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SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

"GOOD" in every category

Ofsted Report - December 2022

'Leaders' ambitions and high expectations of pupils, teachers and parents cascade throughout the community.'

Dear Parents / Carers & Pupils

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the academic year. I want to start again by saying how extremely proud I am of all members of our school community when we were given "Good" in every category by Ofsted earlier in the year. The outcome of the inspection not only showed the hard work of both pupils and staff but it demonstrated that the changes made over the years have made a significant impact to our pupils and community. I am delighted that we are now classed as a "Good" school and I look forward to improving our school even further with the support of pupils, teachers, governors and families.

As always, I would like to recognise both Year 11 and 13 for completing their examinations. This year saw a full return to 100% exam content and limited supporting materials. Although challenging, I know that our pupils would have benefited from the extra help, opportunities and additional support that was offered. I am sure that in the Summer, they will receive the grades that their hard work and dedication deserve.

The Summer holidays will see us continue with works that improve the learning environment of the school. Since 2019, we have invested a significant amount of money in improving our school, nearly £750,000. Our promise to invest will continue as we do all we can to improve the facilities for our pupils. Future investments will include:

- Refurbishment of Gym 2;
- Additional storage for PE;
- New state of the art - Science Lab;
- New flooring and Entrance design;
- Refurbishment of pastoral department to allow well-being meetings and mentoring service;
- A Basketball Coach;
- More energy saving resources to reduce our carbon footprint.

These improvements continue to show the commitment of our governors in providing our pupils with the best facilities and resources available. *Continued on Page 2*



RESULTS DAY:

Thursday 17 August 2023
 BTEC L3 and A Level
 8.00 am—10.00 am

Thursday 24 August 2023
 GCSE & BTEC L2 &
 Hoodie and Yearbook collection
 9.00 am—10.30 am

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



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SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

- Friday 21 July 2023 - School closed for Summer break
- Monday 4 September 2023 - School closed Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 5 September 2023 - Only Year 7 & 12 pupils in school
- Wednesday 6 September 2023 - School opens for Autumn Term for all pupils
- Monday 19 - 23 September 2022 - Year 12 1:1 Meetings
- Thursday 5 October 2023 - Open Evening 5.00 pm - 7.30 pm
- Monday 9 - 13 October 2023 - Open Morning (By appointment only)
- Wednesday 11 October 2023 - Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Friday 20 October 2023 - School closed Staff Training Day
- Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 3 November 2023 - Half Term
- Thursday 9 November 2023 - Sixth Form Open Evening
- Thursday 7 December 2023 - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Monday 25 December 2023 - School closed Christmas Holiday
- Monday 1 January 2024 - School closed Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 2 January 2024 - School opens for Spring Term

It was great to welcome our new Year 7's into school this Summer term. The Year 6 into 7 Transition Day was a fantastic day to meet our new pupils and it was great to see it so well attended. Our recruitment numbers have risen year on year since 2019 and we are delighted to see another increase for this September. These increased numbers are 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 who are leaving. We would like to wish them the best of luck for the future and to thank them for all their contributions to our school community. As some staff leave, new staff are arriving and we welcome a new Assistant Principal - Mrs Brown who will be leading on Performing Arts and Key Stage 3 and a new Director of English, Media and Ethics Ms Mallie. We are delighted to welcome all new staff to our vibrant community and can't wait to see the success we will have together. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Mr Nicholson to our Senior Leadership Team as the new Assistant Principal working on Behaviour.

This year has been a significant and positive one for all at Shirley High School. I would again like to thank everyone for their hard work and support and I look forward to sharing more excellent and positive news with you all in the future.

