



Our Vision:
To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to our end of the Spring Term Newsletter. Shirley High School is open as normal as it has been throughout these challenging times. As we all begin to adapt to a new way of living, it is important to remember that we are still under the shadow of COVID and we would not be able to maintain our high expectations without our fantastic students and staff. I would like to publicly thank both again for the exceptional resilience they have shown. This commitment reinforces to me everyday how proud I am to be part of this community and the Principal of Shirley High School.

As a school, we value the importance and power of discussions regarding local and global events, and I am extremely proud of the way our students have engaged in conversations surrounding extremely difficult matters. Our mission is to produce successful global citizens and through an excellent education we believe that our students have the potential to be the decision makers of the future so that others do not have to experience the difficult situations that many are facing today.

Throughout all the challenges we all have faced, our focus has been to maintain our expectations of teaching and learning plus continue to provide our students with numerous educational, social and cultural opportunities. I am always so delighted to see students learning outside the classroom, and thrilled to see trips to Oxford University, Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Clubs and many more this term. Our Holiday Interventions, Morning Clubs and Saturday School programmes for Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 simply reinforces the commitment of our staff to the education of our students and our students commitment to achieving their full potential. These academic clubs are complimented by our extensive extra-curricular offer, which includes activities from all faculties across our school.

(Full club details can be found on our website - www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk).

This term we have continued the investment in our learning environment and have significant plans for our school site, classroom and sports facilities for the Summer term and pre September 2022.

Our vision and values remain as strong as ever and the challenges we face will always be met with resilience and a relentless determination to find the best solution for our community. We remain proud of what we are and what we stand for. A diverse school serving a talented community.

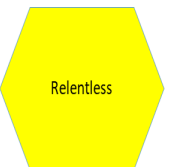
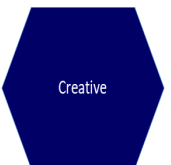
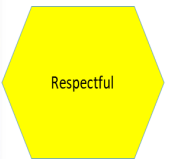
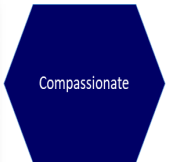
Have a wonderful Easter, stay safe and see you all in the Summer term.

Start of Summer Term: Just a reminder that school opens on Tuesday 19 April 2022 for Year 11 and 13. All other year groups will return on Wednesday 20 April 2022.

#weareshirley

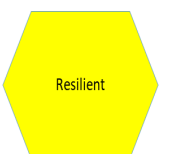
Mr T Myton - Principal

Our Mission:
Shirley High School’s mission is to offer a high quality education to all learners within an inclusive and respectful environment. An environment where all are consistently challenged and supported to be successful, well rounded global citizens.



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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Tuesday 19 April 2022 - School opens for Summer Term (Year 11 & 13 only)
Wednesday 20 April 2022 - School open for Summer Term (All Years)
Tuesday 19 - 22 April 2022 - Year 13 1:1 Meetings
Thursday 21 April 2022 - Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 26 April 2022 - Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening
Monday 2 May 2022 - School closed - Bank Holiday
Friday 13 May 2022 - Year 13 Study Leave begins
Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June 2022 - School closed - Half Term (1 week)
Monday 6 - 17 June 2022 - Year 12 PPE's
Monday 13 - 24 June 2022 - Year 10 PPE 1
Tuesday 5 July 2022 - Year 12 UCAS Information Evening
Tuesday 14 July 2022 - Year 10 Parents' Evening
Friday 22 July 2022 - School closed for Staff Training Day (no students in school)

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM WHY GO ANYWHERE ELSE?

"Striving for Excellence"

We welcome all new applications via our online application form on the website -

www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk

Shirley High School Sixth Form is based on success and our pastoral and well-being provision is second to none. We aim to meet with every applicant to discuss their course choices and try to ensure we have the best fit for both them and us.

As a Post 16 student studying at Shirley High Sixth Form your education will be personalised and supportive. You will not be a student lost in a huge organisation or a number on a data sheet but very much an individual who is recognised for your unique qualities.

Last year following outstanding results, 99% pass rate for A levels and 100% pass rate for Level 3 BTEC, students went on to study at prestigious universities. Destinations included students studying Religion, Politics, Society at Kings, Economics and Finance at St Marys, Geography at UCL and Psychology at Cardiff.

All Sixth Form students are supported through to their next stage whether that be work, apprenticeships or university. We offer independent careers advice, pastoral support and a wide range of enrichment opportunities. As a Centre for Excellence for the Arts, we offer first rate Performing Arts facilities and courses.

High expectations, strong teaching, individual support both academically and pastorally are what we offer to all Sixth Form students.

If you would like to be part of this growing success, please see our course guide and application form on the school website. We will close applications after the Easter break but you are still welcome to apply on Year 11 Results Day in August. Please see our website for further details after Easter - www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk

Applicants will be invited for an Induction Day after the GCSE exams and enrolment will commence on **Thursday 25 August 2022**.

Should you have any queries please email kelly@shirley.croydon.sch.uk

Mrs C Kelly - Sixth Form Administrator

Award Winning Sixth Form with Outstanding Results in both A Level and Btec Pathways

SHS Sixth Form



Why go anywhere else?

SIXTH FORM

I am pleased to see so many of our Year 13 students applying to University and wish them the best of luck with their applications. The quality of students' personal statements was high, the variety of courses applied for is inspiring. I hope they focus over the few months having left Shirley to ensure they receive the grades they are capable of.

Year 12 students had an enjoyable day at the UCAS exhibition at the Excel Centre on Monday 14 March 2022. There were hundreds of universities representatives and it was a great opportunity to talk to them and find out about the different courses on offer, ask questions and pick up freebies! I think most students now have their own cotton shopping bag!



This term we have created a new Careers Google Classroom. All students should be looking at this daily as we are posting links to apprenticeships, training opportunities and careers support from external agencies as they come in. There are already some great opportunities for competitive apprenticeships within the stream. Year 13 students who do not have a pathway organised should be thinking about apprenticeships as an option. There are many students who have secured exciting apprenticeship opportunities.

All Sixth Form students are currently being encouraged to create a short presentation which they will deliver to their form group over the coming months. This can be on a topic of their choice. We suggest they use a TED Talk (Technology, Entertainment, Design) to centre their presentation around and share their thoughts on why they find it interesting. We hope this will develop students confidence in public speaking and put them in a strong position when moving on after Shirley. It has been another enjoyable term working in the Sixth Form and I wish all students in both Year 12 & 13 the best of luck in the Summer exams.

