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SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello All

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the academic year. I find it difficult to believe that since joining this fantastic school in September 2019 this is the first year we have not had a national interruption to learning (*at the time of writing this we are dealing with the hottest summer since 1976!*). Given the challenging times of the last few years, I increasingly proud of the achievement and improvements we have made as a school, which could not have been done without our wonderful pupils and staff.

The last few years have of course been challenging and I would like to recognise both Year 11 and 13 for being the first cohort since 2019 to sit external exams. I know many of them were delighted to have their academic progress and outcomes back in their own hands and under examination conditions. I hope they all achieve the results that reflect their hard work, relentlessness and resilience they showed throughout the pandemic.

Over the summer, we will be carrying out more work to improve our learning environment and ensure that our pupils recognise our investment, which leads to an increasing sense of pride in being part of SHS. These investments include:

- Over 75 new computers;
- New sporting changing rooms;
- Refurbished gym and sports facilities;
- Faster Wi-Fi and improved IT hardware;
- Plus other site upgrades.

These improvements show the commitment of our Governors in providing our pupils with the best facilities and resources available.

It was great to welcome our new Year 7's into school this Summer term for their Year 6 into 7 transition day. We are delighted to announce that this year sees another increase in the number of students joining us in September. This increase in numbers is a reflection of the amazing work of staff and all within our school community and reinforces the impact of the changes that have been made.

Sadly at the end of the school year we have to say goodbye to those leaving. We would like to wish them the best of luck for the future. A special goodbye must be given to our current Chair of Governors and long time member of the governing board Mrs Gill Manson. Mrs Manson has committed her time and talent to improving Shirley High School over the years and her dedication and support to the school will be greatly missed.

As some staff leave, new staff are arriving and we welcome new additions to Physical Education, Drama, Dance plus new members of our Pastoral team. We are delighted to welcome them to our vibrant community and can't wait to see the success we will have together.

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RESULTS DAY:

Thursday 18 August 2022
BTEC L3 and A Level
8.30 am—9.30 am

Thursday 25 August 2022
GCSE & BTEC L2 &
Hoodie and Yearbook collection
8.30 am—9.30 am

For any enquiries, please email
Mrs Brockhouse on
exams@shirley.croydon.sch.uk

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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Friday 22 July 2022 - School closed for Summer break
Thursday 1 September 2022 - School closed Staff Training Day
Friday 2 September 2022 - Only Year 7, 12 & 13 pupils in school
Monday 5 September 2022 - School opens for Autumn Term for all pupils
Monday 19 September 2022 - Open Morning (By appointment only)
Monday 19 - 23 September 2022 - Year 12 1:1 Meetings
Thursday 6 October 2022 - Open Evening 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Friday 14 October 2022 - Year 7 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 October 2022 - School closed Staff Training Day
Thursday 20 October 2022 - Friday 28 October 2022 - Half Term
Thursday 10 November 2022 - Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 8 December 2022 - Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 19 December 2022 - School closed Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 3 January 2023 - School closed Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4 January 2023 - School opens for Spring Term

I would just like to end by thanking you all for your support. Regardless of the challenges that come our way, as a school we will always remain committed to providing the best possible education for our pupils and a positive school environment where all feel safe and can grow in their unquestionable talent.

We look forward to seeing you all on our return and below are the first day back starting times for each year group:

Year Group	Start Date	Time
Year 7	Friday 2 September 2022	8:30 am
Year 8	Monday 5 September 2022	10:40 am
Year 9	Monday 5 September 2022	9:00 am
Year 10	Monday 5 September 2022	10:40 am
Year 11	Monday 5 September 2022	9:00 am
Year 12	Friday 2 September 2022	9:00 am
Year 13	Friday 2 September 2022	12:00 pm

We also look forward to seeing our families for their Information Evening events on the following dates.

Year Group	Information Evening	Time
Year 7	15 September 2022	5:00 pm
Year 8	14 September 2022	4:30 pm
Year 9	14 September 2022	5:30 pm
Year 10	13 September 2022	4:30 pm
Year 11	13 September 2022	5:30 pm
Year 12	22 September 2022	5:30 pm
Year 13		

It is vital that families engage in all events relating to their child. The information shared will help aid pupil progress and offer support and tips on how you can be supporting your child at home. Online booking information will be shared with parents on our return after the summer break.

I wish you all a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday. Please take time to enjoy the company of family and loved ones and come back ready, refreshed and recharged in September.

#weareshirley

T Myton - Principal





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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022

BETWEEN 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm

OPEN MORNING

Week Beginning

MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022

9.00 am (Morning Tours by appointment only)

Weekly tours of the school with Mr Myton (Principal) are available each Thursday at 9.00 am by appointment only.

To book, please email reception@shirley.croydon.sch.uk



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2022

Compassionate

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Creative

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STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE"

Shirley High School is a proud multicultural school with an established reputation of integrity and excellence. Our school is at the heart of a vibrant and diverse community, with over 1000 pupils benefitting from our fabulous site and leafy surroundings. Along with our clear vision and values, this helps to create a positive learning environment for both pupils and staff.

Our aim is to develop successful global citizens. Through our vision, values and high quality teaching, we want all pupils to fulfil their potential and believe that they can be the best in the world at whatever they want to achieve.

We aim to:

- Challenge all pupils to fulfil their potential in all aspects of their lives
- Provide opportunities for all pupils to achieve academically, morally and socially
- Provide a safe environment for all to strive for excellence
- Work in partnership with pupils and families
- Provide the best education possible for our talented and diverse community
- Offer a broad curriculum that meets the needs of all our pupils.

Mr T Myton

Principal

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PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2023

Scholarship members will be entitled to:
Subsidised theatre trips home and abroad
Subsidised Lamda/Dance/Singing or Instrumental lessons
Equipment and training resources
First class career advice and professional opportunities
Significant exposure to the cultural capital of Performing Arts!

This unique scholarship in Performing Arts offers students exciting opportunities to enhance their confidence and creative ability. We expect our scholars to achieve professional standards in all areas of specialism and demonstrate their talents both inside and outside of our school.



Please check our website for further details on the application process - www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk

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'The sixth form is very effective and students reach high levels of attainment'.

'Students leave with good grades, which enable them to secure places at sought-after universities and employers'. OFSTED

ENROL NOW FOR SIXTH FORM - a **scholarly** and **professional** Setting

For more information please visit www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk



GREAT RESULTS YEAR ON YEAR!

