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### News from the Headteacher

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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

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We are at the end of the longest half term in the school year and what a busy eight weeks it has been. This edition of the newsletter provides an insight into the scope of opportunities available to our students outside of the timetabled curriculum.

One of the biggest events for schools in this half term is the school Open Evening. Once again, we were very busy with parents both local and further afield visiting the school to see what is on offer. The highlight of this evening and the two open mornings that follow is the maturity and motivation of our student guides and presenters.

Shenfield High School students as young as eleven and twelve find the confidence to speak to parents and younger students about life at Shenfield; questions are answered, and tours are given. It is genuinely heartwarming to witness the interactions and hear the feedback from potential new parents.

Oliver and Elsie, our Head Students, are at the other end of their time at Shenfield High; a theme they touched upon in their speeches to parents at Open Evening. They and the other student leaders are keen to put something back into their school and to support younger students with their learning and wider experience at school.

Following a brief closure at the start of the school year we are very pleased to have the school library reimagined as a before and after-school Learning Hub after half term; this is all part of our drive for higher standards You can read more about this on page 15 of the newsletter.

Our next big whole school event is for year 11 students and their families. The Sixth Form Open Evening is on the 14th November and will provide an important insight into what is on offer post-16 at Shenfield High; we have an extensive curriculum on offer.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Music Concert on December 12th.

Wishing you all a peaceful half term break.

Best wishes, *C. Costello* Clare Costello Head Teacher

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#### **Headteacher's Award**

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Congratulation to our Year 11 students who received the Headteacher's Award from Miss Costello.

These students were selected on their excellent progress made, recognised not only in the amount of KS4 credits they have earned but also their attitude to learning score.

Once selected, they had to enter a written application to the Headteacher, highlighting how they have demonstrated the school's values during their time at Shenfield High School. They also had to be endorsed by a staff member, explaining why they believed each student was a worthy candidate.

The students were incredibly proud of receiving this award and is testament to the hard work and dedication these students apply to their school life and community.

> he Headteacher's Award and becoming a prefect are some of my favourite achievements because I work hard and try to put effort in everyday. For example I have 100% attendance and no R marks for the five years I have been at this school.

**I** am proud to have been given the Headteacher's Award. It makes me happy and makes me feel 'l can do this!'

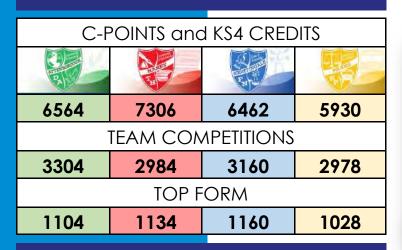
**I'm proud of** my Headteacher's Award. It feels like everything I have done in the past has paid off and it will help me in the future.

Ruby A	Sophie M
Lillie A-C	Addie M
Louise B	Olivia O
Eden C	Angel O
Jamie C	Ollie P
Lily D	Charlotte
Joshua F	Sophie R
Noah F	Rosie R
Thomas F	Jacob S
Lucia F	Holly S
India-Marie G	Callum S
Isobel H	Harry T
lzzy H	Sophie V
Bodie J	Violet W
Jamie K	Jordan W

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### **House Points**



### **Overall results**



### KS3 Interhouse cross country



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### KS3 Interhouse cross country

#### Lowest team score wins

Year 7 Girls A: 1186 H: 928 N: 924 P: 912	4th 3rd 2nd 1st		Year 8 Girls A: 511 H: 481 N: 468 P: 703	3rd 2nd 1st 4th	FN	Year 9 Girls A: 349 H: 189 N: 315 P: 206	4th 1st 3rd 2nd	
Year 7 Boys A: 1512 H: 1708 N: 1335 P: 1414	3rd 4th 1st 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A CONTRACTOR OF	Year 8 Boys A: 969 H: 897 N: 1043 P: 1163	2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup>		Year 9 Boys A: 1010 H: 1363 N: 1041 P: 1279	1st 4th 2nd 3rd	



