

# SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## AUTUMN TERM 2 DECEMBER 2024

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## News from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankyou for taking the time to read our school newsletter. We have made a conscious decision over the past few terms to put more effort into sharing the work of our staff and students with parents. I hope that the new and improved newsletters have been providing you with more insight into Shenfield High School as a community and that the style of the newsletters themselves provide you with some feel of our school's personality. It is important that our young people see their efforts positively reflected back at them and that they know, from our promotion, that we are proud of them as individuals.

Last Thursday, our students shone as ensembles and soloists at our Xmas Concert. There was a wonderful variety of performances from Jazz, street dance, solo singers and dancers and more. The whole evening was hosted by two of our students from year 8 and year 9 who had the entire hall in stitches with their well-timed humour.

Congratulations go to our year 11 students who have recently completed their mock examinations. They conducted themselves beautifully throughout and can look forward to receiving their results in our Year 11 Conference on January 15th. Parents can then discuss the results and next steps at our face-to-face parents evening the next day.

In the New Year we very much enter Parents Evening Season so please do check the school calendar for your child's.

Thank you for all your support over the course of this very long Autumn Term. I hope you all have a good break with plenty of opportunities for rest and relaxation.

Merry Xmas.

Best wishes,

*C. Costello*

Clare Costello  
Headteacher

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## Poppy Appeal 2024



Over the annual remembrance period members of the Shenfield High School CCF volunteered their time to help raise money for this year's Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion.

Cadets from years 9-13 of the school's CCF contingent gave up their Saturday in order to raise much needed funds that are used to support ex-armed forces personnel and their families.

This year the cadets raised over £3,000 in Sainsburys, Brentwood in one day, with the grand total being £3,209.54 with further contributions from school.

This is a tremendous effort and one they should be immensely proud of.

**Well Done!**



Like many veterans, supporters, and cadet organisations nationally, Shenfield High School CCF plays an important role in raising money for the Royal British Legion at this time of year, as well as taking part in remembrance events and parades.



### Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal)



To **Shenfield High School** collected **£3,209.54**

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised **£71,200 in Brentwood in 2024**

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“ The cadets and CCF staff both continue to do an excellent job of raising money for the national RBL poppy appeal. They should be very proud of their efforts and the assistance they are providing to the Royal British Legion.”

Mr Rigg  
Deputy Headteacher



**Thank You**





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## House Points

C-POINTS and KS4 CREDITS

			
14126	15926	14787	12504
TEAM COMPETITIONS			
5247	5782	5028	4878
TOP FORM			
2120	2282	2328	2128

## Overall results

OVERALL

			
			
19,373	21,708	19,825	17,382
Last Term			
9868	10290	9622	8908
			

## Christmas House Events



**CHRISTMAS HOUSE EVENTS**

**Dodgeball** (Sports Hall) | **Movie afternoon** (Main hall/6th form study)

Day	December	Year
Monday	10th	PS Year 10
Tuesday	11th	PS Year 9
Wednesday	10th	PS Year 7
Thursday	10th	PS Year 8

During the final week of term, students were off timetable at various points in the week to take part in festive inter-house competitions.

It was an opportunity to share some fun with their peers, earn house points and also raise money for the charity Save the Children by wearing Christmas jumpers on the 18th December.

**Well Done!**

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## Exceeding Expectations Postcards

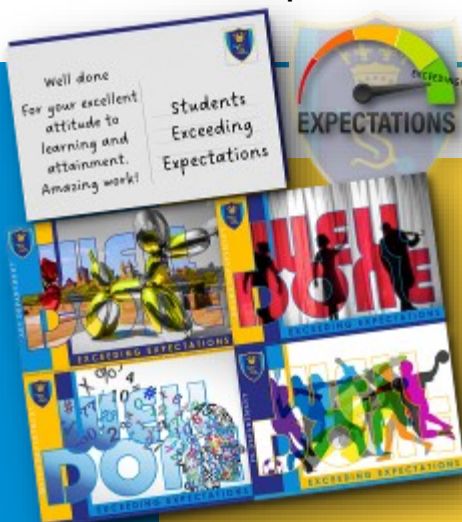
At Shenfield High School, we are thrilled to have introduced the Exceeding Expectations Postcard; a brand-new initiative to celebrate the incredible efforts of our students.

These postcards are awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional progress in classroom assessments and go above and beyond in their attitude to learning.