Enrolment

**Thursday 25 August from 9 am - 11 am
and Tuesday 30 August from 9.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**Shirley Church Road
CR0 5EF**

Email: kelly@shirley.croydon.sch.uk

YEAR 13 LEAVERS

We said goodbye to Year 13 pupils on Friday 13 May 2022. We wish them all the very best for their exams and look forward to seeing them on Year 13 results day on Thursday 18 August!

Mrs C Kelly - Sixth Form Administrator



SIXTH FORM NEWS

It has been a busy exam season with pupils taking their A level, BTEC & PPE examinations. We are immensely proud of the scholarly and professional manner pupils approached their exams.

Homework Club was often full after school with Year 12 & 13 revising quietly, completing coursework and supporting each others studies.

Some Year 13 pupils have already found themselves fantastic pathways forward. One pupil, from having a positive attitude in his work experience all the way back in Year 10, has secured an Advanced Aeronautical Aerospace Engineering Apprenticeship while many others have found equally exciting opportunities and been made offers from their top choice universities!

We will have to wait until August to see the final results. For now, we thank them for their positive attitudes and wish them all the best of luck for their futures. Any Year 13 pupil that would like to come back and speak to younger year groups are always welcome so do please keep in touch and let us know how you get on.

It was such an honour to be able to host the first ever 'Top University Personal Statement Workshop' with @cambridgeuniversity Admissions Tutor Sandy Mill in partnership with @yourcroydon Great to see pupils from around the borough including @shssixthform finding out how they can apply to some of the World's top universities. #dreambig #oxbridge #weareshirley #university #oxford #cambridge See you on results day!

Mr T Lewis - Head of Sixth Form



TRIP TO PARLIAMENT—THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

On Wednesday 13 July 2022, pupils in Year 12 visited Parliament for a tour of the various inner chambers that make up the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They also had a tour of Whitehall and viewed Downing Street, Big Ben, the Cenotaph and other famous landmarks. As part of their History A level they were able to draw links with their work on the Stuart Dynasty and the beginnings of Constitutional Monarchy in the UK and walk down the corridors in the footsteps of previous Monarchs and Prime Ministers. They saw the site where Charles I was executed after losing the English Civil War and where the suffragettes chained themselves to the railings in the central lobby. They also found the Gothic architecture and Victorian art fascinating.

Phoebe Tidemah 12R - "I think it's awesome that they still keep all the rituals and traditions, such as Black Rod"

Eran Clayton 12I - "The architecture of Westminster Palace is surreal!"

Hailey Witkeni 12H - "Both successive monarchs and the government spent a lot of money on the lavish building, they ran out of money many times but still kept going!"

Daanyaal Qureshi-Williams 12I - "The building was beautiful and the plethora of paintings gave me further insight into the history of Art. The tour was interesting for me also because of the references to the trial and execution of Charles I, in particular".

Ms K O'Mahoney - Head of History



JACK PETCHEY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND MEDIA STUDIES DONATION

Mehrin Choudhury 10E was honoured to have received the esteemed Jack Petchey Achievement Award. Mehrin was awarded a grant of £300 which she assigned to the Media Studies department.

Mehrin stated "As a Media Studies pupil, I have noticed the difference that advanced digital technology and new equipment can have on media productions (coursework). I have full confidence that this money will aid all GCSE and A Level Media /Studies pupils".

Having a sister who studied both GCSE and A Level Media Studies at Shirley High School until 2018, I was aware of her struggles and frustrations with her Media Studies projects, due to obsolete digital technology and limited filming equipment. I like to ensure that future pupils' projects are not limited for this reason. Though I am aware that my donation may not revolutionise the Media Studies department, I would like to think that my contribution and sentiments are still a big help".

Mr Nicholson, Head of Media Studies stated "I was delighted that Mehrin donated her £300 cash gift to the Media Studies department. After consulting with Mehrin, we jointly decided to purchase lighting studio equipment, additional professional lighting and a device which will enable learners to take tracking camera shots. I am extremely grateful to Mehrin".

Mr C Nicholson - Media Studies Teacher



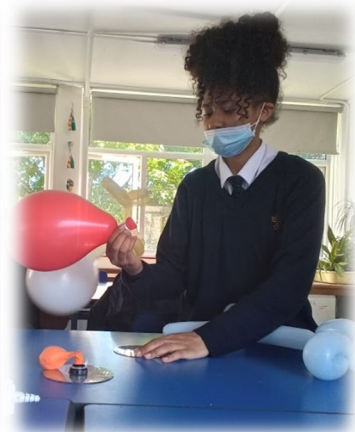
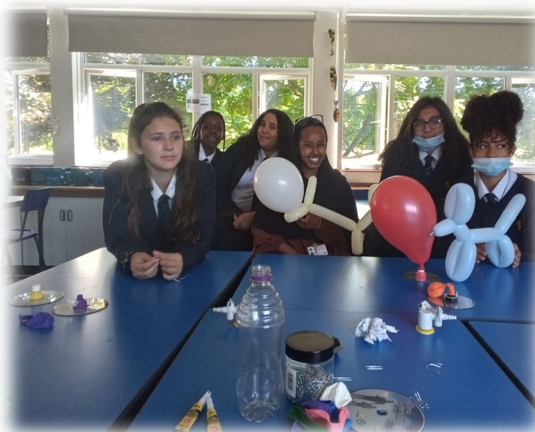
STEM CLUB

On Wednesday 22 June 2022, STEM Club pupils thoroughly enjoyed making balloon hovercrafts in their Science lesson yesterday!

STEM CLUB is fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence and knowledge of STEM subjects in an enjoyable setting.

It also gives the opportunity for pupils to participate in fun workshops and activities.

Miss J Sharpe-Higgins - Science Teacher



BOOK OF EXCELLENCE

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

Arianna Mohammadi 9E

Ashaaani Samson 9E

& Pratham Prathap 9E

For playing in the Steel Band at the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Mehrin Choudhury 10E

Jack Petchey Award—Donating £300 grant to Media Studies

Ramone Hutchinson 12R

Caiden Richards 12I

& Dujontae Williams 12S

For an act of kindness—assisting an elderly lady to prevent her from harm

Well done to all the above mentioned pupils!