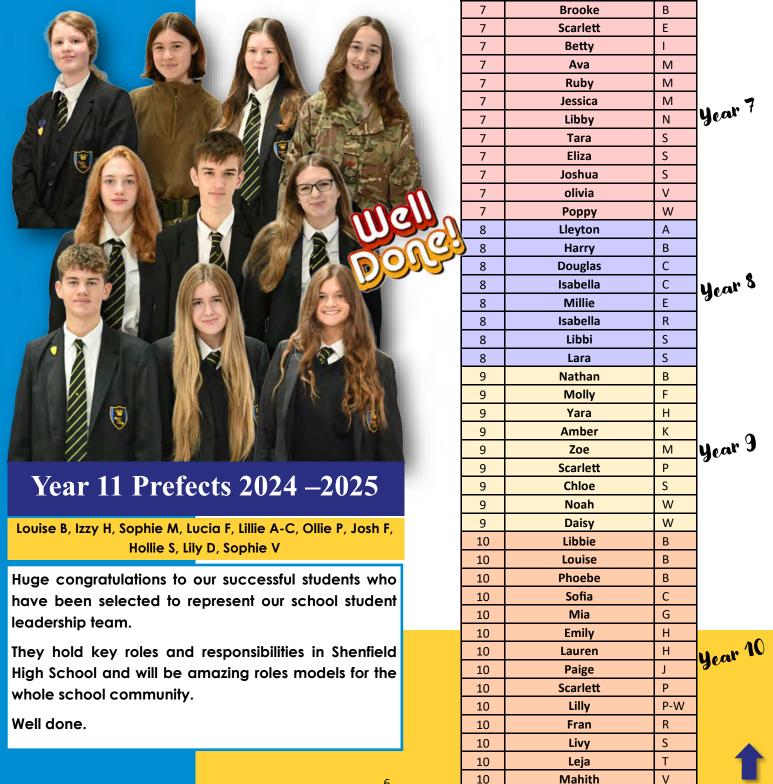
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### **Student Leadership**

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### **House Captains**



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### Sixth Form Leadership Team

#### Elsie

As Head Girl, I hope to make a positive difference and give something back to the school that has provided me with so many opportunities. My aim is to lead by example, to inspire others around me and to create an environment where every student feels valued.

I am currently studying A-Levels in Maths, Biology and Spanish- all of which I am very passionate about and thoroughly enjoy. I aspire to pursue a degree in International Management and Spanish at university, with the dream of one day travelling the world.

I consider myself a conscientious and optimistic individual, always striving to give my best in everything that I do. My hope is that in this role, I can contribute positively to the school community. Whether it's through organising events, offering support, or simply being a source of encouragement, I am committed to making my time as Head Girl as impactful as possible for everyone at Shenfield.

#### Oliver

It's been a privilege to be elected Head Boy by my peers and teachers. Being Head Boy is not just a title for me, it's a chance to give back to a school that has shaped who I am. In the role of Head Boy I aim to be approachable, honest and a dedicated member of the school community of which I have been a part of since year 7.

During my tenure in this role, as I promised in my application video, I believe that everyone should feel heard and valued, and so will be committed to being a voice for my peers. I am currently studying Physics, Maths, Computer Science and the latter I have a strong passion for and wish to pursue a degree in. I believe that further education will not only widen the horizons of my knowledge but also equip me with the skills necessary for the future.

I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to working with all of you to continue to

make Shenfield High School a place where everyone can thrive together.

### Head Boy

Head Girl

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#### Sixth Form Leadership Team

#### Lexi

I joined Shenfield as an external student and found it difficult to adapt to a new environment in the first few weeks. The support of staff and other students however soon made me realise that Shenfield was the perfect place for me. In my role as Deputy Head Girl I hope to help other students who find themselves in a similar situation, especially those who have joined Shenfield from other schools. The Sixth Form Leadership Team has a strong history of supporting others and this is a legacy that I will make sure continues. I see myself as sociable and approachable with a genuine desire to help others.

I would like to continue my studies after Sixth Form by studying a degree apprenticeship. I also thoroughly enjoy my current part time job in which I coach gymnastics. I feel that I can support other students in getting the balance right between their academic studies and commitments outside of school.