Below are the first day back starting times for each year group:

Year Group	Start Date	Time
Year 7	Tuesday 5 September 2023	8:30 am
Year 8	Wednesday 6 September 2023	8.30 am
Year 9	Wednesday 6 September 2023	8:30 am
Year 10	Wednesday 6 September 2023	8.30 am
Year 11	Wednesday 6 September 2023	8.30 am
Year 12	Tuesday 5 September 2023	8.30 am
Year 13	Wednesday 6 September 2023	8.30 am

(Please note that school will finish for Year 7 at 1:30 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2023)

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

Year Group	Information Evening	Time
Year 7	Thursday 7 September 2023	4.30 pm
Year 8	Tuesday 12 September 2023	4:30 pm
Year 9	Tuesday 12 September 2023	5:30 pm
Year 10	Thursday 14 September 2023	4:30 pm
Year 11	Thursday 14 September 2023	5:30 pm
Year 12	Thursday 21 September 2023	5:00 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 / carers 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

Commendations

**100% Punctuality
(no lates)**

152 Pupils



100% Attendance

70 Pupils

**100% Positive
Behaviour**

54 Pupils

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

**Ms M Francis
Deputy Principal**

**100% in all three
areas!**

14 Pupils

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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).

Research suggests that 20 missed school days a year i.e. 10% non-attendance = 1 GCSE grade drop in achievement. 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. 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 and the national strike days.

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.

Ms M Francis - Deputy Principal



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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023

BETWEEN 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm

OPEN MORNING

Week Beginning

MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023

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 - THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2023

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PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2024

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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SHIRLEY HIGH SIXTH FORM

WHY GO ANYWHERE ELSE?



"SHIRLEY HIGH SIXTH FORM IS AN AMAZING PLACE THAT WILL ALLOW YOU TO NOT ONLY SUCCEED ACADEMICALLY BUT ALSO KEEP YOU IN A SAFE & HAPPY ENVIRONMENT."

Our students achieve their dreams...

Subject Offering 2023-2024

Block A	Block B	Block C	Block D	Block E	Block F
Art (5 in Art and Design related subject)	Business (5 GCSEs; 5 in English AND Maths)	English Literature (5 in English Lit AND English Lang)	Photography (6 in Photography OR a related subject)	Drama (5 GCSEs grade 4 and above incl. English)	English Resit
History (Hist grade 6; Eng Lang grade 5)	Psychology (5 in English AND Maths AND a Science)	Chemistry (6 in Combined / Separate Science inc. Chemistry; 6 in Maths)	Sociology (5 in Eng Lang)	Media Studies (5 in Media OR 5 in English; 4 in Maths)	Maths Resit
	Biology (6 in Combined / Separate Science inc. Biology; 6 in Maths)		Maths (7 in Maths)	Geography (5 GCSEs; 5 in Geography AND 5 in English)	
	Government and Politics (Grade 5 in English)		Psychology (5 in English AND Maths AND a Science)		
BTEC COURSES					
BTEC: Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (5 GCSEs; grade 4 and above in English and Maths)	BTEC: Travel & Tourism (5 GCSEs grade 4 and above)		BTEC: Health and Social Care (5 GCSEs grade 4 and above)	BTEC: PE (5 GCSEs grade 4 and above)	



Habib El-Jamal
Current Year 13
Destination: King's College London
Subject: Medicine

Daanyaal Qureshi-Williams
Current Year 13
Destination: University of Cambridge
Subject: Humanities

SHIRLEY HIGH SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP

- Accelerated learning programme;
- Mentorship by experts;
- Exclusive access to resources and facilities;
- Free private tutoring (one to one) and laptop;
- Leadership opportunities;
- Discounted driving lessons and trips around the UK and abroad.

OUR BENEFITS

- Small class sizes;
- University-style study spaces;
- Your own building;
- Excellent pastoral support;
- Trips around the UK and abroad;
- Oxbridge, Russell Group university preparation and apprenticeship support;
- Enrichment opportunities such as sport, creative arts and work experience.

GCSE RESULTS DAY: 24TH AUGUST 2023

SIXTH FORM ENROLMENT DATE: 24th August & 29th August

All you need to bring are your GCSE results!

For any enquiries please email Ms. Samms at samms@shirley.croydon.sch.uk

SIXTH FORM NEWS

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

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

Congratulations to Year 13 students who have already found themselves fantastic pathways forward. 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 student that would like to come back and speak to younger year groups are always welcome, so please keep in touch and let us know how you get on.

Cultural Capital week has had a great start with Year 12s either visiting the Houses of Parliament, University College London or Kings College for University tours. We hope students are making the most of their time and have organised a super curricular activity which will support their personal statement, UCAS or Apprenticeship applications. We wish all students a relaxing and productive Summer holiday.

