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PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Has your child outgrown their uniform?
 Has your child misplaced an item?
 Is keeping up with your child's new uniform expensive and time consuming?

Then we have the solution!

We have a number of pre-loved uniform items that are in perfect working order and available to all students from Pastoral Managers.

SAVES TIME SAVES MONEY SAVES LANDFILL

Global Textile Waste

- 100 BILLION items of clothing are thrown away each year
- 92 MILLION TONS of clothing are thrown away each year
- 43 MILLION TONS of clothing are thrown away each year
- 60% of clothing is made from plastic
- 87% of clothing is made from synthetic materials
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School Term Dates 2024—2025



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



School Event Calendar

Key dates Spring Term 2

Date	Event
17 - 21.02.25	February half term
17 - 20.02.25	MFL trip to Saville
17 - 24.02.25	Cricket Tour - Cape Town
24/25.02.25	Year 9 vaccinations
25.02.25	Year 11 mock & Year 10 Statistics mock exams begin
27.02.25	Year 8 Parents' Evening
06.03.25	Year 9 Options Evening
13.03.25	Year 9 Parents' Evening
20.03.25	Easter Concert
27.03.25	Year 7 Parents' Evening
03.04.25	Year 12 Parents' Evening
07 - 21.04.25	Easter Holiday/Bank Holiday
22.04.25	Summer Term 1 - Week B

UPCOMING EVENTS

Performing Arts

- Sixth Form Academy "Home" Connections performance March 2025
- Sixth Form Academy "Partner Theatre" Connections performance, Queen's Theatre May 9th 2025
- JPA Showcase May 2025 6.30pm
- Lower School Play July 2025 6.30pm