T Myton - Principal

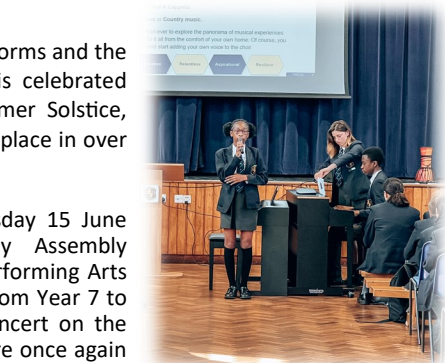


WORLD MUSIC DAY

World Music Day celebrates music in all its forms and the importance of music in people's lives. It is celebrated annually on the 21 June, during the Summer Solstice, with thousands of free public events taking place in over 700 cities.

Talent level turned up to 100 on Wednesday 15 June 2022 in a brilliant World Music Day Assembly orchestrated by Mr Sahl-Taylor and the Performing Arts Department, including pieces from pupils from Year 7 to Year 13. Please also see our Summer Concert on the Green held on Thursday 30 June 2022 where once again our talented pupils entertained parents / carers.

Mr S Sahl-Taylor
Director of Performing & Creative Arts





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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

The Free School Meal Checking Service fsm.lgfl.net is a web site where parents / carers can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meals for your child if you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

What the service does for parents / carers:

After entering essential details into the web site, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response, and will notify the school.

This system is being provided to encourage parents / carers to apply and take advantage of free school meals while at the same time increasing the benefit to schools from Pupil Premium funding, a substantial amount of which does not reach schools because not all parents / carers who are eligible apply for free meals for their child.

To gain access to this software there is a short registration process which will also give you access, if required, to other LGfL services and benefits that are available to your child's school. Please be assured there is no catch, no cost and no advertising. LGfL (a UK education charity set up in 2001 and owned by London's 33 local authorities) exists to support education and is leading this initiative to make it easier for parents / carers to apply for free school meals and to encourage the drawdown of unclaimed Pupil Premium.

Please visit fsm.lgfl.net and enter the necessary details and support this worthwhile initiative.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Garcia
School Business Manager

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Free holiday clubs with healthy meals for children who are claiming free school meals. Sign up now.

Free Summer Holiday Clubs Open for Bookings - July / August 2022

Free summer holiday clubs (part of the DfE's Holiday Activities and Food Programme) are now live and available for parent / carers to book their children onto, across Croydon.

Clubs are for 5-16 year olds. The club list is at the link:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/holiday-activities-and-food-haf>

Clubs are free for free school meal (FSM) pupils and provide a range of activities and a free meal each day. Many clubs are specifically accommodating SEND pupils.

A limited number of free places are available for non-FSM pupils who would benefit from this summer provision and may, for example, be looked-after, have an EHC plan or be at risk of exclusion. School staff can identify and sign-post some non-FSM families to the provision, being mindful that places are limited.

Contact: hafprogramme@croydon.gov.uk

Free Summer Day Camps at Crystal Palace

A FREE daytime holiday camp offering sports activities, workshops, dance and much more! There will also be a free healthy lunch everyday, extra on-site cleaning, social distancing guidelines followed.

Don't delay in booking as some are fully booked already.

<https://www.palaceforlife.org/book-a-course/summer-extravaganza/>

Ms M Francis - Deputy Principal / DSL



Motte and Bailey Castle Competition

First Prize for Accuracy

Skye Greyling-Palmer 7S

First Prize for Best Effort

Leona Freitas 7Y

Runners up

Lucy Hoshun Phipps 7S

Lily Scott-Prasad 7S

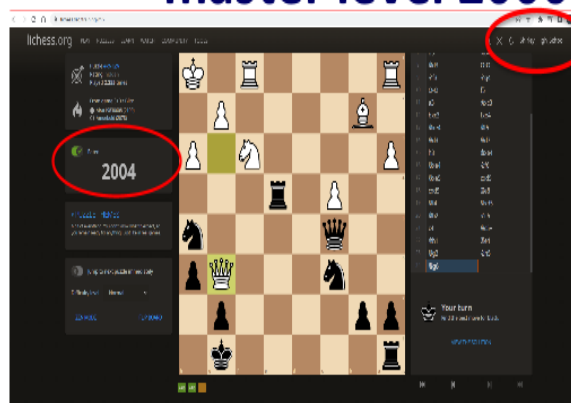
Felicia Cousins 7Y

Kallum Hodder 7Y

Well done for all your effort!

Ms K O'Mahoney
Head of History

Our Chess Club has achieved the master level 2000+



You are more than welcome to join every Wednesday 4:20 to 5:20 in B01. (We can teach you how to play from the scratch). Any more details? Ask Mr Kasprzak.

A very happy birthday to all pupils enjoying their birthday during the Summer Holidays!



Card designed digitally by Claire Wabara 10E

YEAR 13 LEAVERS BALL

On Thursday 30 June 2022, the long awaited Year 13 Leavers Ball was a great success. Farleigh Golf Club laid out the red carpet and on arrival pupils were given a *mocktail* and delicious buffet food with Mr Bush (Head of Art) acting as the official photographer. Pupils and teachers made their way on to the dance floor and thoroughly enjoyed dancing the night away.

It was great to see so many pupils at the venue and enjoying their well deserved celebration after a year of studying hard and preparing for their exams and coursework. Ms Kelly (Sixth Form Administrator) was one of the first to "rock the dancefloor" along with Ms Khan (Post 16 Learning Mentor). Pupils didn't need much encouragement and of course showed the staff how it was done! Thank you to Rebecca Lippett 13H for organising the event, it was a huge success and a great evening was had by all.

T Lewis - Head of Sixth Form



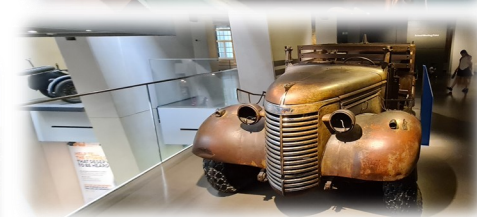
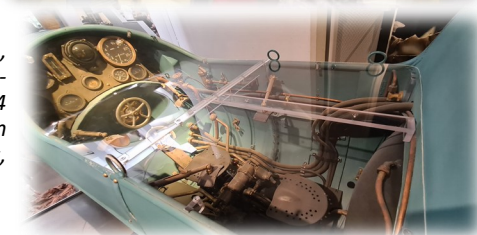
IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM TRIP - TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

As part of their work on 20th Century Conflict, pupils in Year 8 visited the World War One exhibition where they walked through a reconstructed trench system. They observed artefacts in the World War Two exhibition and were able to walk inside of the 1940s House, a reconstruction of a typical home in Britain during the Blitz.