This term alone, over 800 postcards will be sent out to Key Stage 3 students - a fantastic testament to the hard work of our Year 7 to 9 students. Some students are even achieving recognition across multiple subjects, earning as many as eight or nine postcards! Each postcard not only congratulates students on their brilliant work but also triggers an automatic email home and earns a point for their House.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the fresh postcard designs unveiled each term. Well done to all our hardworking students - keep exceeding expectations!

**Well  
Done!**



## Jack Petchey Awards

We would like to congratulate the winners of the September, October and November Jack Petchey Award for their incredible contribution to the Shenfield High School community.

Winning students are awarded a grant that they nominate to be spent on an activity they feel will benefit the school and wider community.

Regimental Sergeant Major Nathan has chosen to spend his grant on a training defibrillator that can be used to demonstrate the safe and accurate use of defibrillators both in school and the wider community as our cadets move through their post school life and into either further education or the working world. Every year approximately 30,000 people in the UK suffer an out of hospital heart attack.

Staff Sergeant Alfie has used his allocation of funding to purchase much needed baby sized resuscitation training dolls. The purchase of these items is particularly relevant given the number of our cadets that have younger siblings and close family relatives and friends.

Thanks to the generous donation from Lily D to the art department, they were able to purchase a large quantity of high quality watercolour palettes to support year 10 and 11 students in producing the highest quality of work. Lily's generosity has positively impacted all GCSE art students.

We are incredibly proud of our students and we look forward to congratulating our future winners of this prestigious award.

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## Remembrance Ceremonies

Shenfield High School CCF had the privilege of taking part in the Remembrance Parade at the Brentwood War Memorial. Forty cadets and CCF staff from the contingent were selected to attend the memorial service on Sunday 10th November.

Our cadets marched with hundreds of other cadets, youth organisations, emergency services and veterans in front of the His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex, Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst.

Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major Nathan



“ We were extremely privileged to be chosen to represent the wider school cadet contingent and spend Remembrance Day in the presence of so many likeminded people. Our cadets are a real credit to the school and have been praised for their exemplary behaviour.”

Cllr Mark Haigh  
Mayor of  
Brentwood

“ Every year the Royal British Legion invites us to select representative military youth groups to support the Royal British Legion act of remembrance in the Brentwood and local area. This year (with other local youth organisations), I am so proud we once again had the opportunity to work with Shenfield High School CCF who were exemplary and expertly led by Regimental Sergeant Major Nathan, Battery Sergeant Major Stephanie, who accompanied the Lord-Lieutenant of Essex as her official civic party escort and Monument Guard of Honour Colour Sergeant Mary. It is always a pleasure to work with young adults that recognise the ongoing importance of the annual act of remembrance.”



## Cenotaph

The sixth form leadership team represented Shenfield High School at the Remembrance service at the Cenotaph in Brentwood this November. They wrote a heartfelt message of thanks and laid a wreath to remember the men and women lost.