T Lewis - Head of Sixth Form

CAREERS FORTNIGHT - 7 March - 18 March 2022

National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education. As a school, we place great importance on Careers Education, so we extended our celebration over two weeks. Throughout the two weeks, students were introduced to a variety of careers and pathways both in Personal Development lessons and tutor time. During individual subjects, students were able to have discussions with staff about the careers that subjects can lead to and the different pathways that can be taken.



Some events of note over the two weeks were:

- Talk for Year 11 students with someone from the Bank of England
- Apprenticeship awareness assembly for Year 10
- Sixth Form trip to Wimbledon to find out about the business behind the Tennis
- Year 12 attended a UCAS exhibition to help them start thinking about their options when they leave school
- Year 10 students had an assembly on all the possibilities with Engineering
- Trip to Mansfield College, Oxford for some Year 11 and 12 students to help raise their aspirations and to show them Oxbridge universities are a possibility for them
- UPS students had a visit from a local firefighter



One of the biggest events that we run yearly is the Year 11 Mock Interview Day. A group of employers came into school for the day to give all Year 11s a taste of what a real interview would be like. Students prepare in advance by completing a CV and cover letter as their 'application', which is then passed to the interviewer before the interview. Students are encouraged to come into school wearing appropriate 'interview attire' to make the whole process feel more realistic. Students are then given a 30 minute slot with an employer, which involves a 10-15 minute formal interview, followed by feedback on both their performance in the interview and their CV and cover letter.

Both students and employers thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained valuable experience for the future. One of the interviewers said:

"Please give my appreciation to the students I conducted the interviews with, for both their time but also with how honest and open they were with me in discussing their CV's and their interviews. This made it possible to get so much from the session. I was really impressed by their ambition and confidence and wish them every success with their exams and with the different career paths they follow. As someone who lives in Croydon, it was a privilege to support this work."

Two of our students had the following to say:

"The mock interviews were really good preparation for job and other real world interviews. They gave us a chance to work on our social skills and build our confidence for future interviews. Being able to get feedback will help us achieve better opportunities in the future" - Daisy Kite 11Y.

"I found the mock interviews really helpful and informative. They helped me to understand the type of questions I could be asked in an interview and I am now able to prepare better for them. My interviewer was kind and gave me some useful feedback." Carly Pennington-Daniels 11Y.

Mrs V Murawski - Head of Personal Development (PSHEE)



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 3 March 2022, staff and students celebrated World Book Day! The theme was 'You Are a Reader'. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. It was lovely to see so many staff and students in their costumes. We encouraged students to dress as book characters to foster an environment where they were able to freely talk to each other about their favourite characters and the stories that have had the greatest impact. Prizes were given to the best costume and most enthusiastic department!

Ms T Crammer - Lead Practitioner - English / Literacy Co-ordinator



NIGHTWATCH

Oliver Selcuk 9I took part in the Night Watch charity donation. Her family had just opened up a small business @ems treasure chest and over Christmas had stock left over.

Olivia asked instead of it being handed out to family members if she could take it to Night watch in Croydon to give back to the community and bring some Christmas cheer to them.



Mrs J Sharpe-Higgins - Science

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Art Club	Basketball Training	Boxing Club
Chess Club	Creative Writing	Debating Club
Financial Maths Club	Futsal Club	Games Club
Gardening Club	Girls Football Training	Gospel Choir
Green Team	Homework Club	Maths Wiz Club
Netball Training	Reaching Higher Football Academy	Retreat (wellbeing)
School Band	STEM Club	

VALENTINE'S CONCERT

On Thursday 10 February 2022, we held our Valentines Concert. This was the first one in two years and it was great to be back! The main hall was set up in a Jazz Club style with candles and rose petals on the tables. Our biggest Valentines audience yet of over 100 enjoyed a fantastic show.

The show kicked off with a memorable performance from Bright Fadeyi 7R who sang 'Hello' from Adele. Bright had recently won our KS3 Song Contest and sang with extreme confidence and power despite only being in Year 7. Other notable performances in the first half were from our Gospel choir featuring Clif Reid, who sang two songs including a great version of *Blinded by your Grace* with rapping provided by Esteban Martinez Ortiz in 12R.

Perhaps the most amazing performance was from Mellissa Sclafani and Anthea Bianco who had to endure sound problems during their song which included the song mysteriously restarting! They say how you perform in adversity shows your true talent and that was certainly true of both students who did a fantastic job!

At Shirley we like to bring the best talent available for our parents / carers and students to see.

The second half of our show featured some of that fantastic talent. The band was the Vince Dunn Orchestra. Vince runs a 17-piece band with some of the best players in London. They performed for one and a half hours playing some great music. Some of our top singers also got the chance to perform with the band. That was a chance of a lifetime for them which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Also performing was our brilliantly talented singing teacher here at Shirley – Alice Ellen Wright. She sang a great version of Adele's *Skyfall*. To finish the show, we had one final big act. 2018 Britain's got talent finalists The Ratpackers. They sang a mixture of Sinatra and Soul classics as well as some modern hits that sparked impromptu dancing at the back of the main hall. They finished the show with a rousing rendition of 'New York New York' that had the crowd on their feet.

The real stars of the show of course were our fantastic, talented students who continue to surprise and amaze us. Please look out for more shows in the near future.

Performers

Set One – Bright Fadeyi 7R, Francesca Henry 10R, Melissa Sclafani 9Y & Anthea Bianco 10Y, Shawntai Senora 13S, Ola Oshodi 10E, Zuzanna Kipczak 8S, Gimailia Maluka 12R, Olivia Powell 8R, Maya Lawrence 9E & Ashinah Kabahoza 9E, Olivia Francis-Weekes 11E, Daalayah Qureshi-Williams 11Y, Emmanuella Offeh 12H & Teddy Banks 7L, Hailey Witikeni 12H, Brooke Skinner 12S, Gospel Choir featuring Clif Reid & Esteban Martinez Ortiz 12R.

Set Two – The Vince Dunn Orchestra featuring 2018 Britain's Got Talent finalists **The RatPackers**
Singing with the Orchestra: Hailey Witikeni, Brooke Skinner & Alice Ellen Wright - our singing teacher
Playing saxophone Anthea Bianco

Mr S Sahl-Taylor - Director of Faculty

MANSFIELD COLLEGE TRIP, OXFORD

On Friday 18 March 2022, a group of Year 11 and Year 12 students were given the opportunity to visit Mansfield College, Oxford for an Oxbridge information day. During the day, students were given a talk about the process for applying for Oxford and Cambridge University as well as finding out about the kinds of subjects on offer from the universities.