Thanusikaa Satkunarajah 8H *"The trip was really fun and educational, the teachers were kind and were cautious about our safety"*

Ayobami Odukoya 8H *"My experience was great as not only did we learn about WW1, WW2 and life in the 1940s but there were interactive things to do, such as solving the Enigma Code. You could also lay inside of a Morrison Shelter which was part dining table and 4 people had to lay inside. There was also an Anderson Shelter we could sit in. There was an interactive whiteboard where you could click on all the countries involved in the world wars, such as Nigeria and Ghana. It was an amazing experience!"*

Ms K O'Mahoney - Head of History



MOUNTFITCHET CASTLE - MONDAY 11 JULY 2022

As part of the Key Stage 3 History course, pupils were invited to visit and analyse Stansted Mountfitchet Castle. Fieldwork and research enabled pupils to see 'concrete examples' of topics that they have been studying.

This trip allowed pupils to examine the site within its historical environment and review and build on learning undertaken in lessons. Whilst there, pupils analysed and evaluated how the site has changed over time, as well as assessing the usefulness of different features and interpretations relating to the site. These are key historical skills needed in KS3 History.

This historically accurate reconstructed castle enabled visitors to travel back in time to 1066 Norman England. Pupils explored the Castle and roamed through the Norman Village hidden behind the castle walls. There they wandered in and out of the many houses and viewed the scenes, smelt the log fires burning and experienced the ambience of an ancient bygone lifestyle - a living history, hands-on and interactive experience.

Mrs D Attenborough - History Teacher



FRENCH TRIP TO PARIS - Tuesday 12 July 2022 - Wednesday 13 July 2022

On Tuesday 12 July 2022, pupils arrived to school in the early hours of the morning to catch the coach for one night only to Paris as part of Cultural Capital Week. Pupils enjoyed a river cruise along the Seine along with a visit to the Sacre Coeur Cathedral where they were able to develop language skills and learn about French culture.



Please see a write up from **Eleanor Avery 7H**

"I had no idea how beautiful France is and how many miniature Eiffel Towers existed! After an exceedingly long coach journey and ferry crossing, we finally arrived at The River Seine where we took a Bateaux Mouches River Cruise. The cruise continued alongside the Notre Dam Cathedral and the Musee d'Orsay. Every time we passed under a bridge all the French children screamed! We then walked to the Eiffel Tower for a photo opportunity and enjoyed a well deserved ice cream. The following day, we boarded the coach and travelled to see the Basilica of Sacre-Coeur de Montmartre where we completed a "selfie scavenger hunt" for various items. I tried to use my French skills to ask the locals for a selfie with their chien (dog). A chien attempted to eat my phone, but it was well worth it as our group won the challenge!"

It was a really amazing trip and I was very proud of the way that our pupils conducted themselves and got involved. They were fantastic!

Ms J Snow - Trip Organiser



CULTURAL CAPITAL WEEK - HISTORY

As part of their work on the Industrial Revolution, pupils were able to step back in time and imagine the area of Shirley 200 years ago. On our Local History walk, we took a tour of various spots.

Surrounding the perimeter of the school and easily found links with the past on our doorstep, we visited St Edwards Church and pupils discovered the grave of Clive Townsend who died in Flanders in 1915 a year into the Great War. We found out about the origins of the Shirley Poppy and Shirley Oaks Village and stopped at the foot of the beautifully preserved Shirley Windmill.



THE OLD BAILEY AND THE INNS OF COURT - THE STRAND

On Friday 15 July 2022 as part of Cultural Capital Week, Sociology A level pupils in Year 12 visited the Old Bailey in London and were able to sit in the viewing gallery to observe an actual trial. They had a tour around the oldest part of legal London; the Inns of Courts which date back hundreds of years and are still the training ground for Barristers in England and Wales to this day.

The tour gave them an insight into the importance of justice for democracy. They discussed reasons for recent barrister strike action, why there is a shortage of Judges and a backlog of court cases. They looked at interesting careers such as Court Journalist, Judge and Solicitor and found out why Judges and Barristers wear wigs!

'The Inns of Courts were very interesting, we learned about everything behind the justice system' **Kimberley Dogboe 12H**

'I am really interested in studying Law and in becoming a Barrister. It has enhanced my passion for Law and Justice' **Uenda Kastrati 12H**

'Being built in 1882, it has the richest history of prominent court cases' **Daanyaal Qureshi- Williams 12I**

'I loved seeing all the statues and the symbols of justice' **Halil Yilmaz 12I**

'I would love to work in this beautiful environment' **Fatima Mohamed 12I**

'A super extra curricular activity which will help enhance my Personal Statement' **Ayaz Haamid 12S**

Ms K O'Mahoney - Head of History



CULTURAL CAPITAL WEEK

During Cultural Capital Week, some Year 7 pupils were able to create their own 'Restoration Fans' (very fortuitous for the heatwave!). When opened, the fan revealed its decoration to display the holder's political and social affiliations and their support of the Restoration of the Monarchy.

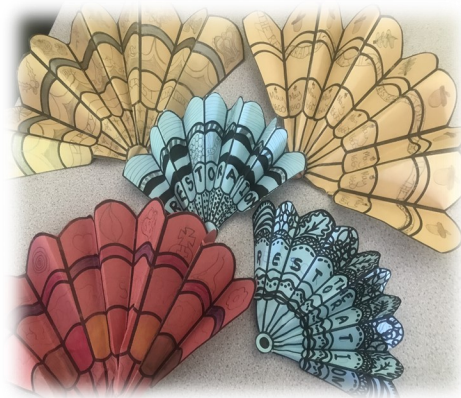
Investigating a fan from the British Museum, pupils explored the different motifs and symbols. Questions were asked: How was the fan made? What kind of person would own a fan like this? How can you tell? Why would someone own something like this? When would they use it? What would they use it for?