YEAR 13 LEAVERS BALL

On Thursday 6 July 2023, the long awaited Year 13 Leavers Ball was a great success. Farleigh Golf Club laid out the red carpet and on arrival students were given a *mocktail* and delicious buffet food with Mr Bush (Head of Art) acting as the official photographer. Students and teachers made their way on to the dance floor and thoroughly enjoyed dancing the night away.

It was great to see so many students at the venue and enjoying their well-deserved celebration after a year of studying hard and preparing for their exams and coursework. Mr Cotton (STL in charge of Sixth Form), Mr Lewis (Head of Year 12 & 13), Ms Samms (Sixth Form Administrator) and Ms Khan (Post 16 Learning Mentor) were all encouraged up onto the dance floor by students, although little encouragement was needed! We would like to thank Mr Myton (Principal) for his time and generosity at the event. Thank you also to the "Top 8" for organising the event, it was a huge success and a great evening was had by all.

T Lewis - Head of Sixth Form



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Upcoming Year 13's

We would like to introduce the names of our Head Boy and Girl for 2023 onwards, Esther Ogunnoiki 12H and Ivan Slavov 12H. They and their team have already started on their plans for Sixth Form changes and Outreach work for the school.

Careers Fair

Our Year 12's had the opportunity to speak and seek advice from one of the Top Universities and Businesses who have introduced themselves and their companies to them.

Companies such as Goldsmiths University, NHS, MOJ and Metropolitan Police to name but a few were there providing them with flyers, presentations and talks. The students thoroughly enjoyed it and were keen to speak with our visitors.

We hope these pictures give you a flavour of the past weeks in the life of our Sixth Formers.

Ms C Samms - Sixth Form Administrator



UNIVERSITY VISIT

Picture 1 - When built, the Marshall Building was the most sustainable building in Europe and it is a very beautiful building, not only outside but also inside.

Picture 2 - Is the Old Curiosity Shop, one of the oldest shops in London, nearby there is also a library and many other shops, but in my opinion, this old building looks more interesting and more historical.

Picture 3 - An inverted globe. LSE has many students from other countries and I think each of them has visited this globe and found their homeland. It was made by an artist to challenge people's perception of the world.

Picture 4 - Shirley High School students outside King's College. Everyone is happy to learn about universities and see beautiful places and buildings.

Picture 5 - In this picture, the students decided to take a picture near the LSE.

Image 6 - This photo is important to me. It was an exhibition of photographs about the war in Ukraine. Most of the photos show destroyed houses, injured people, fires, and even a photo of newlyweds serving in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Thanks to LSE for supporting Ukraine.

Summary of University Visit written by Maria Duma 12H



CULTURAL CAPITAL WEEK

During Cultural Capital Week, Year 7 pupils were able to create their own 'Restoration Fans'. 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 where they experienced:

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



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

CULTURAL DAY

On Friday 26 May 2023, staff and pupils celebrated the many different ethnicities and cultures we have at Shirley High School. Both pupils and staff wore clothing that represented their culture by wearing either:

- All the colours of their country's flag;
- Their country's national dress;
- Clothing that represented the culture of the country they were representing or;
- Their country's international sports kit.



Money raised by pupils:

Grand Total: £252.05

This was an amazing day and I am so proud of all involved.

T Myton - Principal





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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 website 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 website, 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 <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> and enter the necessary details and support this worthwhile initiative.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Garcia
School Business Manager



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**SECOND HAND
SCHOOL UNIFORM
SHOP**




OPEN EVERY THURSDAY 3.30 pm — 4.30 pm
(END OF G BLOCK NEXT TO G04)
ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN BOOK AN APPOINTMENT VIA EMAIL:
secondhanduniform@shirley.croydon.sch.uk



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CROYDON SAFER SCHOOLS

"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

FRYLANDS SCHOLARSHIP TRIP

On Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 July 2023, we took 12 of our Scholarship students to Frylands Adventure Camp for an overnight trip. We had two days of fun activities starting with a tour of the site on arrival and the photo challenge around the site. This involved trying to find key objects and areas around the site and the first team to find them all won the challenge. It was a great way to get the pupils familiar with their surroundings and find some of the fun challenges that lie ahead. We also had a blindfolded trail walk where pupils were all blindfolded and had to navigate different obstacles whilst following a guided path and holding onto a rope to work their way through the course. This was extremely exciting and some of the pupils even attempted walking the path backwards! The pupils were exhausted at this point but seemed to rally when they heard the tuck shop was open for sweets and treats!