The group also had the opportunity to ask questions to four current undergraduate students who talked to them about their life at university as well as the different journeys which had brought them to study at Mansfield College.

After a tour of the beautiful college campus, students were treated to lunch in the Chapel Dining Hall, which truly felt like eating in the Hogwarts Great Hall from Harry Potter!

After lunch, the group were then given the chance to walk through the city centre to visit Queen's College, one of Oxford's biggest and oldest college.

It was a brilliant day and I hope that it will inspire those who visited to carry on their educational journey all the way through Shirley High and to aspire to study at these great institutes of education for their further education.

Mr J Rayner - Associate Assistant Principal



BOOK OF EXCELLENCE

The following students have been recognised for their outstanding work in particular subjects. Their names have been entered in the School's Book of Excellence.....

Olivia Selcuk 8I

For her English work and her confidence shown in school

Evie Harris 7R

For raising £50 for Readathon

Teddy Banks 7L

For raising £105 for Readathon

Dujontae Williams 12S

Igor Cardoso 12S

Ramone Hutchinson 12R

Caiden Richards 12I

For Community Service - helping an elderly lady

Well done to all the above mentioned students!

T Myton - Principal

WE NEED YOU!

JOB VACANCY

EXAM INVIGILATORS

**Varied hours per week,
term time only**

Salary: £10 per hour

We are currently looking for Examinations Invigilators to have a key role in upholding the integrity and security of the examination/assessment process.

Please [click here](#) for details or visit our website www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk

Alternatively, please email exams@shirley.croydon.sch.uk for more information.

Mrs E Brockhouse - Exams Officer



Commendations

**100% Punctuality
(no lates)**

344 Students

**100% Positive
Behaviour**

98 Students



100% Attendance

193 Students

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL ON THESE FANTASTIC
ACHIEVEMENTS!**

**Ms M Francis
Deputy Principal**

GARDENING CLUB

Spring has sprung and the daffodils and tulips are out in full bloom! The symbol of new beginnings and a great time to prepare our garden for Spring.

Gardening Club and AEP Students spent the afternoon in the School's garden where they prepped and sowed seeds. Emma and Amy who are trained horticulturists oversaw the session and arranged a watering schedule to nurture their seedlings.

Students thoroughly enjoyed their session and we look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour!

Mrs S Frost - Catering Manager & Mrs J Divecha - Teacher i/c Food



READATHON

Students in KS3 were pleased to have the opportunity to take part in this year's Readathon, from 21 February - 11 March 2022.

*The charity **Read for Good** encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach inspiring reluctant readers to give reading a go, and keen readers to read more widely. Students can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audio books to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun. And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.*

Not only did students raise over £100 for a very worthy cause, but they also improved their reading skills, engaged in inter-house competition and were awarded prizes and certificates.

A huge well done to Teddy Banks 7I & Evie Harris 7R for raising £155 for Readathon and earning their place in the School's Book of Excellence!

Mrs C Harding - English Teacher



UKRAINE CRISIS

Velusca Vaz 8L is leading on a collection for those suffering from the crisis in Ukraine. She was upset by the events and wanted to find out how she could help. She did some research into what Ukrainian women and girls might need, both if they remain in Ukraine, or if they are fleeing. She found out that they were in disparate need for toiletries and sanitary products.

Velusca has shared her idea with the Sensory Support Service and her products were distributed to the charity.

Such a wonderful representation of the caring community we have at Shirley High School.

Mrs L Tailleux - Lead Teacher



RED NOSE DAY / COMIC RELIEF

A huge thank you to all the staff and students who entered into the true spirit of the day by wearing red clothing, contributing money, organising and running a cake sale, undertaking sponsored activities etc. Well done to 8L raising £40.25 for a cake sale, Na'Ari Saunders 7R who raised £20 and sang *Listen* by Beyoncé. Once counted, SHS raised a grand total of **£903.50!** Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Ms M Francis - Deputy Principal



STEM CLUB

STEM Club has been running every Wednesday after school this term with the help of the Science teachers, Science technicians and the KS4 and KS5 STEM ambassadors.

This term, they have been focusing on many different STEM activities relating to making movies! Next term we will be looking at Science and Magic.

Miss J Sharpe-Higgins - Science

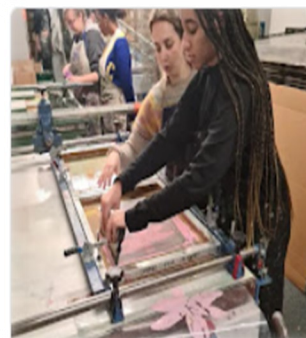
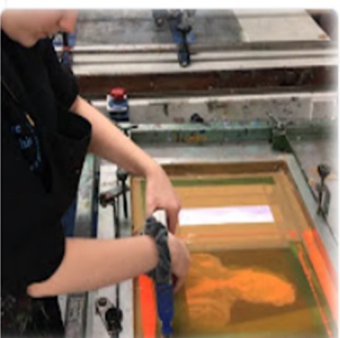
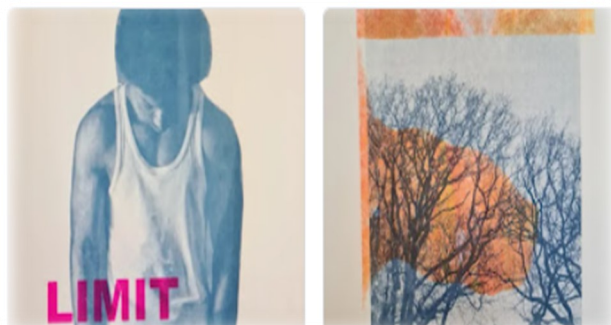


SONSOLES PRINT STUDIO ART TRIP

On Tuesday 22 February 2022, the A Level Art & Photography students attended a trip to Sonsoles Print Studio to participate in a screen printing workshop.

This was a fantastic day where students learnt how to screen print and produce high level work for their portfolios. It was also great for the students to visit a professional printing studio to build cultural capital and witness the workplace of creative career. The workshop was led by Artists based in London who are Royal College of Art MA Printmaking graduates.

Mr M Bush - Head of Art



YEAR 11 HOODIE & YEARBOOK

Once again, Miss Samuels (KS4 PSA) is organising for both a Year 11 Hoodie and Yearbook to be made available to all students in the year group.

The deadline for purchasing the Hoodie & Yearbook has been extended until **Friday 27 May 2022**



Please see Miss Samuels for more information
samuels@shirley.croydon.sch.uk

Don't forget to complete the consent form which allows us to use images of your child in the Yearbook!