Pupils in Year 9 also got to experience a World War 2 'Come Dine with Me' tasting session. Pupils experienced:

- * Wartime loaf
- * Curried vegetables
- * Spam hash
- * Potato biscuits
- * Mock cream and apple dessert
- * Anzac biscuits
- * Wartime Kitkats

Year 9 pupils were extremely adventurous and then designed their own menus based on rationed and unrationed items.

Mrs D Attenborough - 2 i/c History



WORK EXPERIENCE / YEAR 10 CAREERS WEEK

In the first week of July, all Year 10 pupils either completed a 5 day work placement or participated in Careers Week activities put on for them in school, which included a variety of employer talks from different sectors, workshops to help build employability skills and opportunities to undertake virtual work experience. Pupils had the opportunity to write their own CV's with the support of an employer, use STEM skills to decide where electric vehicle charging points should be installed and to complete the enterprise project 'The Tyre Challenge'.

Pupils got stuck in and enjoyed the interactive nature of the sessions. They particularly enjoyed being able to interact with employers both in person and virtually. Speakers included Yulian Dunkley from Bank of America, Moyna Talcer an Occupational Therapist, Aaron Hatton, an ex-pupil now working in IT in New York, Aska Miah from a local social enterprise company 'A Little Blossom' plant shop and Jay Edevane from The Ambassadors Theatre.

Pupils also had a series of workshops hosted by employers through the Barclays Lifeskills programme, which covered a variety of employability skills such as leadership, teamwork and communication.

Pupils who were out on placement attended a variety of workplaces including theatres, primary schools, restaurants, care homes, hospitals, coffee shops, dental surgeries, garages, architecture studios and more.

One of our pupils Ayaan Lutchugadoo 10E had the following to say about his placement:

“Personally, work experience was an amazing time for me. I went to work at a local pharmacy, Mona Pharmacy in West Wickham. I am interested in a career within medicine, but knew that I couldn’t get Work Experience with a GP as you need to be over 18 for this. My role within the pharmacy involved: unpack medicines, deliver prescriptions to local surgeries and contacting people to tell them that their prescriptions were ready. I also worked on the retail side of the business: stocking shelves and answering customer’s queries.

Although the work was repetitive (I guess most jobs are!), I was able to meet and make friends with many people, not just colleagues, but people from the public as well. I was also able to get an insight into the job which made it more useful as I now understand what goes on in the workplace. My favourite aspect about the work experience was learning how a pharmacy works, as it would help with my career in the future.

I improved certain skills: logic and problem-solving, dealing with the public and confidence”.

By Ayaan Lutchugadoo 10E





SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT ON THE GREEN



The Summer Concert on the Green

Music Festival

Performers

Alice Ellen Wright - Vocal Coach

Shirley High School Gospel Choir

Bright Fadeyi 7R

Ola Oshodi 10E, Joseph Cope 10L, Anthea Bianco 10Y, Hope Rowles 12R

Francesca Henry 10R, Hailey Witikeni 12H, Maya Lawrence 9E,

*Nathaniel Agyapong 7H, Eleanor Avery 7H, Leona Fisher 7R, Zafira Islam 7Y,
Na'Ari Saunders 7R, Makaelah Neza 7Y, Marilyn Yeboah-Kodie 8L, Maya
Kakou-Bruce 8R, Olivia Powell 8R, Kimani Davidson Dacres 8R, Emily
Robinson-Kirkham 8L, Melissa Sciafani 9Y, Zhane Smith-Williams 9E, Ashina
Kabahoza 9E, Redeat Gebremariam 9H, Julia Bryk 10Y, Tharul Wagala
Gedara 9Y, Sanal Wagala Gedara 9Y & Abigail Keen 9E*

On Thursday 30 June 2022, we held our annual Concert on the Green. Unfortunately, due to the changeable weather, the concert was held indoors. An audience of over 90 enjoyed a fantastic concert showcasing some of the very best talent here at Shirley!

The show kicked off with a memorable performance from Bright Fadeyi 7R. Bright is getting used to performing at all of our events and it is remarkable to think that she has only been singing in front of people since winning our KS3 Song Contest back in October 2021, just nine months ago.

Other notable performances were from our Gospel Choir featuring Clif Reid (ICT Technician). The Choir sang two songs *Blinded By Your Grace* and *Smile*. This song was notable for an impromptu solo from our Year 7 pupil Nathaniel Agyapong 7H. We think he is a star in the making and judging from the audience response, they seemed to agree!

From Year 10, we had Ola Oshodi 10E & Joseph Cope 10L who entertained us with a piano duet. This was a duel of solo's and call & response that had the audience in amazement. Equally entertaining was the performance of *The Final Countdown* from Venuja Sanul & Venuja Tharul Wagala 9Y, who played drums and guitar whilst both singing!

At Shirley High School, we like to introduce the best up and coming talent from Year 7. Many Year 7's were performing in front of people for the first time at this event and we salute them for their courage. They will now go on to greater things emboldened by the confidence this has given them.

To finish the show, we had one final big act, our brilliantly talented singing teacher here at Shirley – Alice Ellen Wright. She finished the evening singing a brilliant version of *Queen's Somebody To Love*.

Please look out for more shows in the near future. In the meantime from all our performers have a fantastic summer break!

S Sahl-Taylor
Director of Performing & Creative Arts



PE NEWS

SPORTS LEADERS SUCCESS

In early June the Year 9 & 10 Sports Leader team were invited to help run the Croydon Primary School Golf Competition at Addington Court Golf Course. The pupils had to work in pairs in order to organise and run specific golf stations which focussed not only on a key area of the sport but also on a particular value given to them by Golf England. The pupils were absolutely fantastic and a credit once again to SHS. The feedback from all teachers and pupils was excellent and we look forward to the 2022/2023 academic year and the opportunity to run more events in coordination with the Croydon School Sports Partnership and our local primary schools as well.



Our leaders also supported the running of a Primary School Sports Day at Croydon Arena in June. Pupils ran specific fun activities for the younger pupils to participate in, not only did they have to explain in detail the activities but they had to work hard on their numeracy skills, adding up all the points.

It was a fantastic experience for all of our leaders and increased knowledge and understanding of how a mass event would be run.

Well done and thank you for all your efforts.

Miss V Hewlett - Head of PE



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

(sparring is optional - no one gets unwillingly punched in the face!)