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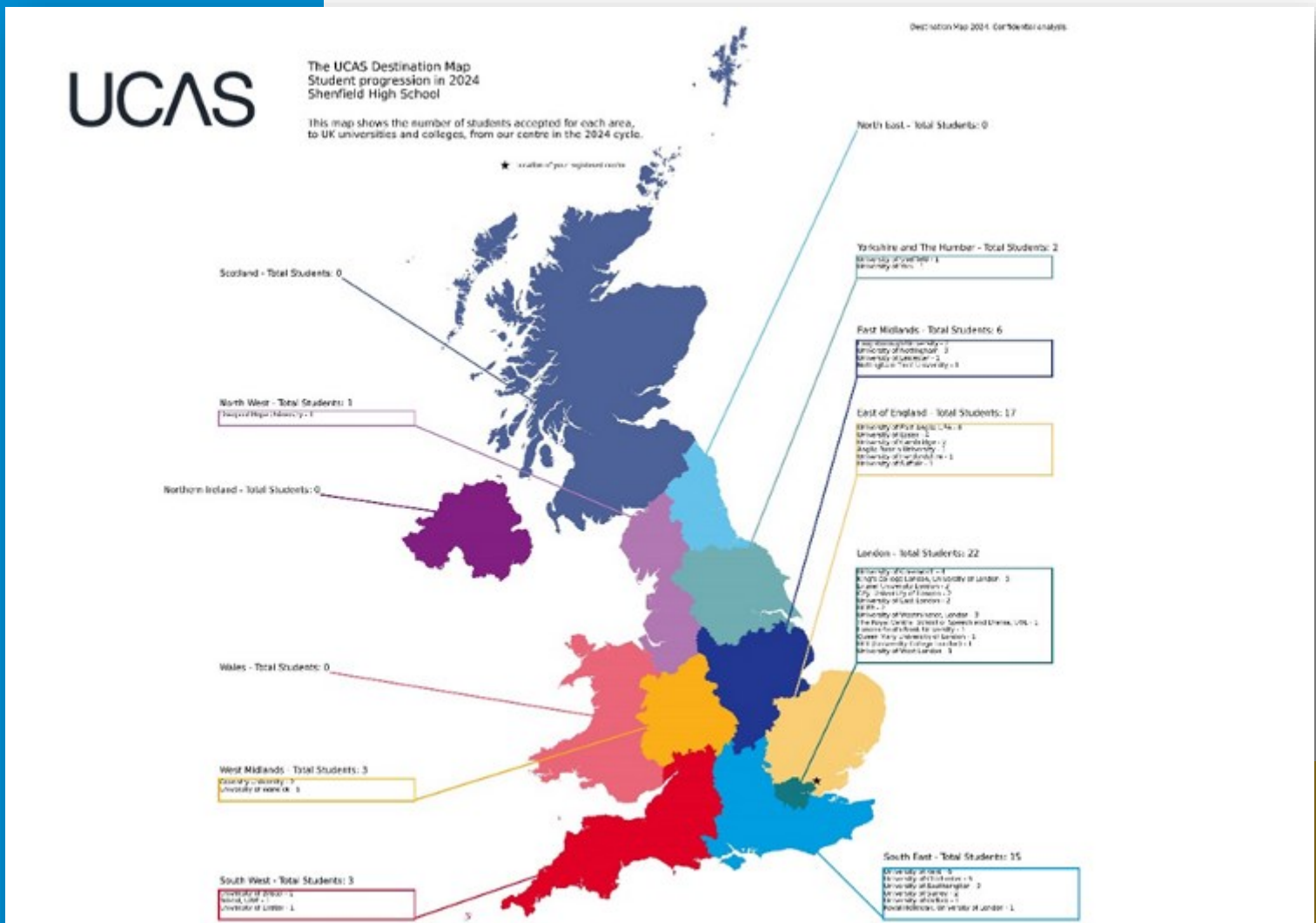
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### University Destinations 2024

Our current Year 13 students are now in the process of completing their UCAS applications.

To keep ahead of the official UCAS deadline of 29th January 2025, we have asked that students complete their application by the end of this autumn term.

Our university destinations have also been confirmed, as you can see below. We are very proud of all of our former students who have almost completed their first full term at university.



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## 'Lest we Forget'

We are indebted to Stonebond Properties Limited, who have very generously donated two Royal British Legion 'Tommy' figures to us.

Our intention is to create a permanent display in school that acknowledges the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces past, present and future.



Proudly showcasing our new remembrance 'Tommys' Regimental Sergeant Major Nathan & Battery Sergeant Major Stephanie.



Stonebond.

## Walking With The Wounded



DECEMBER

12

CHRISTMAS  
CHARITY WALK

We have again taken part in Walking Home For Christmas, this is now 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 this Christmas 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 to school, the round trip is approximately 3.5km, as a contingent this could collectively be in excess of 500km.

To date, we have raised in excess of £2,100, every penny we raise goes directly to the charity.

Please use the link below to show your support for our chosen Christmas charity.

<https://www.walkinghomeforchristmas.com/users/shenfieldccf>

Thanks in advance for your sponsorship!

Capt. Brooks

Contingent Commander





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## ASPIRATIONAL LEARNING PATHWAY



## Year 8 ALP Students Crafting Christmas Cheer



This half term, our year 8 ALP students have been busy in the workshop designing, building, and marketing their very own Christmas-themed products.

With a focus on creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial skills, the students have embraced the project with enthusiasm and dedication. From crafting festive decorations to creating unique gift items, each student has had the opportunity to explore their talents and apply them to real-world scenarios.



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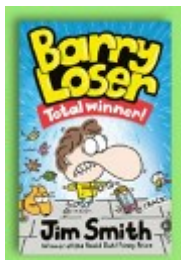
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## Bookbuzz Success

The year 7 Bookbuzz has been a resounding success at Shenfield High School, sparking a wave of excitement for reading among students and staff alike. The most popular title so far is *Murder at Snowfall*, which has everyone hooked! The demand is so high that no copies are currently available in the book swap—so keep an eye out for its return.



Another standout hit is the hilarious *Barry Loser*, which has become a "must-read" for its laugh-out-loud humor and bizarre scenarios that leave readers in stitches.



Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed *Monday* and had the pleasure of reading it with my son - we finished it together in just two evenings, proving that these books are perfect for sharing at home too!



Remember, the Bookbuzz book swap is still open in the library, so feel free to bring in your books to exchange for new adventures. Additionally, students are encouraged to write book reviews for the titles they've read. The best two reviews will be selected at the end of the year, with the writers receiving an Amazon gift voucher as a prize.

Happy reading, everyone! Let's keep the Bookbuzz magic alive.

## The Learning Hub

The Learning Hub is the perfect space for students to focus, unwind, and excel.

Open after school from 3pm to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, it's designed as a flexible learning environment for homework, revision, or simply decompressing after a busy day.

There is always a teacher and year 11 prefects on hand to offer support with challenging tasks, ensuring students have the guidance they need.

The Learning Hub is also stocked with a wide range of year 11 exam revision materials, making it ideal for last-minute prep or spontaneous study sessions.

The Learning Hub has been a huge success so far, with many students taking advantage of its welcoming and productive atmosphere - but there's always room for more! Join us to experience the perfect space for independent learning.



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## UK Bebras Challenge

We were very excited for the first time to have all of our key stage 3 students take part in the UK Bebras Challenge. This is organised by the Raspberry Pi Foundation and delivered in partnership with the University of Oxford.

The Challenge introduces computational thinking to students worldwide. This exciting challenge takes place in schools, under the supervision of teachers, over a two-week period every November. Last year, over 3 million students from more than 80 countries participated!

Each participant had 45 minutes to tackle a series of interactive tasks, designed to encourage logical thinking and problem-solving skills appropriate for their age group. The challenge is conducted online, and tasks are marked automatically by our competition system. The tasks are designed to allow every student the opportunity to showcase their potential, whether they excel in maths or computing, or not.

We are extremely proud of all our students and especially those who achieved gold and distinctions across all the year groups. Our current year 7 and 8 will have another chance next year and the new year 7 cohort joining in September 2025.



## Geography Fieldwork

This half term, year 8 students have been studying a weather and climate unit, a hugely relevant and topical body of work in the light of the recent COP summit in Azerbaijan and the flooding caused by storm Bert.

As part of this unit, each class conducted a mini weather survey around the school. This has enabled them to experience a geographical enquiry beyond the confines of the classroom and has been a great success. Mrs Hampton has done an excellent job organising and resourcing the study and the year group has created some outstanding work and conducted themselves extremely well whilst they traversed the site and collected their data.

The students went to a selection of sites around the school where they recorded wind speed, light levels, temperature and measured cloud cover. The pupils then returned to the classroom to write up conclusions on the variations on climate around the school and evaluated their work, and results.

The results varied day by day and the weather was kind, so all in all a successful and rewarding experience for everyone.



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## British Armed Forces Guest Speakers

In November, we were lucky enough to invite Carol Chambers and Neale Piper into Shenfield High School. Carol and Neale are both former serving officers in the British Armed Forces.

Carol, who was in the Army, reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel for the Ministry of Defence, is also a qualified nurse and midwife who worked in both the NHS and the military medical core.

Neale, who was in the Navy, reached the rank of Captain and Head of Naval Nursing Service. Neale is also a qualified nurse. Both Carol and Neale have served terms in Afghanistan and Iraq where they have been part of the Medical Core.

They shared stories of their experiences and opportunities, of what working in foreign countries allowed them to achieve in both their personal and professional lives. The students that they were talking to were gripped and hanging on their every word, as stories of their lives were told with such passion and vigour for what they had achieved, which spilled over to inspire the students to want to pursue careers in Health and Social Care too.

Carol and Neale have both kindly agreed to return and speak to the students once again, to give mock interviews to those that have been offered conditional offers and interviews at universities for places on physiotherapy, midwifery, and paediatric nursing courses.



Thank you to Captain Neale Piper (Rtd) ARRC and Lieutenant Colonel Carol Chambers (Rtd) RRC

## CCF supports NHS Flu Vaccination

As part of a new trial initiative, sixth form senior cadets have been supporting the NHS whole school flu vaccination program. They were deployed to assist Ms Hadden and the NHS vaccination team. The cadets were used in a supportive role to assist our students during their vaccination procedures.

The introduction of sixth form cadets with first aid training has been so successful, Ms Hadden has requested that the CCF assist with all further vaccination programs that are carried out during the school day.



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## Peer Mentoring Christmas Breakfast

Mrs Downey and sixth form mentors got into the Christmas spirit with the peer mentoring programme Christmas Breakfast.

Mentors and their mentees came together to share 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.



