



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 2023 NEWSLETTER



"GOOD" in every category

Ofsted Report - December 2022

"Trustees, leaders and staff want the very best for all pupils"
"Staff have positive relationships with pupils." Ofsted Report - December 2022



Dear Parents / Carers & Pupils

Welcome to the end of the Spring Term Newsletter. I am delighted to formally share the results of our inspection. As you may already be aware, Ofsted came to visit us for the first time since 2019, and they recognised that our school had moved from *"Requires Improvement"* to *"GOOD"* in all categories. I would like to thank pupils, staff and parents / carers for all their hard work since I joined the school in September 2019. I am confident that together we will push on to fulfil our vision and values and provide our amazing and diverse community with a school that they continue to be proud of.

Full [Ofsted](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) report can be found on our school website - www.shirley.croydon.sch.uk

As we approach the Summer Term, I would like to wish the pupils and students of Years 11 and 13, good luck with their upcoming exams. This year will see the return to full examination sets, and although we know they have been affected by the pandemic, students know that if they work hard they will be successful. Now is the time to concentrate on their studies, make the sacrifices required and produce work that fits their talent and potential. Good luck to you all.

As we continue our drive for improvement, we remain focused on improving our learning environment. Since 2019, we have invested over £400,000 in our learning experience, site improvements and technological upgrades. As we approach the new term, we have earmarked more work to help our pupils achieve and build on their pride in the school they have already demonstrated.

These investments include:

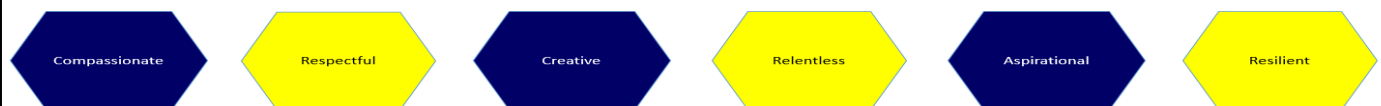
- Brand new Science Lab work approximately £50,000;
- New girls' changing room;
- Update to Gym 2;
- Increase benching in Redgra;
- New mini-bus to improve the number of school trips;
- Refurbishment of the school Reception;
- Energy-saving lighting;
- Upgraded pupil and staff toilets;
- More support with cultural capital events.

(I would also like to share that this year, our school Sports Day will take place at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Further details to follow).

We are committed to improving the life chances of all our pupils and we are convinced that to achieve this, there needs to be consistent application of our high standards of learning and behaviour. We make no apology for our high expectations and believe that all will achieve their best when challenged to do so.

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

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.

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

Monday 17 April 2023 - School opens for Summer Term (Year 11 & 13 only)
Tuesday 18 April 2023 - All pupils return at the normal time.
Monday 17 - 23 April 2023 - Year 13 1:1 Meetings
Thursday 25 May 2023 - Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20 April 2023 - Year 9 Parents' Evening
Monday 1 & 8 May 2023 - School closed - Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 May 2023 - Year 9 Options Evening
Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2023 - School closed - Half Term (1 week)
Friday 5 - 9 June 2023 - Year 12 PPE's
Monday 12 - 23 June 2023 - Year 10 PPE 1
Wednesday 13 June 2023 - Year 12 UCAS Information Evening
Wednesday 5 July 2023 - Whole School Sports Day
Monday 10 - 14 July 2023 - Cultural Capital Week
Tuesday 18 July 2023 - Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 24 July 2023 - School closed for Summer Holidays

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM WHY GO ANYWHERE ELSE?

"Striving for Excellence"

Late application meetings and Sixth Form Enrolment will commence on Thursday 24 August 2023.

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.

The UCAS process commences in Year 12 and students are fully supported throughout the whole process. Last year following outstanding results, students went on to study at prestigious universities. Birmingham for Film, Nottingham for Sociology, Southampton for Law and UCL for Education Studies.