#### Liam

As Deputy Head Boy I hope to be a positive role model to other students around the school and see myself as someone that can promote a positive learning environment.

I aspire to complete a degree apprenticeship within the field of economics, this is a subject I am currently studying alongside Maths and Film Studies. Since studying in the Sixth Form, I have become increasingly aware of the interconnectedness of economics with every other aspect of the world. I have a particular interest in economic growth, the labour market and market structures.

I see myself as hardworking, dedicated and approachable. I hope that I am able to use my position to help with the growth and development of the Sixth Form.

Deputy Head Girl

Deputy Head Boy

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### **Sixth Form**

### Macmillan Bake Sale

The Sixth Form senior students held a Macmillan bake sale on Friday 27th September.

They raised over £160 to help support people with cancer.

Well done.



### **Peer Mentor Team**

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.

### Poppy Appeal 2024



If you would like to buy a Poppy in remembrance, the Sixth Form leadership team will be selling them after half term during form time.

It is a £1 donation and only cash accepted please.

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### Year 7

### Year 7 Ambassadors

On Open Evening, four year 7 students were picked as ambassadors to represent the year group.

Ruby, Daniel, Anais and Ben did a wonderful job going on stage during Mr Rigg's speech and informing parents of their experiences at Shenfield High School so far.

Each of the four students received an award from Miss Arnold and Miss Smalling for the wonderful job that they did.



### **House Badges**

Year 7 students have all completed enough house activities to be awarded their house badges. Congratulations to all year 7 students, a huge amount of effort went into completing the tasks.

### **Golden Tickets**

Year 7 have spent the last half term focusing on kindness and respect.

So far, over forty golden tickets have been awarded to students for acts of kindness from either their tutors or the pastoral team.

Students who receive a golden ticket will win an instant prize and then be put into a prize draw which will give them the opportunity to win a larger reward at the end of each half term.



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2024/2025

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#### **Careers Information**

### **Annual Careers Fair**

On Thursday 10th October, the Careers Department hosted their annual Careers Fair.

This event gave the pupils from years 8 to 13 the opportunity to meet employers within industry, training providers, colleges and universities for face to face general discussion and advice on a wide range of careers and education opportunities.

Fifty-five 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. Mr Cooke, Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Utton were on hand to guide.

Talks were from Anglia Ruskin University about 'Why go to university?' and apprenticeships were explained by Chelmsford College.

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) <u>l.utton@shenfield.essex.sch.uk</u>

Please click here to view the Anglia Ruskin University presentation

<u>careers.shenfieldlearning.com/key-</u> <u>stage-5.html</u>

Please click here to view An Apprenticeships Guide Presentation by Chelmsford College

> <u>careers.shenfieldlearning.com/</u> apprenticeship-information.html

Jo and I were very busy at your event with lots of parents/ carers and young people asking lots of questions. So many people attended the apprenticeship talk and it was great to receive questions at the end.

The event as always was so well organised and very well attended. .....Shenfield always puts on such great hospitality – probably the best school

we visit in Essex.

Fiona Byford-Smith Information, Advice and Guidance Advisor Chelmsford College



#### **Shenfield Careers**

Mr A Cooke Assistant Headteacher a.cooke@shenfield.essex.sch.uk

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### **Annual Careers Fair**

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### English - Book Buzz & Young Writers Competition

'Bookbuzz is an exciting reading programme developed by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity. With 16 fantastic titles to choose from, we're sure every student will find something to inspire them to become lifelong readers.'

<u>https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-</u> campaigns/bookbuzz/

This year Shenfield High School took part in the Booktrust's annual Bookbuzz event. Every student in year 7 was allowed to choose one book from a choice of 16.

The lessons stirred up a great deal of excitement, and the cheers from the English classrooms once the books arrived was all that could be heard!

The most popular book by far was "Murder at Snowfall" by Fleur Hithcock chosen by 20% of year 7. The least popular, with no selections, was the non-fiction book "Tutankhamun's Treasure" suggesting that the mummy's curse lives on well into 2024!