**WINTER HOLIDAY Schools OUT Activities**

The number one activity camp in Essex is coming to Shenfield High School this Winter Holiday! We can't wait to welcome children from all schools in the Brentwood area for festive winter themed activities!

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frankie@essexcc.com & 07930 905442  
23rd, 24th and 25th December, 10-12 hrs

487 Golf Putting Up to 1200 (12-15 yrs)  
Wolsey Park Golf Club, Millage Lane, Wixoe, CM15 8JH  
arrange@puttingup.co.uk & 07522 31313  
23rd December 10am-1pm, 12th January 10am-1pm

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Hutton Community Centre, Hareson Ct, Hutton, CM15 8LP  
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## Modern Foreign Languages

### Year 13 - Spanish A Level

A reminder that Year 13 mock exams will begin in the week commencing 13th January, and that the speaking mock will happen in the week beginning 27th January. This will comprise of a Task 1 speaking and a 'dry run' version of the Independent Research Project.

### Year 11 - Well done!

A big well done to all students for their efforts and mature conduct during the recent set of mock exams – we can see how hard students have worked since the End of Year 10 assessments, and look forward to all achieving their potential.

The next set of mocks will be in February/March 2025, so keep preparing well as we move to finish the courses next half term.

### Key Stage 3

It has been very pleasing to see how hard students have worked on their Speaking and Writing assessment homework. Some great examples of how hard work pays off, and some very confident performances have been seen.

From next term, there will be regular vocabulary testing for students in year 7 and year 9 French and Spanish. The format of this and the homework required to learn this vocabulary will be made known in the new year. Parents' support in helping students learn the vocabulary will be much appreciated.

## A Level Students visit Parliament

Sixth form students visited the Houses of Parliament for a tour of the historic site and to ground their subject knowledge.

In addition to seeing the House of Commons and House of Lords, students were treated to a careers talk by a civil servant, where they learned about the importance of impartiality and the day-to-day function of the service.

Towards the end of the day, students met with Brentwood and Ongar MP Alex Burghart for a Q&A session before participating in an engaging workshop. While their respective parties had questionable manifestos, it was clear that students enjoyed themselves and appreciated the opportunity to apply their knowledge outside the classroom.



↑ Feliz Navidad et Joyeux Noel to all!

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## Students help out the House of Lords

In what seems to be an eventful term for Politics, November saw students contribute to an inquiry run by the House of Lords.

Attracting KS3/4 geography and sixth form students, they discussed how the Government's housing targets might impact the environment, Sheffield's structure, and local amenities.

With some excellent points made and evidence submitted to the House of Lords Built Environment Committee, we look forward to seeing which of our student's arguments make it into the inquiry next year!



## Young Essex Assembly Election

While many students are understandably tired and looking forward to a much-deserved break, winter fatigue certainly hasn't stopped James and Livvy!

Tirelessly campaigning with speeches and playground discussion, James and Livvy hope to clinch a spot on the Young Essex Assembly and be elected to the United Kingdom Youth Parliament.

In addition to deciding which issues affecting young people are prioritised, the assembly is a fantastic forum to discuss local politics and represent young people interests across the country.

With voting taking place, we wish Livvy and James all the best and hope they succeed in representing Essex at the national level!



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## KS4 Food and Nutrition

Key stage four students have been busy practicing their technical skills at home and producing a whole range of different dishes; from bolognaise to brownies with stops at pizzas, cakes and sauces!

Year 11 have also just completed their NEA 1 and celebrated by demonstrating their creativity in making dishes (loosely...) related to Christmas:

- Homemade mincemeat
- Raspberry swirls
- Chocolate decorations
- An inventive take on a yule log
- A sausage in a blanket sausage roll.



Well Done!



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## Food Bank

Both in the sixth form and lower school, staff and students have been collecting a number of items together so we could take them to a local foodbank in Hutton (at St Peters Church).

The response has been incredible with over 40 bags, boxes and crates collected ranging from tea bags and biscuits, to shower gel, toothpaste and chocolate coins. Some form groups even made them into hampers! The Sixth Form students also collected £64.84 in donations towards the Food Bank.

On Thursday 12th December, we packed up one of the minibuses with the help of some Year 7 students. All the seats were filled with only enough room for four of us sixth form students and Mr Macdonald driving the bus.

The volunteers at the foodbank were so grateful for our donations. They will go a long way to helping some local people through what can be a difficult time at Christmas. We unloaded the bags into shopping trolleys and wheeled them into the foodbank where the volunteers then sorted the products into categories to then store. We were all so happy to help this really worthy cause.