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 on the school website. We will close applications before 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

Enrolment will commence on **Thursday 24 August 2023.**

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

Mrs C Kelly - Sixth Form Administrator

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

"Trustees, leaders and staff want the very best for all pupils including students in the Sixth Form. One parent / carer reflected the views of many. They stated, leaders' ambitions and high expectations of pupils, teachers and parents cascade throughout the community."

SHS Sixth Form



Why go anywhere else?

STUDENT VOICE FOR SIXTH FORM

Josiah: *Shirley High School has a diverse and welcoming behaviour that has been amazing. I never imagined that a school could be so inviting and this is truly different to anything I have ever experienced. From this, I have really seen that no matter what year you begin studying, the support you receive from the very start is second to none. The school encourages a warm and sociable environment amongst students regardless of age.*

Mia: *Shirley High Sixth Form is an amazing place that will allow you to not only academically succeed, but will also keep you in a safe and warm environment that allows you to build strong lifelong friendships and develop new life skills that can help you prosper in life. The Sixth Form offers amazing opportunities and wellbeing support to help you transition from Year 11 to Year 12. The staff here will help support you and offer Mental Health Wellbeing Mentors.*

Fatima: *Another aspect of our Sixth Form I appreciate is the focus on preparing us for life after Shirley High. We have enjoyed visits from companies offering apprenticeships, as well as staff on admissions teams at Russell Group Universities. This provides us with invaluable insight and guidance as we prepare for our next steps. Additionally, we have been given opportunities to engage with companies that offer support with A-level revision prep, which has been incredibly helpful as we approach our exams. Overall, I believe that our Sixth Form provides us with a well-rounded education, both academically and personally. I am grateful for the opportunities that we have been given and the support we receive from staff.*

Adem: *When I first joined Shirley High School, I was a shy timid boy who was socially awkward. I truly believe and can say that Shirley is the reason I am so confident today. Shirley has developed me into the person I am today and I am glad that I can be part of a group of students that form together to aid the school. I am sometimes an easily distracted student but even then the school tries their hardest to aid and support me to improve my flaws. I thank Shirley for preparing me for life.*

Aniya: *Shirley High Sixth Form is a great place to study as it offers a variety of subjects and allows you to build your character in a friendly, welcoming environment. Many things are put in place by the Shirley Sixth Form team such as suggestion boxes for you to voice your opinion and bring forth any ideas that can benefit students or the Sixth Form. The staff in Sixth Form support you greatly, whether that is through setting extra studying sessions, or assigning mentors for mental health. This Sixth Form is amazing and I believe this to be the choice for you!*

Robert: *Shirley High Sixth Form is an enjoyable, supportive and a safe environment where students are encouraged by staff to attain success and meet the high expectations everyone holds. Our Sixth Form offers a broad and diverse curriculum and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that help students develop equally both in and outside the classroom. As a Sixth Form student, Shirley is committed to ensure the best possible chance of success and focuses on bringing out the best of their staff and students.*

Jacob: *The Shirley High Sixth Form offers a rare opportunity for students to excel academically and personally. With a wide range of subjects and expert teachers, the Sixth Form provides a great programme to fast track you to your chosen university, apprenticeship or career. Shirley's supportive community and productive environment foster academic growth and success, allowing you to reach your full potential.*

T Lewis - Head of Sixth Form

BRIT SCHOOL VISIT

We were delighted to have the Brit school visit us on Friday 24 February 2023. 50 performers from Year 12 & 13 descended on Shirley High School at 8:30 am, excited to be showing their talents to our students. They were given a tour of the Performing Arts building by our Director of Faculty and then they spent 90 minutes rehearsing in the Dance studio.

Meanwhile an invited audience of Year 10 and Year 12 along with our Scholarship students took their seats in the Dance Studio in Performing Arts. At 10:00 am the show started. The first performance featured all 50 Brit school performers. It was a brilliant opening piece full of energy and a high level of skill. The theme was personal identity. It was greeted by a huge round of applause and cheers from our students. This was the first of 9 pieces that ranged from a solo dance and duets to the full 50 performers on stage. Each performance showcased the talent on offer at the Brit school and featured different styles and choreographers such as Hofesh Shechter. All the performances were greeted by rapturous applause!