SHS Boxing Club

Every Monday After School



Boxing Fitness & Sparring Sessions

Fridays 15:00 – 16:30

Venue : **Sports Hall**

Shirley Church Road, Croydon CR0 5EF

Coach Frank E. Finn Tel: 07879 450720



Well done to all pupils that came to boxing after school on Monday's. I was very impressed with the following individuals for their enthusiasm and dedication to boxing - Lucy Phipps Hoshun 7S, Eleanor Avery 7H, Loui McGrath 9H,



Sportsperson of the term award



How can you become nominated for this award?

'Demonstrate the Shirley Learning Values'

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 medal.

Congratulations to our winners of the Sportsperson Award for the Summer Term!

(Pupils listed below)

We are so impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm the following pupils have shown in PE lessons and extracurricular activities this past term.

Miss V Hewlett
Head of PE



Sportsperson of the term winners



Nathaniel Agyapong 7H



Maya Kakou-Bruce 8R



Loui McGrath 9H



Malachi Zara 10H



Henzo Coimbra 12S

ATHLETICS 2022

Our annual Croydon Arena Athletics meetings took place this year, where pupils were selected to represent the school in a number of disciplines. We were so proud of all the pupils who competed on the day and worked hard to get some excellent results.



Year 7 Athletics Team 2022



Year 8 Athletics Team 2022



Noticeable Results

Inter Boys (Year 10/11)
100m - Joseph Cope 10L
400m - Elisha Nsakala 10Y
High Jump - William Da Costa 10E
Junior Boys (Year 8&9)
Javelin - Utsav Barot

Inter Girls (Year 10/11)
High Jump - William Da Costa 10E
Shot Putt - Alicia-Marie McLeod 10L
Discus - Mischa Robinson 10R
Junior Girls (Year 8&9)
200m - Emily Cozma



Year 9 Athletics Team 2022



Year 10 Athletics Team 2022



Sports Day 2022

CROYDON ARENA



SCHOOL RECORDS 2022	
Year 10	
Aidan Fletcher-Kasule 10H - Creators House:	Shot Put 12m 55
Malachi Wright 10E - Producers House:	High Jump 1m 65
Boys Relay Creators House	46.91
Girls Relay Directors House	58.5





CONGRATULATIONS TO CREATORS - THE WINNING HOUSE!

Sports Day 2022 was a truly historic day for Shirley High School, our first time holding it in an arena in decades, won decisively and without a shred of controversy (get over it) by the Creators!

The arena looked amazing covered in all the banners and flags made by the pupils, a special shout out to Velusca Vaz 8L of the Directors for her amazing banner which must have taken her days to make! The early rain couldn't dampen our spirits as the day got underway, with chants heard around the stadium in support of their houses in early morning events. But the day really came to its crescendo after lunch when all the houses moved to one side of the arena and created a brilliant atmosphere for the relay races, which saw multiple school records getting broken!

I want to give a special mention to a few Creators that really stood out over the day. Nathaniel Agyapong 7H, Bobby Greenwood 7R, Mathew Lee 7R and Isaac Fortune 7H were endless bundles of energy in the morning session, relentlessly drumming, chanting and supporting the house. Joseph Cope 10L had a truly mind blowing performance across both track and field, what an amazing athlete he is and will be sorely missed next year. The Year 10 boys Creators relay team absolutely smashed the school relay record and I can't see that being broken for some time. Finally everyone that got involved when Mr Vernon, Mr Nicholson and I got a hold of the megaphones and got a bit carried away. You all created a brilliant atmosphere for a brilliant day.

Well done to every Creator that took part, you all contributed to our deserved victory, here's looking forward to doing the double in 2023!

Mr G King - Head of Creators

Sports Day was a wonderful day for all, especially winning medals! At the start of the morning it was raining, but with our positivity and determination we made the day brighter than ever, especially at the start of the day with the drummers. We kept the positivity and support high through our amazing Creators' chants. Our team did great in the events and kept working hard and absolutely smashed it! I think that the teachers did a fantastic job planning Sports Day and a big thank you to them, and congratulations to Creators for winning (the best house!).

Isaac Fortune 7H Creator





CREATORS

DIRECTORS

EDITORS

PRODUCERS

PRODUCERS

Powerful and Resilient. That's our Producers house motto and that's exactly what we were. I am so proud of each and every pupil that turned up and challenged themselves to be great.

So many of you defined your value and earned what you had been working so hard to achieve.

The rain tried, but failed to put a damper on the day and we showed it. The house spirit was absolutely fantastic, non stop support for the houses and pupils participating in events, pom poms flying everywhere, banners attached to every possible surface, Dances being performed and above all else, chants and songs that were belted out at the top of our lungs without fear of losing our voices. Overall, it's hard to think about how we can improve for next year as it was such a great day. Well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to the PE Department for working so tirelessly to put on such a great event.

Mr M Vernon - Head of Producers

I really enjoyed the house spirit competition, which started from the opening ceremony of Sports Day. I really enjoyed seeing people take so much pride in their house, especially the teachers. I enjoyed the enthusiasm during the events, especially the Relay races and Tug of War events. This was my first Sports Day at Shirley and it was a great experience!

Angelo Rojas 9R Producer

EDITORS

WOW, what an amazing Sports Day and fantastic effort from all pupils in the Editors house. Your overall determination and effort on the day was brilliant and the banners/flags you all made were clearly outstanding works of art! Despite the rain hitting us hard for the morning's proceedings, you didn't let it phase you and worked hard to get some noticeable results. The atmosphere was electric and you all showed great teamwork. I know next year you will be even more determined to finish in a higher position than this year. Keep pushing on Editors!

DIRECTORS

Sports Day was a fantastic day celebrating pupils' determination and performances in the Athletics events, as well as their pride and support for their houses throughout the day.

Directors pupils spent time before the big day preparing posters to represent the directors house. This looked fantastic on the day, with all railings in our house zone filled with blue coloured posters, words of encouragement for each other in the house, and a lot of glitter!

It was not just the impressive look of the directors house zone which displayed the pupils' support for one another on the day, but also the noise they created!

Pupils' shouts and chants could be heard across the Arena, which created a great atmosphere between the houses over the course of the day, which only increased as we reached our relay races in the afternoon. A special mention to the Directors Year 7 Boys Relay teams which came 1st and 3rd in the Year 7 race!