Thank you so much for all the donations made and we wish you a happy Christmas from all of us.

Sixth Form Student Helpers

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## A Christmas Concert Showcase

This year saw the drama and music departments collaborate for the first time, to celebrate our wonderfully talented musicians, singers and dancers at Shenfield High School.

The evening showcased our finest talent here at Shenfield, from piano solos, big band numbers to hip-hop dances. As staff, it was a privilege to be able to watch our students perform their talents for our packed out auditorium.



An amazing well done to all the students involved, including our year 11 tech team – and especially our hosts, Carla and Isabelle who kept the evening running smoothly (with a few jokes sprinkled in!).

Thank you to all those involved, it really wonderful to be able to work with such talented and passionate students. A big thank you to our parents and members of the audience, for your continued support for both the drama and music departments, we couldn't do it without the support of the parents and adults of our fabulous students.



Students rehearsing for the concert showcase

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## Performing Arts

### Junior Performing Arts Academy

This half term the JPAA have been hard at work preparing for our 2025 Musical 'Matilda'.

The JPAA members are working hard in their various roles as principles, dance crew members, dance captains, advanced singers, support roles and ensemble members and their level of commitment to the show process has been outstanding.

### Matilda Whole School Musical

With over 80 cast members, rehearsals have been very busy so far! The cast members have been hard at work learning their lines and choreography, special thanks to Lauren H, Ava T, Lily P-W and Lilly H in year 10 for all their hard work with the choreography!



## Drama Focus

On the 14th November, the academy members performed at this year's Shakespeare School Festival at The Spotlight Theatre in Hertfordshire.

The pupils were incredible, showing professionalism the entire day through our dress and technical rehearsals at the theatre. The evening performance was of an exceptional standard, gaining many laughs from the audience!

Well done to all cast members involved, we can't wait for next year! A big thank you to all the families who travelled for the evening.

## Dance Focus

Following the success of last year's Primary Dance Festival at Christmas, our JPAA members are about to start preparations for the next local Primary and Secondary collaboration as we welcome local KS2 students to take part in another Christmas themed workshop.

We cannot wait to bring together our local year 1 and 2 students with our Performing Arts Leaders for some dance magic!

Throughout morning Dance sessions, JPAA members have been learning choreography from a number of musicals, ready for the May showcase. We have been impressed by the level of professionalism shown so far, by our members.



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## 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.

## 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Whole School Musical – Matilda  
11th and 12th February 2025  
6.30pm
- Sixth Form Academy "Home" Connections performance  
March 2025
- Sixth Form Academy "Partner Theatre" Connections performance, Queen's Theatre  
April 2025
- JPAA Showcase  
May 2025  
6.30pm
- Lower School Play  
July 2025  
6.30pm



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## Year 7 Drama Club

Every Friday lunchtime in X2. Bring your lunch. Everyone welcome.

Come and play drama games, improve your confidence and make new friends!

## Year 12 & 13 Theatre Trip

Year 12 and 13 students were lucky enough to be selected from a nationwide ballot to see "The Other Place" at The National Theatre.

As part of the selection process, we also gained access to a live Q&A with the director and cast before the performance. It was an incredible experience which allowed our KS5 students an insight into the production, whilst also preparing them for their Component 1 written paper.

The performance itself was nothing short of incredible. The stars of the show included Emma D'Arcey (HBO's House of Dragon) and Tobias Menzies (The Crown), who both gave outstanding performances.



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ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL



## Whole School Musical

Tickets will be on sale on Parent Pay from January

TUES WEDS  
11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2025  
6.30 PM

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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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**HOT OFF**  
the  
**PRESS**

We have recently received this official appraisal from the Shakespeare School Festival, highly commending the brilliant performance of our students.

Please take a moment to read the appraisal; the students and the department are truly a credit to us all.

*"We are in awe of all your passion, hard work and creativity! What you have accomplished is something truly special, and we are looking forward already to reimagining Shakespeare with Shenfield High School again next year."*

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

## "OUR PLAY IS PREFERRED"

**A Midsummer Night's Dream**  
by Shenfield High School  
at The Spotlight, 14th November  
appraised by Jess Aquilina

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you, Shenfield High School, on your brilliant performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival this autumn. It was a joy to watch you shine on your performance night, and I'd like to spend some time now highlighting all the aspects of your production that I loved the most.

Fun, fabulous and fantastic- those are just some of the words to describe your adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream and I loved every moment of it!