We finished our evening off by making our own pizzas in the outdoor pizza oven. It was an amazing experience where the pupils learnt how to make pizzas from scratch by making the dough in the afternoon then heading down to the pizza oven in the evening to add their toppings and place their own pizzas into the wood fired oven. We ended our first night with some Karaoke and games of Uno.

The next day we woke the pupils up with a full English breakfast supplied by Mr Sahl-Taylor with the help from Miss Cook and Mr Vernon. The food went down a treat with options of full English breakfast, cereals, fruit salad, toast, jam and Biscoff spread. The students worked well as a team and even washed up after breakfast! We then headed down for giant games where we all played giant Jenga and Connect Four but the highlight of the second day was the Sumo suit fighting. We then joined together for some lunch before packing up and cleaning the whole cabin as a team before we left to return back to school.

This was our last trip with the Scholarship students of 2022-2023 and we could not have had a better time with them all and thank them for their hard work and dedication this year.

S Sahl-Taylor - Director of Performing & Creative Arts



WORK EXPERIENCE / YEAR 10 CAREERS WEEK

At the end of June, 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, develop their communication skills and public speaking, work with the NHS on coding 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 and undertaking a variety of virtual work experience opportunities.

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 many more.

One of our pupils Audrey Asante 10S said about her placement at Little Saints Day Nursery:

"Throughout my placement I learnt to be patient with children and I was proud that I was able to communicate with them. Doing my placement in a nursery has made me want to work with children even more and I'm keen to learn more about how their imagination works."

Angelo Rojas 10L worked in the local constituency office for the MP Sarah Jones and said the following:

"One aspect I learnt from this experience was how crucial it was to work in an MP's Office and the tasks that they do daily such as writing briefs for upcoming events whilst also doing tasks around the office like shredding paper. During my placement, I wrote an important briefing about Uxbridge to help Labour win the by-election in that area. I believe that the members of Sarah Jones' Office had made a good impact on me and I'm most likely going to go to their office during the summer to see if I could do some more work for them"

Mrs V Murawski - Head of Personal Development





SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT "SONGS FROM MUSICALS"



On Thursday 6 July 2023, the sun might not have shone on the day but inside the main hall our pupils put on a fantastic show that put a sunny smile on the face of everyone in the room. The *Songs from Musicals* showcased some of the most iconic musicals to have appeared in the West End such as *Hairspray*, *Wicked* and *Chicago*.

The show kicked off with one of our Scholarship students Aryan Patel 8Y introducing the evening with his very particular beatboxing talent. There followed some fantastic dance performances from our scholarship students, Taneece Rowe 7S, Kaylah Hilaire 7S and Emily Robinson-Kirkham 9Y.

Our singers did not let us down with brilliant performances from Na'ari Saunders 8R and Zoe Blatch 9R (Scholarship), Olivia Powell 9R and Elisa Harding 8L.

During the interval our Sixth Form Band entertained the audience before the second set kicked off with an engaging piece from *Stomp* the Musical. Some of the audience seemed confused as to why there were pupils sweeping the stage. Until the mystery sweepers revealed themselves as Nathaniel Agyapong 8H one of our Scholarship students along with Omario Mantuba 8H and Jack Larence VTG. Who knew sweeping brushes could make such a great rhythm!

There were some wonderful performances during the second set with a guest appearance from Anthea Bianco 11Y who has just finished her GCSEs. She sang brilliantly as did Kaylah Hilaire 7S and Maya Lawrence 10E. The show ended with a very entertaining dance from the musical *Matilda* featuring Summer Elliot 10Y, Ruby Jones 10E, Oneil McLeod 10Y and Libby Berry 10Y. The finale to their dance *Revoltin' Children* was a highlight of the show and received a rapturous applause!