A big well done to all Directors who contributed to the day. The effort displayed in your events and our support for each other throughout the day was fantastic!

Mrs M Hayden - Head of Directors



ATHLETICS CLUB

Every Wednesday after school, pupils have shown amazing commitment to the Athletics Club, where pupils can refine and improve their techniques in a number of events. We have really enjoyed working with such hard working and relentless pupils. The teamwork shown on a weekly basis has been a testament to all involved. Well done!



GCSE SPORTS SCIENCE TRIP

Our Year 10 PE pupils visited the Sports Performance Institute at Surrey University on Friday 10 June 2022. They experienced using high tech sports equipment in the laboratories to assess fitness levels. All pupils feel they benefited from the exciting opportunity.

Miss V Hewlett - Head of PE



Sadly, after 13 years in the PE department I will be leaving Shirley High School for a new role closer to home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff Body, the Governors and all Parents / Carers for their tireless support and effort in everything I have endeavoured to do. I have been truly blessed to be able to teach amazing pupils and I wish you all the best for the future. I will miss you all and I hope you hold onto the happy memories we have created.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Manning and Mr Nielsen for all their contributions to the PE department over the years. I wish them every success and happiness for their own future endeavours.

Miss V Hewlett - Head of PE & Sixth Form Tutor



SCHOOL TRIPS

EUROPE SKI TRIP – FEBRUARY 2023

- Amazing 8 night trip to La Masella, in Spanish Pyrenees
- 5 days skiing with 4 hours of ski-lessons each day.
- Evening entertainment after each day skiing.
- Travel by coach to ski resort.
- Brilliant value opportunity to visit one of the most beautiful parts of Europe.
- Only 40 places available to all Years 7-10.
- **TOTAL COST: £1032**

**SOME PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE SPAIN SKI TRIP 2023.
PLEASE CONTACT MR RAYNER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FIND OUT MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS**



Shirley High School is pleased that trips have resumed and we can offer our pupils 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 pupils 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

If you are interested in any of these trips or require any further details please do not hesitate to contact:

Ms Francis, Deputy Principal: francis@shirley.croydon.sch.uk (Ski America, Watersports trip to France)

Mr Rayner, Associate Assistant Principal: rayner@shirley.croydon.sch.uk (Ski Europe)

Miss Pepperrell, Director of Inclusion & Pupil Support Faculty (SENDCo): pepperrell@shirley.croydon.sch.uk (Disneyland Paris)



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UNIFORM REMINDERS

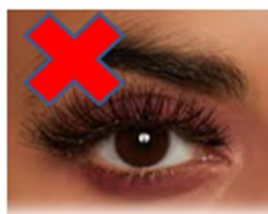
The standard of uniform has been good in the main

It is important however that our pupils 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 Summer 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 pupils to be presented according to our uniform rules on the first day of the new academic year.

Please be advised, particularly in the case of piercings that, irrespective of the timing of the piercing, pupils 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 stud earrings only. I would therefore suggest that this break is the ideal time to get new extra ear piercings, nose piercings or any other visible piercings, so that in September the piercings are healed enough for pupils to remove jewellery easily. The same principle applies for false eyelashes and coloured nail extensions which will not be permitted in school on our return in September, and I ask that you support us with this request to avoid the need for sanctions.



School skirts should be grey and worn on or about the knee. School trousers must be grey and be standard fitting school trousers. We do not allow black trousers. All pupils in Years 7 – 11 have to wear a blazer. Pupils in Years 7 – 11 have clip on ties only. The tie colours for September 2022 are; Year 7 red, Year 8 green, Year 9 gold, Year 10 blue, Year 11 silver and they should be worn with our uniform to and from school. 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. Pupils must wear school shoes that are wholly black, leather or leather equivalent and waterproof. If pupils 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. The school has a uniform policy available on the school website.

ORGANISATION

Please can parents / carers ensure that all pupils have a fully stocked pencil case, bottle of water and a reading book with them every day as well as the equipment they need for subjects such as Food Technology, PE, Dance etc.

All pupils must have a pencil case containing:

Pens (at the very least - 2 x black, 2 x green, 2 x red)
Pencil (at the very least - 2 lead pencils)
Rubber
Pencil sharpener
Ruler
Glue



It is helpful for them to have a Math's set also as well as a small pair of paper scissors.

Being equipped and ready for lessons is very important and prevents the disruption of teaching and learning that occurs when a pupil does not have the right equipment with which to complete the lesson. We want to help get our pupils 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 pupil planner daily and sign it weekly. The planner is used as a weekly planner/reflection 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 pupils 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. Pupils should have their planner with them every day as well as their reading book to help improve their literacy, creative writing ability and extend their vocabulary.



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I would like to thank parents/carers for their continued support with the attendance of their children. We have just completed our first full academic year following the pandemic and we are pleased and proud of the resilience of our pupils.

The best place for our pupils is here in school so they do not have gaps in their education knowledge. If they are not here they will miss all aspects of their education – personal development as well as academic work. If we want our children to be successful in the future they need to be in school on time, everyday.

**At Shirley High School we expect our pupils 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 Pupil 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.

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 2 x National Lockdowns!

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 pupils 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 pupils to regularly attend school on time now that we have fully returned to school. Arriving to school on time sets our pupils 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 generally good and we are proud of the way our pupils have coped with the disruptions to public transport, the fluctuations of the timings and accessibility of the buses as well as adapting their routines to ensure they arrive at school for their staggered starts.

Research suggests that

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. There are some changes to the Attendance & Punctuality Policy and Procedures for the new academic year. This is available on our school website.

SECURITY

You will have noticed our new perimeter fencing and entry systems in place to keep our school community safe and ensure that all visitors, once verified, have to report to Reception. 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.

ATTENDANCE

65 pupils have achieved 100% attendance for this year to date (15 July 2022). A fantastic achievement – Well done!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

157 pupils have achieved 100% punctuality for this year to date (15 July 2022). A fantastic achievement – Well done!

Ms M Francis - Senior Vice Principal



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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 pupils break our rules and bring them into school. Any pupil found in possession or using a mobile phone on our premises will receive a sanction and have the phone confiscated.



Message from your Safer Schools Police Officers: Talk to your child about phone safety July 2022

Mobile phones are a great way to stay in contact with family and friends. Many children starting secondary school in September own one or have access to one.