From the opening it was full of colour and fun, setting up for the audience that they were in for a night of entertainment and you did not disappoint. I loved how the opening showed just little snippets of the characters as well as establishing the setting of this magical play in the here and now with your opening line 'I've got a message!' You kept us in the modern day by making other adjustments to the script, such as Lysander losing phone reception, which were received with a giggle from the audience, and helped to make this 400 year old play relatable to a modern audience.

This year at CSSF we are really celebrating the ensemble and I loved how throughout the show there were moments where the ensemble could showcase their other very impressive skill sets. Whether it be through slick and well rehearsed dance-battles, acrobatic flips or choral singing, each brought a little bit of magic to your show and the result was spellbinding!

Each group of characters held their own onstage. I was impressed by how all of you committed to your characters and made them your own. They were all brilliantly entertaining, from your sassy group of fairies, to your hilariously silly mechanicals and your pining lovers. All of you made big, strong choices with your character and it was a pleasure to see you all make them your own.

I have heard that scooters are becoming your brand and I must say, please keep bringing them back! Seeing the mechanicals use them, just bought another level of silly, and showed your fantastic understanding of the main sentiment of A Midsummer Night's Dream - fun!

Congratulations to you all for an impressive, inclusive and inventive A Midsummer Night's Dream.

We are in awe of all your passion, hard work and creativity! What you have accomplished is something truly special, and we are already looking forward to reimagining Shakespeare with Shenfield High School again next year.



**"AN IMPRESSIVE, INCLUSIVE AND  
INVENTIVE A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S  
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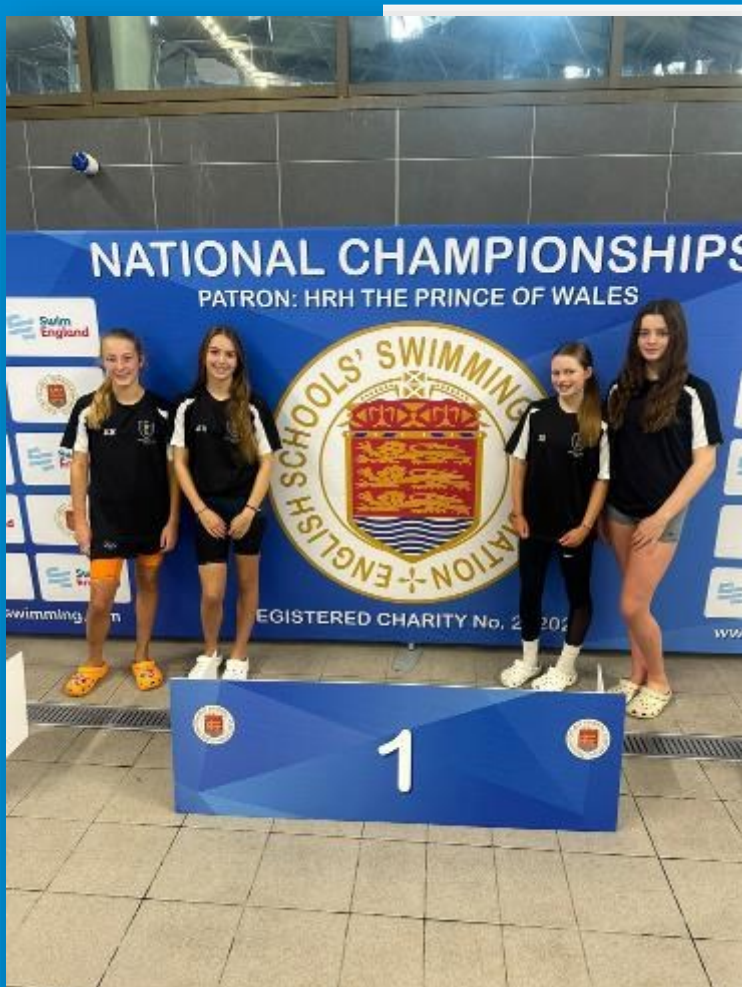
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## Swimming National Finals

After getting a medal at the East Region National swimming qualification round, the U13 girls travelled to the Swimming National Finals in Birmingham. The girls finished 15th in the country for the IM relay and 24th in the country for the FC relay.

This is an unbelievable achievement, against some top swimming schools. Many schools there were privately educated and have scholarship swimming programs. We could not be prouder of this very impressive performance.

Well done ladies.



## Football



U13 girls football into last 32 schools in England



U12 boys football



U12 girls football

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## Shenfield Football Enjoying More National Cup Success

The 2023-24 football season was quite remarkable, even by Shenfield High School standards.