Bookbuzz isn't over just yet either. We have the book swap taking place in the library starting on Wednesday 16th October, so any year 7 that would like to read more of the choices is welcome to bring their finished book and swap it for a new one.

We have also asked students to create a book review for their chosen book once its finished. Two book reviews will be chosen at the end of the year to win an Amazon gift voucher.



Deadline for ghost story writing competition - 08.11.24 Please see Mrs Luis.



www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/secondary-11-18

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### **The John Ninian Library**

Celebrating the legacy of John Ninian.

As we bid farewell to our esteemed colleague, John Ninian, we reflect on an incredible 51-year teaching career that has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless students and educators alike.

John, who has been a cherished member of the Shenfield High School community for the past 22 years, is known not just for his remarkable expertise in English Literature, but also for his unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation of teachers.

Throughout his tenure, John served as an English teacher and was the Head of the English for 10 years. His passion for literature inspired many young learners, igniting a thirst for reading that has enriched their lives. Former students and teachers alike speak fondly of the profound impact John had on their educational journeys. Many credit him with inspiring them to pursue careers in teaching, a testament to his ability to motivate and uplift those around him.

In recognition of his invaluable contributions to our school, we are proud to announce that our library has been renamed The John Ninian Library. This honour reflects not only John's dedication to fostering a love of reading but also his significant role in shaping the culture of learning at Shenfield High School.

As we celebrate John's remarkable career, we invite all members of our school community to share their memories and stories of the impact he made. While he will be greatly missed, his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of students and educators. Thank you, John, for everything you've given us!

Warm wishes and best of luck on your new adventures!





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#### The Learning Hub

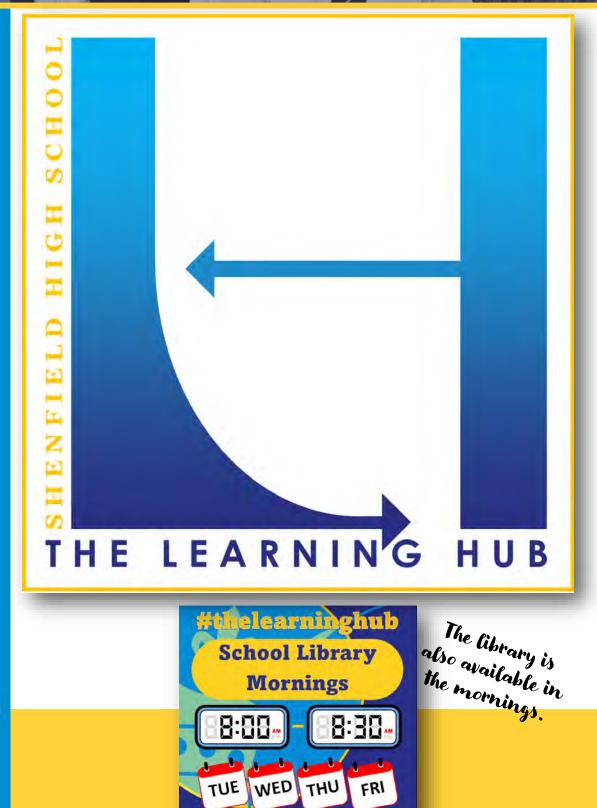
### Study Support

Peer-to-peer study support sessions are now available in the library for students who can get help from the Sixth Form leadership team, prefects and our year 10 teaching and learning group.

It is an opportunity to get help with exam preparation, revision or homework from other students with their own experience.

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

Starting Monday 4th November Library 3-Apm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.



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#### Shenfield Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

### **Summer Camp**

During the summer holidays, cadets from years 10 to 13 attended their annual summer camp at Cherry Tree Cadet Training Centre in Colchester. This was a five-day trip away that consisted of a variety of activities that were designed to build teamwork, perseverance and to overall just have fun.