YEAR 11 PROM 2022

We are delighted to announce that The Surrey National Golf Club has been booked on Thursday 7 July 2022 for the Annual Year 11 Prom. This has become a traditional way of celebrating the end of the GCSE exams and to say 'well done' to Year 11.

Tickets are now on sale via Parentpay. If you would like a memento of the evening I would encourage you to purchase a pre-paid photo ticket. Get 2 photos for £12 or 3 for £15

Attendance above 96%, Punctuality below 3%, Positive Behaviour Points!



PE NEWS

South London Girls Young Coaches Academy

On Tuesday 8 and 15 March 2022, the following Year 9 students took part in a programme run by our local SSCO, that focusses on developing and building on leadership skills:

Ashinah Kabahoza 9E, Millie Fahey 9L, Sonia Crisan 9L, Zoe Cozma 9I, Emily Cozma 9H, Audrey Asante 9S, Fiona Osei-Ahenkorah 9I, Olivia Villanueva 9L, Millie Elvin 9S, Courtney Senyungule 9Y, Kaitlin Demello-Stevenson 9E, Redeat Gebremariam 9H, Alexandra Ioana Ilie 9E, Zhane Smith-Williams 9E and Tia Samuels 9R.

The girls worked with a range of other schools in order to effectively deliver fun and engaging sessions for their peers. One student commented on how her confidence has grown as a result of the experience. We are particularly proud of all girls that participated in this initiative and well done on graduating as sports leaders.

Miss V Hewlett - Head of PE

BASKETBALL KS4

Every Wednesday from 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm, Coach Moore has been training our KS4 Basketball students, focussing on a wide range of skills, techniques and tactics. Coach Moore also supports all school matches and we are grateful for all the effort he puts into his coaching and leadership. We have been impressed with the turn out to this club, well done!

Year 10 BASKETBALL

Year 10 Basketball had a very good season, finishing 2nd in the league. Their only loss was to the current champions Harris Crystal Palace. The squad showed commitment, passion and should be proud of what they have achieved.



Year 10 Squad
 William Da Costa 10E
 Peniel Masebo 10L
 Cody Hanson 10L
 James Takyi 10S
 Malachi Wright 10E
 Joshua Eniola 10R
 Joseph Tanyanyiwa 10R
 Israel Darlington 10R
 Elisha Nsakala 10Y
 Nickolas Zanetta 10E



Shirley High School
Basketball: Boys-U16A 2021/22

Playing Summary

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference
5	4	0	1	176	156	20

Fixtures & Results

tbc	Wed	Neutral		Oasis Academy Shirley Park	Won	CSBA	32 - 16	League
19 Jan 2022								
tbc	Wed	Neutral		St Joseph's College	Won	CSBA	38 - 29	League
19 Jan 2022								
tbc	Tue	Neutral		The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy	Won	CSBA	41 - 39	League
01 Mar 2022								
tbc	Tue	Neutral		Harris Invictus Academy Croydon	Won	CSBA	35 - 31	League
15 Mar 2022								
16:00	Tue	Away		Harris City Academy Crystal Palace	Lost	CSBA	30 - 41	League
22 Mar 2022								

PE NEWS

YEAR 10 & 11 SPORTS LEADERS

On Wednesday 2 March 2022, our trained Year 10 and 11 Sports leaders helped run a primary school Netball Qualifiers event that was hosted here at Shirley High School. Our leaders had a session with our SSCO before to prepare and go over key umpiring skills that were needed on the day. Leaders took control over matches by demonstrating excellent umpiring and helped the Primary students with scoring. It was such an amazing afternoon and all students should be extremely proud of their efforts on this day. Well done!

Miss V Hewlett - Head of PE.

Year 10/Year 11

Alicia-Marie McLeod 10L

Lillie Andrews-Wilson 10H

Micalea Mason 10L

Mischa Robinson 10R

Danita Walcott Nicholls 10R

Lucy Smith 11Y

Katie Berry 11H

Maisy Mitchell 11R

Annabelle Parker 11Y



NETBALL SEASON - YEAR 9

Every Monday the Year 9 Netball team have been working hard in their training sessions, looking at both skill and tactical play. All girls have shown a huge amount of resilience and compassion over a tough season by supporting each other at all times. As the league standing shows, we have had the most amazing season in Division 1, finishing top of the league after five games.

Well done on all your commitment to the team and I am looking forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

Miss V Hewlett - Head of PE



Opposition	Date/ Home or Away	Result	POM
Tenison's A	9th March HOME	Won 9-7	Zoe Cozma
Woodcote	4th November HOME	Draw 6-6	Emily Cozma
Coloma	3rd November HOME	Won 16-2	Courtney S
Riddlesdown	1st Feb AWAY	Won 18-3	Emily Cozma
Quest	24th November AWAY	Won 17-1	Zoe Cozma
Tournament	24th March HOME	WINNERS!	

Squad

C Emily Cozma
 GA Zoe Cozma
 GS Millie E/Tianna W
 GK Tahira Cunningham
 Reid
 GD Courtney S
 WA Kimaya Rhoden
 WD Tia Samuels/
 Kaiyah Leonard

League Points Table

Team Name	Played	Won	Drawn	Loss	Goals Scored	Goals Against	Goals Avg	Goals +/-	Points
Shirley	5	4	1	0	66	19	3.47	47	23
Woodcote A	4	3	1	0	71	25	2.84	46	18
Quest	2	1	0	1	16	20	0.80	-4	5
Riddlesdown A	3	1	0	2	34	59	0.58	-25	5
Tenisons A	3	0	1	2	18	28	0.64	-10	4
Coloma	5	0	1	4	24	78	0.31	-54	3

PE NEWS

YEAR 7 & 8 - NETBALL RUNNERS UP IN THE BOROUGH - AMAZING PERFORMANCE! MISS V HEWLETT (HEAD OF PE)

Every Monday, Year 7 & 8 have had the opportunity to be coached by Miss Baker. The girls have committed exceptionally well to training and have learnt lots of new skills. It has been a very tough season in Division 1 for both teams, but all students have remained positive and resilient to the challenges they have faced in competitive situations. We are exceptionally proud of both teams who can now only build on team experiences for future matches.