Once the performance ended, the performers stayed in the venue and took part in a Q&A with our students. It was really pleasing to see that our students were so engaged. They asked some brilliant questions. Teyana Mosengo 10E wanted to know how long each piece took to rehearse. Nathaniel Agyapong 8H asked what advice they would give to those who wanted to be like them and end up in Brit school. Our principal Mr Myton asked how many of the students were from Croydon. A lot of the students put their hand up showing our students what opportunities there are.

Our visitors and staff were really impressed with our students and Performing Arts department commenting on the resources on offer and how enthusiastic our students were and have invited us to the Brit school to watch future rehearsals and shows. Watch this space!

We thank the students and staff from the Brit school for performing and inspiring our students. And a big thank you to our students who were part of the invited audience for being so brilliant!

S Sahl-Taylor - Head of Performing Arts





SIXTH FORM

It has been a busy term in Sixth Form....

There has been a full programme of Enrichment this term with 14 different experiences which Sixth Form students could sign up for. Some of these experiences included Life Skills Workshops, Cooking Skills, Scholarly Study (MOOCs), The Road to Oxbridge, Driving Theory, EPQ*, Virtual Work Experience, Event Management, British Sign Language (BSL).

Various guest speakers came in to speak to our Sixth Form students such as Insurance companies about apprentice opportunities and universities such as Winchester University and Royal Holloway to talk about the application process for university and what life will be like there.

The big Year 13 Exam countdown started on Monday 6 March 2023 following Year 13s return from study leave after their PPEs. Students were presented with coffee vouchers as rewards and a sign off card which would enable them to get a pizza lunch or even a Friday morning lie-in!

Year 12 girls had a virtual introduction by the charity GirlRise to introduce a mentoring program organised by Digilearning.

Subject ambassador sessions took place between Year 13 and Year 12 students to talk about their subjects and what Year 12 need to do in order to keep on top of their work to be ready for Year 13. Lots of helpful hints and tips were given out. Carly Pennington-Daniels in Year 12 said 'There were very useful tips on how to revise for Psychology based on their own experience'.

Finally some light entertainment with a Year 12 vs 13 football match took place after school with a win for Year 13 (4-3). Mr Cotton (Assistant Principal) stood in at the last minute as Ref!

Mrs C Kelly - Sixth Form Administrator



Shirley High Sixth Form Punch Card

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- 6) Evidence of scholarly behaviour in lessons and/or SPS
- 7) Attendance in homework club (either Wednesday drop-in or regular)
- 8) More than 10 house points in a week
- 9) Outstanding contribution in class
- 10) Outstanding contribution during form

Every time you complete a task, get the number signed off. Once it's completed, you will be eligible for a Friday morning lie-in and access to the bi-weekly free pizza lunch!



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 3 March 2023, staff and pupils celebrated World Book Day. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and pupils received a £1.00 World Book Day to be redeemed at a retailer of their choice.

It was lovely to see so many staff and pupils in their costumes. We encouraged pupils 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.

**Ms T Crammer - Lead Practitioner
English / Literacy Coordinator**



YEAR 7 CASTLE COMPETITION

We are so proud of your efforts. The standard really was the best ever!

We were looking for an accurate representation of a medieval Motte and Bailey Castle. The History Department were extremely impressed with the accuracy but also with the time and effort that was put in to the reconstructions.

After careful consideration by the judges, the main winners were selected below and the winners for accuracy and effort will be seen by Mr Myton (Principal) and their names will be recorded in the Book of Excellence. All pupils will receive a House Point and those who made the short list will receive Middle Leader's House Points. Congratulations Year 7!