After a two-hour journey, we threw the cadets into the deep end by introducing them to a high ropes course at Essex Outdoors in Mersea. The cadets had to work as a team to completes various obstacle courses in a set time limit. Some managed to conquer their fear of heights using the words of motivation that the other cadets cheered. We ended the day strong with a nice meal of fish and chips on Clacton pier.

After the cadets settled into their accommodation, they all prepared for the main event of the week, the overnight exercise. This consisted of setting up in the nearby MOD battle practice area with full bergens and prepared equipment. Morale was high, as the senior cadets accompanied by Brentwood School CCF, left to play their roles as enemy of the exercise.

We set up our harbour with round the clock sentries on both sides that continued all the way through the night. It was tough for some cadets to be up that late, but they persevered and kept watch all night. Some chose to nap before sentries while others had different plans !!

Throughout both days we came under attack three times, quickly jumping into action and fighting off the enemy each time. On the final attack thanks to intel from a small unit of cadets that we sent out on reconnaissance on the enemy, we were ready for them.



attacking them by surprise and striking them before they even reached our camp. Needless to say, they didn't know what hit them. We finished the overnight by ambushing the enemy and wiping out their camp, we were victorious!

By morning the cadets were ready to take on the new day. The morning started with a surprise attack from the enemy, this was handled really well by the half-awake cadets. The pack up of the camp was quick and we then set off on our way for the last exercise of the overnight, carrying out the six section battle drills during an attack of the enemy.

Once we got back to the main camp the cadets had to unpack the kit from the bergens before they were released into the dorms to have showers and get themselves comfy. The night went smoothly, and the cadets enjoyed their wellearned reward of watching the England vs Spain Euros football match with sweets and snacks.

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### Summer Camp

After a lovely sleep in and a hearty full English breakfast, the cadets started the next day with a giant water fight. This consisted of water balloons, water guns and a lot of excited cadets. After burning off some of the cooped-up energy that built up due to the football match the night before, the cadets changed into dry clothes and set off in the minivans to Mersea Island again. Only this time it was for water activities.





The cadets listened to a safety briefing before they were free to decide if they were kayaking or paddle boarding. Then, using teamwork as a pair, or being independent on their own kayak or paddle board the cadets managed to travel across the sea over to a small island by following the well-trained instructors. There were even some cadets that tried the challenge of standing on the paddle boards!

After changing into dry clothes again the cadets sat down at the Blackwater Pearl café to eat some delicious pizza. Once their bellies were full, we set off back to the main camp in order to rest.

The last day of camp rolled by very quickly. Before long the cadets were packing the minivan with their luggage in preparation for the trip back. However, the activities had not ended just yet.

The cadets were finally given their last task of camp. This was to create a routine that could be carried out by your team with as few commands as possible, in synchronisation and with as many unique or creative moves as possible.



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### Summer Camp

There were three teams, and the youngest member had to be the leader. In the end there was variations of the macarena, Wii sport moves and the conga. Each of the three teams got prizes with the first place getting the bragging rights.

After prizes were given the cadets formed up with the year 13 for the last time. Certificates were given to each year thirteen and some were even ranked up. Before long the cadets were loading themselves onto the minivans while the sixth from cadets took a last group photo.

We would like to say a big thank you to the year 13 cadets for the hard work and effort put into our cadet contingent. Your effort has made this year's cadets a great one and we will miss you all. We wish you all the best in the future whether it is university, an apprenticeship or a job that you decide to take up. We wish you all the best for the future!

Regimental Sergeant Major Nathan Battery Sergeant Major Stephanie





### **Changing of the guard!**

In time honoured tradition the start of the new academic year brings the opportunity to say goodbye to David, our Regimental Sergeant Major for the previous year, David will be attending university to study engineering followed by guaranteed entrance to Royal Military Academy Sandhurst for officer training, before hopefully joining the Royal and Electrical Engineers regiment (REME) as a commissioned junior officer in the British Army. David passed the coveted senior rank of RSM and responsibilities to Nathan, who has proved to be an outstanding cadet since joining in year 9, always leading by example in all aspects of cadet life.