Squad

- C Lexie Williams 7S
- GA Annie Elvin 7Y
- GS Shanice Watson 7L
- GK Faith Halcomb 7H
- GD Jazmine Bailey-Roach 7L
- WA Na'Ari Saunders 7R / Lily Watts 7Y/Aseda O 7Y
- WD Ryeona Baksik 7F

- C Maya Kakou-Bruce 8R
- GA Hamida Sesay 8Y
- GS Jatasia Houston 8Y
- GK Ayobami Odukoya 8H
- GD Najma Mohamed 8L
- WA Zoe Blatch 8R
- WD Marylyn Yeboah-Kodie 8L

YEAR 9 NETBALL TEAM - CHAMPIONS!

It's confirmed, our Year 9 Netball team won the Borough Division 1 Netball League this season with 4 wins and 1 draw! This is an outstanding achievement for the team due to their hard work and commitment to training every Monday. There were some really close hard fought matches with the girls showing determination and a drive to succeed. I am so proud of the team and it has been a real pleasure to coach such a well grounded and motivated team. Congratulations and I look forward to presenting you with your winners medals in your Sports Assembly in the Summer term.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Pool Matches

Coloma Vs Shirley	WIN 10-0
Oasis Coulsdon Vs Shirley	WIN 5-1
Tenison B Vs Shirley	WIN 8-0
Orchard Park Vs Shirley	WIN 6-0
Riddlesdown A Vs Shirley	LOST 2-6
Old Palace A Vs Shirley	DRAW 2-2
Norbury Manor Vs Shirley	WIN 7-1
SEMI FINAL Coombe Wood Vs Shirley	WIN 6-2
FINAL Woodcote Vs Shirley	LOST 3-2



SPORTSPERSON OF THE TERM - AUTUMN 2021

Congratulations to all the students who were awarded Sportsperson of the Term at the end of the Autumn term. They received this award for their helpfulness and commitment to lessons and extra-curricular activities, as well as progression over the course of the term.

The awards went to Kade Field 7L, Najma Mohamed 8L, Joshua Goodson 9R, Lillie Andrews-Wilson 10H, Nicholas Nicholls 11L and Brooke Skinner 12S.

The PE department selected the above students due to their positive and helpful attitude in lessons and commitment to multiple sports clubs offered to them. These students will shortly be handing over their awards to our winners for the Spring term.

PE Department





Girls football club

Thursday's 3:20-4:15

Boxing is Back.....
 Our Club Ambassadors are
 Esteban Martinez Ortiz 12R and Adem Serir 12H

SHS Boxing Club

Every Monday After School

Boxing Tuition &
 Boxing Fitness Sessions

Free to all Shirley High School pupils. £0.00 per session!

- All year groups welcome
- Female and Male
- Learn new skills, have fun, make friends
- Confidence | Commitment | Self Control

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Boxing Fitness & Sparring Sessions
 Mondays 15:00 – 16:30
 Venue - Gymnasium
 Shirley Church Road, Croydon CR0 5EF
 Coach Frank E. Finn Tel: 07879 450720



SIGN UP SHEET OUTSIDE PE OFFICE



**Sportsperson of the term
 award
 Spring term**



How can you become nominated for this award?

- Good commitment to extra-curricular activities
- Helpful in lessons / going above and beyond
- High Performance in lessons / extra-curricular activities
- Development and progression over the course of the term

One student is selected for each year group every term. They will receive a certificate, house points and a badge to wear for the term.

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- You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment.

How to Access your Locker:

- Go to the locker number detailed on your confirmation email
- Enter the **4 digit code** detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can be reissued by visiting www.locker.rentals and clicking on the re-issue my locker code link.

We have undertaken much work regarding the safeguarding of our students especially in regards to sexual harassment. I would appreciate if you and your child(ren) could complete surveys on this area during the Easter holidays. The links will be sent in the Behaviour and Expectations letter from Ms Francis.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM @ SHS

	<p>MRS MANSON - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR</p>	<p>LINK GOVERNOR FOR SAFEGUARDING OVERVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING PROVISION AT SHS</p>
	<p>MS FRANCIS - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD</p>	<p>WHOLE SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFEGUARDING & TRAINING YEAR 9 - 13 REFERRALS & ACTION</p>
	<p>MR RAYNER - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD</p>	<p>DEPUTISE FOR DSL WHEN ABSENT YEAR 7 & 8 REFERRALS & ACTION</p>
	<p>MS STEWART - ATTENDANCE & WELFARE OFFICER DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD</p>	<p>YEAR 7 - 13 EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS YEAR 7 - 13 TAF MEETINGS</p>
	<p>SABRINA COUSINS - SOCIAL WORKER SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOL (SWiS)</p>	<p>CP ADVICE & ASSESSMENT CP REFERRALS NAMED SOCIAL WORKER FOR SCHOOL CP / CIN CASES</p>

CONTACT: 020 656 9755 francis@shirley.croydon.sch.uk rayner@shirley.croydon.sch.uk CPOMS

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UNIFORM REMINDERS

The standard of uniform has been very good this term and I would like to thank parents/carers for their support of the school and working with us to achieve the high standards required.

It is important however that our students understand that our uniform does not change when they leave through the gates at the end of the day! It is to be worn correctly and with pride for the school they represent until they get home and take it off.

As we approach the Easter break, please remember that any decisions made regarding extreme haircuts, extreme hair colours, piercings, excessive make-up (including false eyelashes) and coloured nail extensions, must be rectified in time for the students to be presented according to our uniform rules on the first day of the Summer term.

Please be advised, particularly in the case of piercings that, irrespective of the timing of the piercing, students will not be permitted to cover them, but will be asked to remove them at school. Notes from home asking for permission for the piercings to remain in or be covered with plasters etc. will not be accepted. We accept one pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings only. I would therefore suggest that this two week break is not an ideal time to get new extra ear piercings, nose piercings or any other visible piercings, unless the student is prepared to and can remove them for school. The same principle applies for false eyelashes and coloured nail extensions which are not permitted in school, and I ask that you support us with this request to avoid the need for sanctions.



School skirts should be purchased from Hewitts and school trousers must be grey and standard fitting school trousers. We do not allow black trousers. All students in Years 7 – 11 should be wearing a blazer and the correct colour clip on tie.

Hair accessories (including headscarves worn for religious reasons only) must be navy, black, grey or white in colour only.

Trainers are not permitted to be worn with our school uniform. Students must wear school shoes that are wholly black, leather or leather equivalent and waterproof. If students arrive to school wearing trainers they will be provided with alternative footwear.

There are no major changes to our school uniform and if any item of school uniform needs replacing please purchase it from Hewitts – our uniform supplier. You can then be sure that the uniform purchased is both suitable and of the correct style for our school.