Winners for Accuracy

Ruby Bashford 7Y
Nazeera Islam 7H

Winners for Effort

Wildher Bravo 7L
Adam Brockhouse 7R

Runners-up effort and/or accuracy

Maisie Ryall 7Y
Amelia Burge 7S
Toby Swan 7E
Deven Kargathra 7H
Eliza Pretty 7E
Chloe Powell 7S
Robert Eaton 7Y
Abigail Martin 7R
Leo Culverwell 7R

Ms K O'Mahoney
Head of History

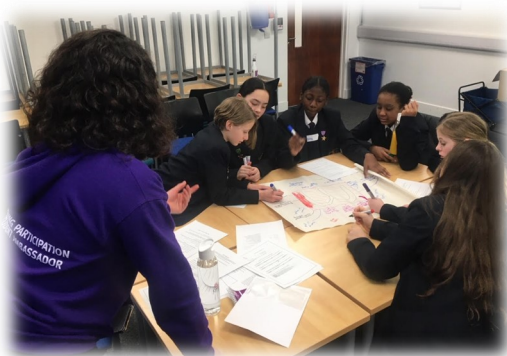


CITY UNIVERSITY TRIP

Whole School HPA Coordinator Mrs Sowole and Teacher Mrs Juster took 20 KS3 HPA pupils and Year 7 Accelerated Scholars to City University, North London on 8 March 2023. The trip consisted of an introduction to Higher Education, a campus tour and two group activities: design a university course and provide details of its course information and a Business Degree taster session: learning the different ways to set up a business company, understanding sales and revenue and, market segmentation.

Some courses created by our pupils consisted of a Football degree, Digital Literacy, Art and Music Production. Students also created business companies that rivalled those in the top chain and took part in digital interactive games to test their understanding of business. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time despite the weather! Well done to all who attended.

Mrs L Sowole - Lead Practitioner Maths





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SPAIN SKI TRIP 2023 - LA MASELLA

Another successful ski trip was had by all! On Saturday 11 February 2023, we travelled to a beautiful part of the world and pupils learnt to ski on some of Europe's most amazing slopes at the stunning Ski resort of Masella in The Pyrenees in Northern Spain. Pupils had access to some world-class slopes, top-quality ski-tuition as well as other local facilities that were on offer. As soon as we arrived, pupils were able to explore the woodland around La Masella before the Boot and Ski fit, then a long awaited dip in the pool!

The progress made by pupils on the slopes was stratospheric! 2 groups eagerly climbed on to the chairlifts with some beginners having already attacked their first 'Red' pistes on the first day. I was so proud of the determination and progress made by every pupil over the week. Overall, the trip was a complete success with not a single minute of skiing missed through injury or illness and I am proud to say that pupils were a credit to SHS!

Please see below a detailed account of the trip from Ali Parker 9Y.

J Rayner - Assistant Principal - Trip Organiser

"We started our journey at 8 am from Shirley High School, after a couple of hours we eventually arrived at Dover ready to board our ferry. A quick ferry ride later and we were already at Calais setting off for La Masella. After 15 hours driving through France, we finally arrived at Alphotel Masella in Northern Spain.

As soon as we arrived, we dropped our bags off and then headed straight for the snow! The views from the mountains were absolutely amazing and you could see for miles on a clear day. We spent the first evening in the swimming pool or relaxing in the lounge. Following our activities, we were ready for our first meal in the hotel.

We then headed straight to our rooms once we knew they were ready. Each room had either 4 beds or bunkbeds, a shower and a bath with lots of room to put our clothes and ski equipment. Fortunately, our rooms were right next to the elevator so it was easy to get to all of the different dining and recreation areas.

On the second day, we were up bright and early and headed straight to the slopes. We were skiing from 9:30 am - 11:30 am then we headed back to our hotel (only a few minutes away) for lunch followed by relaxing in the lounge where you could play pool or buy snacks. Our second ski session of the day started at 2:30 pm and went all the way through to 4:30 pm. By the first day, some groups were already on the green slopes and some weren't far away.

Every evening we had a different activity to do, either swimming, bowling or some even headed into town to go shopping. Every day breakfast, lunch, and dinner were all served at that same time to avoid confusion. The food ranged from traditional Spanish foods like paella, to foods we have at home like chicken and chips. All members of staff that worked there treated everyone with respect, they all spoke very good English or if not they still tried.