We are also delighted to announce that Stephanie has been awarded the senior cadet rank of Battery Sergeant Major, she will work closely with Nathan and senior adult staff to ensure the smooth and enjoyable running of CCF here at Shenfield High School throughout the 2024/2025 academic year.



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### **Open Evening**

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Shenfield High Sch @Shenfield High · Oct 4 ··· We would like to thank everyone who attended our open evening yesterday and to our amazing Shenfield High School community. #teamshenners #proud #ready #respect #responsible #challenge #contribute #collaborate #values #shenfieldhighschool





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### MFL

### **Open Evening**

There was a great buzz around MFL at Open Evening on 3rd October – lots of activities where year 6 students were able to show off to their parents how well and quickly they were able to learn a bit of Spanish and French. Thank you to all of the tour guides that did such a great job of helping the little ones to take their first steps with the languages, and spoke about their learning with us with such enthusiasm!



### **Bienvenidos/Bienvenue!**

A big welcome to Mrs Aneke, who is our new French and Spanish teacher – she has settled in well to life as a teacher at Shenfield. We hope that she will enjoy being with her classes, and look forward to seeing what they can all achieve together.

Secondly, welcome back to Miss Murphy, who has come back to teach at Shenfield after her maternity leave. It really is great to have her back with us, and students have been lovely in how they have responded to her return, showing what brilliant people they are!

#### Year 7

Year 7 have made a great start to life at Shenfield High School studying French and Spanish. There were some great examples of creativity with the first homework that students produced, and special mentions to Eliza S. and Malan M. who came up with some real works of art which were informative and beautiful at the same time.



Ably assisted by Mr Fletcher and Mr Rees-Gildea, Mrs Garcia and Mrs Aneke have been running Duolingo Club, where students are regularly coming along to try their hand at German, Korean and Japanese – all are encouraged to come along and get involved – students and staff alike! – Monday lunchtimes, i1.

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### Year 10 Art Trip RHS Hyde Hall

We had a fantastic trip to RHS Hyde Hall in September, where students were able to explore the grounds and gardens, taking some brilliant photography to underpin their first GCSE Unit. The students were guided through some nature art based workshops, including printing, clay and wirework. We even enjoyed beautiful weather!





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### Summer Cultural and Arts Festival Mural

We are very excited to present the mural we created about the history of Shenfield High School, which is now up and on display. The mural was made as part of the Summer Arts and Cultural festival and was the hard work of some of our year 9 students, using collage of archive materials and watercolour paints.













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### SHENFIELD HIGHSCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 14th November 6pm - 8pm

Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form Talks 6pm, 7pm, 7.45pm

> See website for booking details (Booking system will go live on Monday 14th October)



Now recruiting for 2025 Football, Cricket and Performing Arts Academies



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#### **RECRUITING TALENTED YEAR 11 ACTORS FOR 2025**



An acting academy, where we rehearse and perform a new National Theatre play, for their UK wide Connections festival.

We perform in a professional theatre and also are in with a chance of performing at the National Theatre itself!

Every Wednesday P5 (2pm - 3pm)- X2

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### Year 11 Examinations

For all the information regarding year 11 examinations that was presented at our year 11 Information Evening, please go to our website.

Link below:

https://www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk/ curriculum/exam-information/

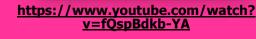
#### Year 11 Information Evening presentation

#### November<sup>®</sup>Mocks

The November mock exams start the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Timetables will be emailed to all parents and students.

Please check Edulink for exam dates, times and seat numbers to avoid stress.