ORGANISATION

Please can parents / carers ensure that all students have a fully stocked pencil case as well as the equipment they need for subjects such as Food Technology, PE, Dance etc.

All students must have a pencil case containing:

- Pens (at the very **least** - 2 x black, 2 x green, 2 x red)
(The 4 colour BIC pens are also a good investment).
- Pencil (at the very **least** - 2 lead pencils)
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- Glue



It is helpful for students to have a Math's set also as well as a small pair of paper scissors. Students must also have their student planner, a full bottle of water and a reading book.

Being equipped and ready for lessons is very important and prevents the disruption of teaching and learning that occurs when a student does not have the right equipment with which to complete the lesson. We want to help get our students back on track with their learning and so disruption to this, caused by lack of equipment, is not acceptable.

Please also can you ensure that you see your child's student planner daily and sign it weekly. The planner is used as a weekly planner/diary as well as to communicate messages between home and school and record rewards and/or sanctions. The planner also contains information to assist our students with literacy, numeracy, learning skills and general information. Please take your time to familiarise yourself with the planner so that it can be used effectively as a source of information and as a means of communication between home and school. Students should have their planner with them every day.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE & HARASSMENT

At Shirley High School, we firmly believe that sexual violence and harassment of any sort are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Our curriculum offers opportunities to teach your child(ren) about keeping themselves safe at an age and developmentally appropriate level. This includes sensitive teaching around consent, sexual harassment and sexual violence. We have recently held assemblies for all our students on this subject alongside our expectations for abiding by our Golden Rule. You can view the assembly PowerPoint on our website. (Please be advised that the consent video at the end of the presentation was shown to Years 9 – 13 only, however parents / carers can choose if they wish to use this video as an educational tool for their Year 7 & 8 children at home).

We also recognise that due to the trusting relationships often built between children and their teachers, they may disclose information about historic incidents. All such disclosures are listened to, taken seriously and reported to our Designated Safeguarding Lead to ensure that appropriate follow-up actions can be taken.

If you would like to develop your own knowledge of this area, there are a number of resources available to support you in this. The 'Stop it Now' initiative has produced a Harmful Sexual Behaviour Prevention Toolkit aimed at parents, carers, family members and professionals to help everyone play their part in keeping children safe. There is also a useful series of videos on the Parents Protect website, to enable parents, carers and professionals to understand potential risks, recognise signs of abuse and know where to go for help if they have concerns.

Shirley High School is committed to having a safe, happy and successful environment for all of our students.

Parents and Carers' Information - Understanding Sexual Harassment and Abuse



Sexual Harassment

This is 'unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature' that can take place online and offline between two children. Sexual harassment is likely to: violate a child's dignity, and/or make them feel intimidated, degraded or humiliated. It can include:

- Sexual comments, such as: telling sexual stories, making lewd comments, making sexual remarks about clothes and appearance and calling someone sexualised names
- Sexual "jokes" or taunting

Sexting

Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves or others or sends sexually explicit messages. They can be sent using any device that allows you to share media and messages. This is also known as youth produced sexual imagery.

Upskirting

This involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks. It is now a criminal offence and may constitute sexual harassment. Cases of 'up skirting' MUST be reported.

Sexual Violence

Children can and do abuse other children. Sexual violence covers a range of behaviour. It can refer to sexual offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2013. This includes: - **Rape, Assault by Penetration and Sexual Assault**

Consent

Consent is about having the freedom and capacity to choose. Consent can be withdrawn at any time. It is important to know that:

- A child under the age of 13 can **never** consent to any sexual activity
- The age of consent is 16 years old
- Sexual intercourse without consent is rape

Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB)

Children's sexual behaviour exists on a wide continuum, from normal and developmentally expected to inappropriate, problematic, abusive and violent. Harmful sexual behaviour can occur online and/or offline and can also occur simultaneously between the two.

Parents Protect 0808 1000 900	Information to protect children from sexual abuse
Parentzone	Advice for parents from Parent zone experts
Thinkuknow	Online safety advice and support
Women's Aid	Controlling behaviour in relationships
Talk with your Kids	Talking about healthy relationships
T.A.L.K. Campaign	Talk, agree, learn, know
Internet Matters	Early years to teens advice for parents
NSPCC helpline, Report Abuse in Education	0800 136 663 or email help@nspcc.org.uk



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SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL DOES NOT TOLERATE GENDER BASED, RACIST OR HOMOPHOBIC COMMENTS, LANGUAGE OR BULLYING

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY BEING SUBJECTED TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR SEXUAL HARM

CALL IT OUT REPORT IT ALWAYS! PROTECT YOURSELF & PROTECT OTHERS

THINK WHEN IS 'BANTER' ACTUALLY BULLYING?

Sexual harassment is just being being being not worth reporting no big deal never acceptable.

Homophobic, Biphobic or Transphobic language is NEVER acceptable and will not be tolerated in this school.

There is never a situation where you should use HBT language.

All reports of HBT bullying will be dealt with immediately.

Don't be afraid to tell teachers if you hear any of this language being used.

Sexual Harassment Not In our School!

We do not tolerate hatred, bullying, racist, misogynistic or homophobic comments.

Silence END SEXUAL HARASSMENT

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

I would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support with the attendance of their children. We are pleased and proud of the resilience of our students and the fact that the school attendance has remained so good in the majority of year groups. It has been even more important because those students who are regularly attending are the students who will have any education gaps closed more quickly. This in turn will set them back onto that path of success we want for each and every one of them. It is very important that going forwards our students continue to attend their face to face lessons and access remote learning if they need to be absent for Covid related reasons.

REMOTE EDUCATION:

If a student is not attending school due to circumstances related to coronavirus (COVID-19), we will immediately offer them access to remote education.

Students must attend live/remote sessions as they would normally do in respect of onsite lessons, unless there is a valid reason for their absence. We will keep a record of, and monitor engagement with this activity.

RULES RELATING TO MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not permitted at Shirley High School – **there have been no changes to this rule.**

They are not permitted on our site and this was made clear to all parents/carers on the admission of their children to the school. With this in mind, we are not responsible for the loss or theft of mobile phones on our premises should students break our rules and bring them into school. Any student found in possession or using a mobile phone on our premises will receive an amber level incident (-3 house points) and have the phone confiscated. Please can parents / carers support this important rule in our school.