As useful as they are, they can make children vulnerable to thieves who are particularly interested in new models and other valuable items such as cash, airpods and expensive coats. Reducing robbery is our top priority and our officers are working hard to catch those responsible, with activity to prevent it taking place daily.

There are however, a number of things you can do to help reduce your child's risk of becoming a victim and keep safe whilst using their phone. **If you can, talk to them about where and how they use their phone using the following advice:**

Safety when out and about:

- Keep your phone and valuables out of sight in a safe place when travelling to and from school. Be careful when you take your phone out in public places.
- Bus stops, train stations and surrounding areas are common target areas for thieves, who can approach on foot, moped or on a pedal bike or e-scooter.
- Earphones/headphones can distract you, stopping you from seeing or hearing someone approach you from behind.
- Don't confront a thief – it's not worth risking your own safety for possessions that can be replaced.
- Robbery or attempted robbery are serious crimes and should be reported. It's important you seek help straight away by dialing 999 rather than contacting police when you get home. Use a friend's phone or the phone of a trusted adult. This gives us the best chance to catch the suspects, recover any stolen property and ensure your safety.
- If you have information about a robbery and do not want to report it to police, speak to Fearless 100 % anonymously at www.fearless.org. Fearless is the youth service of independent charity Crimestoppers.
- Whether you have a phone or not, memorise or keep a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in your bag/zipped pocket in case of emergency.

Help protect your child's phone if it's stolen:

Use your device's security features, apps or PIN locking mechanisms to protect your data and prevent the phone being used.

Keep a record of the phone's IMEI number (not on your phone!). This is a 15-digit unique number which can be obtained by keying in *#06#. You need this information if the phone is lost or stolen.

Consider installing a tracker app, available online.

For more information go to www.fearless.org/campaigns/robbery. For help and advice on staying safe online and how to keep cyber criminals at bay, the Met has some great videos and other resources at www.met.police.uk/littlemedia



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BEHAVIOUR

The majority of our pupils have maintained the high standards of behaviour expected at Shirley and have conducted themselves appropriately both in and out of school abiding by the rules and high expectations we hold of them.

We are committed to promoting a positive attitude towards our Golden Rule; 'Pupils 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 pupils or brings the good name of the school into disrepute.

Our pupils 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 pupils 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 are expected to observe social distancing and wear their masks of travelling on public transport.

It is also really important that pupils 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 pupils off unless a special arrangement has been made.

Pupil behaviour and our school uniform should not and must not change outside of school. We hold the same high expectations of our pupils in school and out. The reputation of our school is important and affects all of us. Pupils' behaviour on the way to and from school reflects on all of us. We do not want our pupils 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.

There are some changes to the Behaviour Policy and Procedures for the new academic year. This is available on our school website. 37 pupils have achieved 100% positive behaviour (ie no behaviour points) for this year to date (15 July 2022). A fantastic achievement – well done!

Fantastic ABC (Attendance, Behaviour Commitment)

7 pupils have achieved 100% in all 3 areas – 100% Attendance, 100% Punctuality and 100% Behaviour for this year to date (15 July 2022). An absolutely fantastic achievement – Well done!

I would like to wish all our pupils and their families a lovely Summer break.

Thank you all for your continued support of Shirley High School.

Ms M Francis - Deputy Principal – Pastoral & DSL



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

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 choose 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

Parents can be referred via Croydon's Early help Hub: earlyhelp@croydon.gov.uk

Email Croydon's Parenting and Relationship Hub: PRH@croydon.gov.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. Off the Record are looking for ways to get information about their free online counselling service to young people, so any suggestions you may have for them would be welcome. Currently they have the capacity to take on new clients and their commitment to the local CCG who fund them is that those who register, will have contact within 48 hours and will start 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 do not 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

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN#

Summer 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.

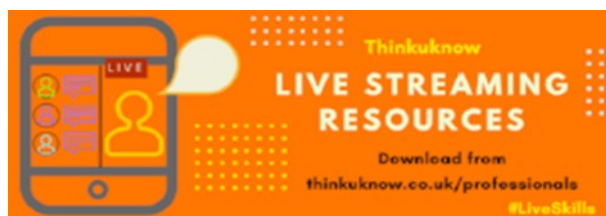
If you are worried about domestic abuse over the holidays:

- 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



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
- Croydon Voluntary Action (for London Gang Exit) - 07850 282 499 or LondonGangExitReferral@londoncrc.org.uk
- Youth offending service, Croydon - 020 8404 5800



Live Streaming of Sexual Offending – CEOPS Education Team Briefing

In response to reports of an increased threat of sexual offending via Live streaming apps, the following item posted on the CSCB site gives further information and guidance: <http://croydonlcsb.org.uk/2017/12/live-streaming-of-sexual-offending-ceops-education-team-briefing/>

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.

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.



Keeping your children safe: online & beyond

It is never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they are not with us, and sometimes even when are, if we do not know what is happening in their lives or on their devices!

Who are they talking to, what are they doing, are they okay? If you need help to find some answers, don't despair go to <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> for help on the following topics.

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS RIGHT NOW!

SAFE SETTINGS, CONTROLS & MONITORING

WHAT'S THAT APP ANYWAY?

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT LIFE ONLINE

SCREENTIME

TOP TOPICS (porn, bullying, extremism, fake news...)

SEX & RELATIONSHIPS

HELP & REPORTING



- 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.



advice & family support

Advice, Rights & Advocacy

At Croydon Drop In – CDI - we use a 'Human Rights' based approach in all our advice work. We understand that seeking help is not always easy and we hope we can provide you with the right environment to assist and support you.

A number of young people and families who use our services require ongoing, in-depth advocacy and support. Through A&A engagement we are able to provide this. Whilst the emphasis of this work is on housing, welfare benefits and social issues, we recognise that life is not neatly packaged and often a difficulty in one area contributes to, or is caused by, difficulties in another.

We do our best to address these other needs as much as we can.

Please visit <http://croydondropin.org.uk/> for more details.





Location: Whitgift Centre, on the 1st floor next to Holland and Barrett

(Unit 1101-1102), Croydon, CR0 1UY

**The newly opened
Croydon Health and Wellbeing Space
offers support and advice for Croydon Carers
who are 18+.**

Please feel free to drop in, email or phone
to book a 1:1 session.

Email: info@croydonhws.co.uk

Phone: 0203 154 9542

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