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Subject	Revision type	Day and time	Room	Teacher
Fine Art	Revision and Catch-up	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 3-4pm		Mrs Kemp and Mrs Toland
Business Studies	Teacher led sessions Independent study/Access resources	Tuesday 3-4pm Tuesday & Friday lunchtime	158 158	Mrs Beilworthy Mrs Bhimjiyani/Mr Edwards
Computer Science	GCSE Paper 1 and 2 topics	Monday and Tuesday lunchtime	C72	Mr. Aluko
Drama	Coursework catch-up Drama rehearsals	Friday 3-4pm Book in with your teacher (lunch/after school)	E1 Drama studio	Miss Sherwood Drama teacher
Engineering	Coursework catch-up	After Christmas as required	56	Mr Hall
English	English Language: securing grade 4 and 5 English Literature: Grades 7-9	Wednesday 3-4pm Monday 3-4pm	H10 E53	Mr Acquah Mrs Whitfield
Enterprise and Marketing	Coursework catch-up	Monday 3-4pm T58		Mirs Weedon
Film Studies	Exam Prep and Coursework catch-up	Thursday lunchtime	172	Mr Sheriff
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Theory Revision Technical skills focus Technical skills focus	Tuesday lunchtime Wednesday 3-4pm (must pre book) Thursday 3-4pm (must pre book)	155 155 155	Mr Costello Mr Costello Mr Costello
French	Compulsory revision General drop-in sessions	Thursday lunchtime Tuesday and Wednesday 3-4pm	H14 H14	Mrs Shaunak Mr Shaunak
Geography	Exam skills and question practice	Tuesday lunchfime	H60 week A H51 week B	Mr Springett Mr Gray
Health and Social Care	Assignment work	Tuesday week B 3-4pm	C60	Mrs Marks/Miss Crick
History	Content and skills Content and skills Content Skills	Thursdays week A – 3-4pm Tuesdays week B – 3-4pm Fridays (week A) – Lunchtime Fridays (week B) Junchtime	H54 H54 H54 H54	Mr Walmsley Mr Walmsley Miss Barrett Miss Barrett
Maths	Further Maths Aiming for Grade 7 (Higher Paper) Aiming for Grade 5 (Foundation Paper) Foundation Paper Drop in Foundation Paper Drop in Mixed Revision Drop in	Mondays 3-4,30pm Mondays 3-4pm Wednesdays 3-3,45pm Thursdays Week A 1,20-1,40pm Thursdays Week A 1,40-2,00pm Fridays Week A 1,40-2,00pm	C80 C93 C94 C95 C75 C77	Miss Albery Mr Russell Mrs Ballington and Mrs Milki Mrs Jahromi Mr Miller Mrs Taneja
GCSE Music	Composition Support/Listening and Appraising	Wednesday 3-4pm	X8/X4	Mr Willsher and Miss Fox
Music Technology	MIDI and Audio Editing	Tuesday lunchtime	X8/X13	
PE	Paper 1	Monday and Tuesday lunch limes	T5	Mr Hall, Mrs Cosentino, Miss Matthew Miss Thornhill
Performing Arts	Coursework catch-up Dance rehearsals	Friday 3-4pm Book in with your teacher (lunch/atter school)	E1 Drama studio	Miss Sherwood Drama teacher
Science	Chemistry revision Physics revision Biology revision Cuttoulum catch-up and drop in sessions	Menday 3-4pm Riday 3-4pm Piday 8-8:35am Monday, Wednesday and Riday lunchtimes	\$52 117 \$55 \$15	Mr Richards Dr Pope Mr Allum All teachers
Sociology	Revision	Wednesday 3-4pm	C56	Mr Bishop and Mr Ireland
Spanish	Compulsory revision General drop-in sessions	Tuesday lunchtime Tuesday and Wednesday 3-4pm	H14 H14	Mr Shaunak Mr Shaunak
Learning Hub	General revision with a teacher	Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3-4pm	Library	Mr Clifford

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The year 7 and 8 boys have made excellent starts to the rugby season.

Year 7 went along to their first Mid-Essex Waterfall Festival and showed exactly how good they are and will be in years to come. Coming up against a tough Great Baddow side in their first game they narrowly lost three tries to two despite some excellent defence. In their next two games against Boswells and local rivals St Martins, the team dominated in both attack and defence coming out winners by a couple of tries in each.

The year 8 have had an even busier time with both an Essex & Mid-Essex festival. Coming away with two wins and a loss after playing against teams from all over Essex means that they'll progress to the next round back at Brentwood School to compete for the U13 Essex Rugby Bowl championship in the first week of November. At the Mid-Essex festival the year 8 continued their success from last year with a 100% record against St Martins & Boswells school, scoring twelve tries and only conceding one across the matches with Ed and Ben scoring five and four respectively.