SECURITY

It is important that if parents are attending for a meeting that they report directly to reception during school opening hours, so they can be signed in. Out of hours, visitors must use the entry system either at the school front gate or in Reception so that a member of the site team can meet them and monitor who is on site. Students will challenge or alert school staff; and staff will challenge any unauthorised visitors or non-Shirley students on site and direct them as appropriate to Reception to be signed in. Please avoid attending school to see a member of staff without an appointment. Our staff may be busy in their roles and we do not wish you to have a wasted journey.

It is also important for all to understand that any parent / carer or external visitor who is rude, abusive or aggressive to any member of our staff will be asked to leave the premises. We are currently not allowing visitors to the school unless they have been invited in for a scheduled meeting.

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**At Shirley High School we expect our students to achieve 96%+ attendance during each academic year.
(This is the equivalent of 8 days off in the whole year).**

We do not authorise any absence during the academic year unless a Student Absence Request Form has been completed and is accompanied by the evidence required e.g. an Order of Service for attendance at a funeral, details of when the flight was booked for unforeseen emergencies requiring overseas travel etc. We understand that this may seem insensitive but that is not our intention we just need proof to authorise any absence.

Research suggests that 20 missed school days a year i.e. 10% non-attendance = 1 GCSE grade drop in achievement. This is without the effects of the National Lockdown!

Attendance matters

100%	=	no days absence from school (September to July)
95%	=	10 days absence (2 weeks) from school (September to July)
90%	=	20 days absence (4 weeks) from school (September to July)
85%	=	30 days absence (6 weeks) from school (September to July)
80%	=	40 days absence (8 weeks) from school (September to July)

**At Shirley High School we expect our students to have less than 3% lates in an academic year.
(This is the equivalent of 6 late arrivals to school in the whole year.)**

Punctuality to school is equally important to attendance and we are striving for all students to regularly attend school on time. Arriving to school on time sets our students up well for the day ahead as well as ensuring they access tutor time with their form tutors, which is where a lot of our pastoral work is undertaken. Poor punctuality has a detrimental effect on achievement as well as general organisation.

Our whole school punctuality is good in the majority of year groups and we are proud of the way our students have coped with any disruptions to public transport, major road works etc.

- 5 Minutes late everyday = 3.4 school days missed per year
- 10 Minutes late everyday = 6.9 school days missed a year
- 15 Minutes late everyday = 10.3 school days missed a year
- 20 Minutes late everyday = 13.8 school days missed a year
- 30 Minutes late everyday = 20.7 school days a year

Thank you for supporting your children to attend regularly and on time. Please continue to support us and your child by ensuring their attendance remains above 96% and their punctuality remains less than 3% late, thereby allowing them to achieve their potential.

BEHAVIOUR

The majority of our students have maintained the high standards of behaviour expected at Shirley and have conducted themselves appropriately both in and out of school. We are committed to promoting a positive attitude towards our Golden Rule; 'Students are expected to show consideration and respect to all members of the school and local community at all times'. We will not tolerate any behaviour that disrupts the teaching and learning of our students or brings the good name of the school into disrepute.

Our students are aware of the Shirley Values and our expectation for them to consider and demonstrate them in their daily actions and behaviour.

We expect our students leaving school at the end of the day to make their way straight home, always respecting the public – pedestrian, motor, neighbours and local businesses. They should not go to the park or the park playground and they should not take a shortcut through St John's Churchyard – this is all a matter of simple respect.

It is also really important that students use the zebra crossing rather than crossing in front of oncoming vehicles. Please can parents who drop their children off in the morning please park safely on the main road and not obstruct the zebra crossing or our neighbours' driveways. No parents / carers should drive into the school to drop students off unless a special arrangement has been made.

Student behaviour and our school uniform should not and must not change outside of school. We hold the same high expectations of our students in school and out. The reputation of our school is important and affects all of us. Students' behaviour on the way to and from school reflects on all of us. We do not want our students to behave in a way that will embarrass the school and bring the name of our school into disrepute.

Parents / carers' role in this cannot be underestimated and your support in helping us educate our children in regards to their behaviour is really appreciated. Please continue to insist on high standards of courtesy and good manners as well as the importance of being respectful to all members of our community.

The school's Behaviour Policy Addendum is available for reference on the school website and a copy of the school rules relating to; attendance and punctuality; general behaviour; the safe use of school premises; uniform; and prohibited and banned items is also available in the student planner.

Ms M Francis - Deputy Principal

FAMILY LIVES

Family Lives is a charity that supports parents / carers and families in England with all aspects of family life. They can be contacted via the helpline, as well as through email, Skype and live chat.

Languages Available: English

Referral Process: Any family member

Age Range: No age range

Waiting List: No waiting list

It is a free service funded by the Local Authority and offers the following:

- Confidential Freephone helpline available Monday – Sunday 7.00 am – Midnight staffed by trained staff / volunteers
- Live chat service
- Email support service
- Information leaflets
- Useful website
- Befriending service
- Parenting groups



Please visit <http://www.familyspacecroydon.co.uk> for even more information on what is available to support families.

Telephone: 02086552402
Confidential Freephone: 0808 800 2222
Email: parentsupport@familylives.org.uk
Address: Tunstall Nursery & Children's Centre
Tunstall Road
Croydon
CR0 6TY
Website: <http://www.familylives.org.uk>

PARENTING PROGRAMMES AND INFORMATION

A positive parent-child relationship is important for children's social, emotional and mental development. Therefore Croydon Council are pleased to offer a number of parenting courses, covering the different stages of childhood and the unique challenges they can bring. You can chose what courses will suit you and your family best.



Parents or carers who wish to register to attend these courses, or find out more should either;

- speak to their local children centre staff
- speak to their Best Start Worker or Social Worker

Read more about what programmes are available and who they are for in the parenting booklet:

http://croydonlcsb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Parenting_Booklet-Nov-2017.pdf

Local & National Support Services:

Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid - 020 8313 9303 or info@bcwa.org.uk

Family Justice Centre, Croydon – 020 8688 0100 or fjc@croydon.gov.uk

Victim Support, Croydon - 0845 450 3936 or live chat on website

Youth offending service, Croydon - 020 8404 5800

Croydon Voluntary Action (for London Gang Exit) - 07850 282 499 or LondonGangExitReferral@londoncrc.org.uk

OFF THE RECORD



Off The Record are a young person centred organisation offering counselling and emotional support. They have recently added a new online counselling service to Off The Record's other support services (all detailed on the Off The Record website).

Whilst some young people may prefer face to face counselling there also a number of young people who find it difficult to engage with this type of support for a variety of reasons, including school refusers. When you register you will have contact within 48 hours and be starting to work with a counsellor within 5 working days.