Throughout the week, all groups progressed well and were all on the ski lift by day 4! Every ski instructor supported us and made sure that we were comfortable in what we were doing.

On our last night, we participated in a Quiz night consisting of various different questions. Awards were also given out to pupils who were the most improved or demonstrated the Shirley Values. On the day we were leaving, we skied as usual and then in the evening we were given a bag full of food to set us off on our 20 hour (plus delays) journey back to England!

Overall the trip had been a once in a lifetime experience and one I will never forget. The people I met will never be forgotten and I hope to do this at least one more time in the future".

AJ Parker - 9Y



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.....

*Jack Larence 8VTG.....An act of kindness (Please see below)
Ruby Bashford 7Y.... For raising the most money for Readathon*

Well done to all the above mentioned pupils!

T Myton - Principal

Jack witnessed a multiple car accident outside his home on the way to school. Having checked the passengers were ok, he then called for an ambulance. One vehicle contained primary school children and Jack reassured them whilst help arrived. He spoke to them about applying to SHS because it was such a good school!

Commendations

100% Punctuality
(no lates)

277 Pupils



100% Attendance

148 Pupils

100% Positive
Behaviour

95 Pupils

CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL ON THESE FANTASTIC
ACHIEVEMENTS!

Ms M Francis
Deputy Principal

100% in all three
areas!

29 Pupils

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SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

"Striving for Excellence"

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



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OPEN EVERY THURSDAY 3.30 pm — 4.30 pm

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ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN BOOK AN APPOINTMENT VIA EMAIL:

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PE NEWS

Extra Curricular

Croydon Boxing Academy

Coach Sobers has brought Croydon Boxing Academy to Shirley High School with sessions every Monday after school. The club boasts consistent attendance of 20+ pupils from Years 7-13, both girls and boys. There is still room for more!

Fixtures

A big shout out to the Year 10 girls Netball team who are currently undefeated in 3 games carrying on a winning streak from last season, defeating Tenison's A, B and Coloma. The Year 8 girls are training regularly and competing in fixtures but like the Year 7 boys who are also working well with Reaching Higher, are still searching for their first victory.

Exam PE

The Year 12 Cambridge Technical group have almost completed the practical delivery element of their course. Well done to Mauro, Nathan, Daniel, Rahi, Esther, Marie and Elba who have been coaching Year 7 girls how to play football and basketball during their PE lessons this half term.

D Noirette - Head of PE



"I would like to introduce myself as the new safer schools officer for Shirley High. My name is PC Steve Reeves and I have been a serving officer in the Met Police for 15 years spending the majority of this in Sutton borough and the last 5 months at Croydon as a Schools Officer. The purpose of my role is to engage with the students, deliver crime prevention and safety lessons and be a point of contact for teachers and students who attend the school. My aim is to break down those barriers between young people and the police and help them make the right choices through intervention. I look forward to working in partnership with the school for the foreseeable future."



Stephen Reeves PC3267sn
Croydon Safer Schools Team
Address: New Addington Police Station Room
Email : Stephen.D.J.Reeves@Met.police.uk

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Shirley High School to be part of our expanding Governing Board.

We would be delighted to hear from enthusiastic and reliable people who have:

- A keen interest in the performance of the school
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The ability to speak confidently on topics that arise
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Some free time

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School and the pupils in it
- The pleasure of helping pupils reach their potential
- Be part of one of the most improved schools in the borough







What is the Governing Body's Role?

The Governing Body of our school plays a key role in setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement and monitoring progress towards meeting these targets. While deciding policy and future development plans, governors both support and challenge the Principal's performance. Governors are also asked to look into specific areas of the school's work in greater detail, in addition to attending meetings. To help support governors, everyone has access to additional training to help them build on their existing skills or develop new ones.

If you would like more information or believe you are a fitting candidate for the above role, please contact Mrs M Garcia - School Business Manager on sbm@shirley.croydon.sch.uk by **Friday 21 April 2023**.