To win four national titles on the one day at West Brom FC last May was extraordinary and testament to the hard work put in by our footballers and coaching staff over many years. To try and emulate that success is going to be very difficult but the 2024-25 season has certainly started off in a very positive way.

At Shenfield High School, we try to provide National Cup football opportunities for all A and B teams and even enter the Elite Schools competitions (for schools that have several Academy players in a year group).

This season we entered 20 National Cup competitions for the boys and girls teams (11-18) and, as we approach Christmas, we still remarkably have fifteen of those teams in either the fourth or fifth round of their respective competitions. In fact every girls team U12 - U18 are still unbeaten in their respective competitions, underlining the quality of the girls football at Shenfield High School.

This week our Year 9 boys progressed to the last 32 in the country after a hard fought 1-0 win over Thorpe St Andrews. These two sides met in the last 8 of the competition two years ago and it was always going to be a tough game. Shenfield High School scored through an excellent Tom A left footed strike after 25 minutes and dealt well with the Thorpe St Andrews counter attacks.

In the second half we failed to find the target with some good opportunities and Thorpe grew into the game.

Finley C had to pull off several excellent saves while captain Teddy B and central defensive partner Harry F were on fine form to deal with the aerial bombardment that Thorpe looked to use in the last 20 minutes of the game. These boys also play in the last 16 of the Elite Schools Cup next week away in Croydon.

The year 7 boys met Saffron Walden CHS in the last 64 of their National Cup and despite a nervy first half in which Charlie L opened the scoring for Shenfield, the second half really showed this teams quality as they ran out 7-0 winners. Charlie and Harrison C scoring hat-tricks while Archie T scored the goal of the game. They join the U14 and U16 boys in the last 32 in the country.

The girls teams have several fixtures before we break up for Christmas so we hope they can match the boys success in Round 4 so all fifteen teams can enjoy their Christmas break knowing they have some exciting fixtures to look forward to in the New Year.

On an individual level we should also say a special well done to year 9 students Isla F and Jude L. Isla who were due to play in the final England U15 schoolgirls trial when Storm Darragh hit. Best of luck to her for the rescheduled final trial after Christmas.

Jude L, who like Isla plays for West Ham United Academy, was invited to attend an England U15 training camp at St George's Park along with 24 other elite U15 players across England.

Both have tremendous attitudes to their own self-improvement which is crucial for success in football and in life.

To keep up to date with all sporting achievements at Shenfield High School



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## Year 7 Christmas Dinner

Year 7 had an afternoon of celebration and fun to enjoy a Christmas quiz, Christmas roast dinner, and inter-house competitions. The whole year group had Christmas roast dinner with all the trimmings, crackers, and festive tunes! The Christmas dinner was free of charge and students had the option of a turkey dinner, vegetarian dinner or their own packed lunch.

They then took part in the Christmas quiz which gave them an opportunity to win prizes and, most importantly, the winning team earned up to 1000 house points for their house. Finally they had their interhouse competitions in the afternoon.



The day of competitions was not only about earning points for their houses but raising funds for charity. Shenfield Christmas Jumper Day was on Wednesday 18th December and all money raised goes to support children all over the world so they can have the future they deserve. Christmas Jumper Day is organised by the charity Save the Children and they help children by making sure they have education, food and safety.



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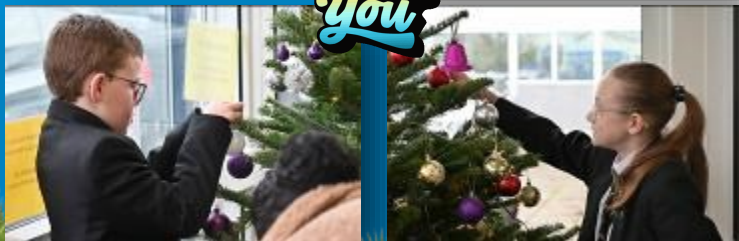
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Thank you to Malan, Brooke and Mercedes from year 7 for decorating our Christmas tree.

*Thank You*



Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday.



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 1

Date	Event
06.01.25	Staff INSET Day
07.01.25	Spring Term 1 starts - <b>Week B</b>
16.01.25	Year 11 Parents' Evening
30.01.25	Year 10 Parents' Evening
11 - 12.02.25	Matilda School Production
13.02.25	Year 13 Parent's Evening
17 - 21.02.25	February Half Term

## JOIN OUR TEAM

We are looking for more exam invigilators to join our friendly, supportive invigilation team!

This opportunity is for various times throughout the academic year.

Check out our website for more details and an application form

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