The service is text based, via their secure website, so may not be suitable for those who find reading and writing too challenging or don't have access to a laptop or tablet. They believe passionately that the relationship between counsellor and client is central to the counselling that they offer and this is no different in their online service where young people work online with a counsellor in weekly sessions. All of their counsellors are qualified face-to-face counsellors who have undergone additional training to work effectively in the online environment.

Young people can register independently, please use the link on our website.

Family Justice Centre provides help and support for Croydon families suffering from Domestic Advice and Sexual Violence

ARE YOU SAFE?

Êtes-vous en sécurité ?

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Czy jesteś bezpieczny(a)?

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STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Easter Holidays

Holidays can be a particularly difficult time for victims of domestic abuse. Increased time together can increase the pressures within a relationship, however they are not excuses for domestic abuse.

If you are worried about domestic abuse over the holidays:

Family Justice Centre 020 8688 0100 (open every day with the exception of the bank holidays)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247 (free phone line, 24hrs a day)

In an emergency call the police 999

LIVE STREAMING OF SEXUAL OFFENDING - CEOPS EDUCATION TEAM BRIEFING

As well as directing you to our new resources on Live Streaming #LiveSkills that can be used to educate children, young people, parents and carers about Live streaming, it was important that we address the behaviour of sharing images and videos of sexual abuse.



For professionals and parents finding out that images and videos of abuse are being circulated by young people and adults on social media, it can be a stressful time and difficult to know what course of action to take immediately. Here are some clear steps to take and important things to remember:



- Please never share a video or image depicting any kind of abuse involving children
- Each time a video or image of abuse is shared it re-victimises the child and increases the likelihood of blackmail, feelings of self-blame and powerlessness
- Report it to the platform it has been shared on e.g. YouTube, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc
- Report it to CEOP if it is an image or video of sexual abuse involving a child with a link to where the video or image is hosted e.g. YouTube, Facebook.
- If it's not on a public platform and in only exists on a device i.e. Phone, tablet. Once reported, with authorisation of CEOP or the Police, delete it from the device it has been sent to (if offender usernames are visible make note of them)
- Encourage other people to report if it is being shared publicly.

If you work in a school or college and are concerned about what to do with peer to peer sharing of sexual images or videos you can refer to the 'Sexting in schools and colleges guidance'.

If a parent or carer is worried about a child seeing inappropriate things online, 'Thinkuknow/parents' has more information.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

There are more children handling digital devices than ever before and despite the happiness and entertainment they can bring, they can pose a number of dangers too. So, how can parents / carers protect their children? Here are our top tips for parents/carers:



Buying gifts

Take care when shopping online. Only use secure websites to avoid falling for scams. Before proceeding with an order, spend an extra two minutes to research the security of the product.

Security

Help your children to set up their accounts on their new devices and ensure their settings are set to private. Take the time to read the manual and get to grips with security and privacy options. We advise that you set up a 'two-factor authentication' process when logging in to an online service. Some toys and devices are fitted with web cameras – you can turn the remote viewing option off in the device's settings. In addition to this, remove any default location tracking and GPS settings on new devices.

Passwords

Some toys and devices have been found to have unencrypted Wi-Fi connections or unsecured Bluetooth connections. If this is the case, add a secure password or a PIN. Ensuring that passwords are secure is fundamental when protecting your children. When creating a password, remember to:

- set up unique passwords for new accounts
- avoid using easy-to-guess phrases such as 'freddie1'
- change passwords and usernames on new devices from default
- check your router has a strong password and latest security updates

Setting up parental controls

We advise that you set up parental controls for young and vulnerable children to help prevent them from viewing content or engaging in activities that they should not be. Additionally, take interest in your child's online activities. Play with them on their devices and encourage open conversation to help build that trust and confidence that will mean your child can confide in you if they ever feel uncomfortable, troubled, worried or unsafe.

Check age restrictions

Games and apps have age restrictions. It is important that you make yourself aware of these age restrictions and WHY they have these restrictions and make the decision whether it is appropriate for your child.

Be a role model

It's often the case that children copy the actions of their parents, carers and even siblings, therefore it is important to set good examples and be a positive role model that they can look up to.

Set boundaries

If you feel like your child is either spending too much time on their devices or maybe taking part in inappropriate activities, it is not a bad thing to be strict and set boundaries.

Ms M Francis - Deputy Principal

Student Wellbeing



THE SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ARE HERE FOR YOU – ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK

- You will see your Form Tutor every morning. Please let them know if you have any concerns or email your HoY – surname@shirley.croydon.sch.uk to let them know.
- Mentoring and counselling have started. If you need support and wish to be referred for either of these two services please let your Head of Year know.
- There is a folder In Google Drive 'Student Wellbeing & Resources'. In there you will find details of support you can access.



- Kooth Online Counselling Service for 11 – 22 years in Croydon
- We know this will be a strange and difficult time for you. We hope you know that your teachers are here for you if you need to talk but we also wanted to share information about a free online counselling service called Kooth, which the NHS offers for all young people aged 11-22 in Croydon.
- You can search 'Kooth' or visit kooth.com and get support for anything that's on your mind.
- It's a free online chat service that works on your phone or computer. There are no waiting lists and it's totally anonymous – you can just make up a name.
- You can find out more by watching this video at <https://vimeo.com/505725535>
- There are also urgent helplines you can call 24 hours, 7 days a week: 0800 731 2864 (Option 1)
- Free advice and support are there if you need it.

Are you OK Croydon?

You don't need to deal with your mental wellbeing alone.

Visit kooth.com for free, safe and anonymous mental wellbeing support.

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School Trips



Shirley High School is pleased that trips have resumed and we can offer our students the opportunity to again participate in residential trips abroad. Trips like these are character building, promote independence and offer fun, adventure and friendships as well as giving the students a learning experience that they can only obtain from being on such a trip. Please see the following proposed programme of trips:

Proposed residential trips abroad for 2023 – 2027:

February half term 2023	–	Ski Europe
Summer holidays 2023	–	Watersports trip to France
October half term 2023	–	Disneyland Paris
Easter holidays 2024	–	Ski America
Summer holidays 2024	–	Watersports trip to France
October half term 2024	–	Disneyland Paris
February half term 2025	–	Ski Europe
Summer holidays 2025	–	Watersports trip to France
October half term 2025	–	Disneyland Paris
Easter holidays 2026	–	Ski America
Summer holidays 2026	–	Watersports trip to France
October half term 2026	–	Disneyland Paris
February half term 2027	–	Ski Europe
Summer holidays 2027	–	Watersports trip to France

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