The year 8 boys sporting their new kit – sponsored by Old Brentwoods RFC



Both teams will have their next Waterfall festivals in the week commencing 11th November.



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#### Keep up to date with all sporting achievements at **Shenfield High School**

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Our U15 girls 💽 got off to a great start in the defence of the National Cup title won last May. Poppy (3) Maisie (4) Amber, Lucy & Ellie with our goals. #SHSFootball 🙂 🏶 🕙 🔥

WSNSPEDEP11 - OET 6 formance from our U14 Mid Essex District side on Saturday in onal Cup. Mid Essex ran out 7-1 victors against Swale, goals / W (3), Jotham (2), Tom A & Joseph 😄 💽 💮 🛃 #MidEssex



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SHSPEDEPT @SHSPEDEPT1 - Oct 5 Exciting news from the National Swimm girls finished 3rd out of 30 schools in th the National finals. Official results to fo He in so wanters last night! The jur he IM so will definitely be going to blow to know if the inter girls ? alifiers last night! The junic





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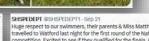
SHSPEDEPT @SHSPEDEPT1 - Oct 7

SHEPEDEPT restrict/DEPT+CCT7 Superb showing from our girls at the District Cross-Country races today hosted by Becket Keys, Official results to follow but with so many girls in top 20 places they can be very proud of their efforts. 😅 😜 🏅



SHSPEDEPT @SHSPEDEPT1 - Oct 11 Superb showing from our athletes at the ESAA County ro day. Junior Girls & Inter Boys both coming second rd 🌠 & junior boys 4th. Official results to follow s are going to regionals







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### **Performing Arts**

### Junior Performing Arts Academy

The JPAA members are working hard in their various roles as principals, dance crew members, dance captains, advanced singers, support roles and ensemble members for our 2025 Musical 'Matilda'. Their level of commitment to the show process has been outstanding.

### Drama focus

The Academy members have started working on this year's Shakespeare School Festival at The Spotlight Theatre in Hertfordshire. This year we are exploring William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. The students will be looking at the use of ensemble work, comedy, and Shakespearean language to bring this known classic to life. With over 60 parent tickets sold, we cannot wait to showcase the student's hard work in November!



#### **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.

### **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 "Normalised" and cannot wait to perform in a professional Theatre in April 2025.

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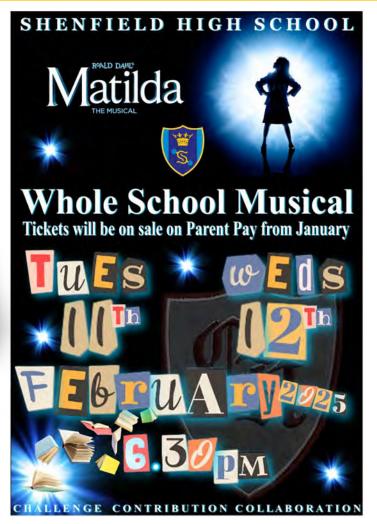
### Year 7 Drama Club

Every Friday lunchtime in X2. Bring your lunch. Everyone welcome. Come play Drama games, improve your confidence and make new friends!

### **Performing Arts**



- 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
- Lower School Play
  July 2025



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, and only weeks into rehearsals staff have been so impressed with the level of enthusiasm and professionalism from cast members!

We are incredibly excited to present this musical in February next year. Tickets will go on sale in January 2025.



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### **Exam Invigilators wanted**

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### 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 https://www.shenfield.essex.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies/

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### Key dates Autumn Term 2

Date	Event
04.11.24	Start of Autumn Term 2 - Week A
14.11.24	Sixth Form Open Evening
18.11.24	Start of Year 11 mock examinations
04.12.24	End of Year 11 mock examinations
11.12.24	Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day
12.12.24	Christmas Concert
20.12.24	Last day of Autumn Term - student finish at noon





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