SAFEGUARDING TEAM @ SHS 2022-23

	MR WEST - VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS SAFEGUARDING GOVERNOR	LINK GOVERNOR FOR SAFEGUARDING OVERVIEW OF SAFEGUARDING PROVISION AT SHS
	MS FRANCIS - DEPUTY PRINCIPAL DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD	WHOLE SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFEGUARDING & TRAINING KEY STAGE 4 - REFERRALS & ACTION
	MR RAYNER - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD	DEPUTISE FOR DSL IN THEIR ABSENCE KEY STAGE 3 - REFERRALS & ACTION
	MR COTTON - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD	KEY STAGE 5 - REFERRALS & ACTION
	MS STEWART - ATTENDANCE & WELFARE OFFICER DEPUTY DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD	YEAR 7 - 13 EARLY HELP ASSESSMENTS & TAF MEETINGS
	MS THOMPSON - SOCIAL WORKER SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOL (SWIS)	CP ADVICE & ASSESSMENT, CP REFERRALS NAMED SOCIAL WORKER FOR SCHOOL CP / CIN CASES

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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 pupils.

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
0800 136 663 or email help@nspcc.org.uk	NSPCC helpline, Report Abuse in Education

Sexual harassment is just legs being legs and worth reporting no big deal never acceptable.

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

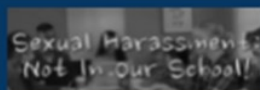


Homophobic, Biphobic or Transphobic language is **NEVER** acceptable and will not be tolerated in this school.

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.



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



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**



September 2022 You can find The Talkbus on...

Thursdays

Northend (outside MacDonalDs, Croydon)
2.30pm to 5.30pm

Fridays

London Road, outside Harris Invictus
West Croydon
2.30pm to 5.30pm

Saturdays

Northend (outside MacDonalDs, Croydon)
1.30pm to 4.30pm



You talk, we listen!

Talkbus is a mobile information centre offering support to young people where you can receive information, advice and guidance from our Outreach workers!

On Fridays and Saturdays **Talkbus** becomes your **Safe Space!**

Safe Space aims to create an environment for children and young people who may be in crisis, to receive help and advice through Croydon Drop In services with support from SLAM, CUH, LBC and the ICS. This service will help ensure that young people have access to appropriate care and support in the community.

Talkbus Helpline 07592 037 823 1pm - 4pm Monday to Friday

Are you a parent, carer or guardian living in the borough of Croydon and struggling with your or your young person's mental health?



Help Is At Hand (HIAH) is here to support you.

HIAH is a phone based service that offers immediate crisis support for parents, carers and guardians without having to leave their homes. Our experienced team will assist with the immediate mental wellbeing of any parent or carer and provide a focus, to better understand how they can manage themselves, their young person or their child.

Our phone lines are open from 12pm to 6pm

Monday to Friday

07592 037 823

Alternatively you can contact us via email on:

outreach@croydondropin.org.uk

You Talk, We Listen

Supporting children, young people and families 1978 - 2023 Information, Advocacy, Counselling,
Outreach and Health Support in Communities & Schools

Tel: 020 8680 0404

www.croydondropin.org.uk

Guarantee Registration Number 3092355 Registered Charity Number 1049307 Registered Office,
132 Church Street, Croydon, CR0 1RF

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: 020 8655 2402
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 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

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)?
நீங்கள் பாதுகாப்பாக இருக்கிறீர்களா?
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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 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 2024 – 2027:

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 & Student Support Faculty (SENDCo): pepperrell@shirley.croydon.sch.uk (Disneyland Paris)

AND FINALLY ...

Thank you to all the parents / carers who completed the Attendance & Punctuality Survey. Your time and support of the school is greatly appreciated. The winner of the prize draw and receiving a £50 Dining Out Voucher is ...

Miss D Mold (Year 11 Parent)

Congratulations!



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

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

**Ms M Francis
Deputy Principal (Pastoral) & DSL**



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