Once again, a massive thank you to all who helped put the show together, the Performing Arts department, in particular Miss Cook, Mr Saunders, Miss Loughnane and Mr Reid, the Site Team, IT and the Kitchen staff and to all the pupils who helped out. Finally a massive thank you and well done to our performers here at Shirley High School. We are so proud of you.

Full list of Performers:

Aryan Patel 8y, Taneece Rowe 7s, Kaylah Hilaire 7S, Ruby Moses 7E, Shekiah Spence 7H, Jaylah-Rae Holness-Dwyer 7L, Indiyah Grogan 7L, Na'ari Saunders 8R, Emily Robinson-Kirkham 9Y, Olivia Powell 9R, Eleanor Avery 8H, Keilen Pearson 9S, Mia-Louise Raynor 9y, Makaelah Neza 8Y, Zoe Blatch 9R, Elisa Harding 8L, Nathaniel Agyapong 8H, Jack Larence VTG, Omario Mantuba 8H, Anthea Bianco 11Y, Felicia Cousins 8Y, Grace Clark 7Y, Maya Lawrence 10E, Ruby Jones 10E, Summer Elliot 10Y, Annie Elvin 8Y, Melissa Sclafani 10Y, Zhane Smith-Williams 10E, Teyana Mosengo 10E, William Mbemba-Makela 10H, Emma Iordan 7E, Lily-Mae Murphy 10S, Oneil McLeod 10Y, Libby Berry 10Y and Teddy Banks 9L.

Mr S Sahl-Taylor - Director of Performing & Creative Arts





PE NEWS

SPORTS LEADERS SUCCESS

A combination of Year 9 and Year 10 pupils have had a successful year in their Sports Leader roles. They have displayed maturity, organisational skills, but most importantly an enthusiasm and passion for sport that translated to primary school children in three separate events. The Croydon School Sports Partnership specifically requested Sports Leaders from Shirley High School and the current group only boosted our reputation further by their delivery in the annual Croydon Primary School Golf Competition at Addington Court Golf Course.

They were also invited to assist with Howard Primary School Sports Day at Whitgift School. They have received certificates on numerous occasions, but the achievements of the following students need to be acknowledged. Well done to Najma Mohamed 9Y, Marylyn Yeboah Kodie 9Y, Hamida Sesay 9Y, Maya Kakou-Bruce 9R, Charis Amankwah-Boadu 9R, Madison-Aimee Collins 9S, Olivia Powell 9R, Andre Figueira 9Y, Robin Yilmaz 9Y, AJ Parker 9Y, Utsav Barot 9Y, Jordan Mitchell-Thompson 9R, Naisharn Gregg-Garraway 9Y, Zoe Cozma 10I, Libby Berry 10Y, Millie Fahey 10L, Loui McGrath 10H and Kyle Kerr 10H.

D Noirette - Head of PE



GO APE

The PE department led a number of trips to Go Ape for Cultural Capital Week. Go Ape is a tree top experience where pupils got to climb through the trees on crossings and bridges that ranged in levels of difficulty and swing on zip wires that varied in heights and distance to complete a course.

Pupils had to learn how to put a harness on, how to clip on and attach to the wire that travels around the courses and how to move / complete crossing in the quickest time possible. The trip was enjoyed by all with some pupils who even managed to overcome their fear of heights. Some students also went the extra mile and took on the top Tree Top challenge to see if they could complete the course in the shortest time possible.

What an experience and what a week. Well done to all pupils who attended Go Ape and an extra well done to all those who overcame their fear of heights.

D Noirette - Head of PE





Sports Day 2023

CRYSTAL PALACE



SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Creators who came out on top to reclaim the trophy, dominating in 3 of the 4 year group categories.

This year's Sports Day took place at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. It was the PE department's first sports day together and although there were aspects of the arena and weather that could have had a negative impact, all of this was overshadowed by the amazing contribution of both pupils and staff members to make it a truly special day. A vivid atmosphere, portrayed by a sea of colour, only made possible by the effort of pupil displays and colourful clothing. It was only fitting that Directors picked up the House Spirit Award, especially since nobody embodies it more than Miss Hayden!

A massive thank you to all staff involved. Caterers, impeccably accurate Timers, Crowd Managers, Toilet Monitors, Event Runners, Results Recorders and Photographers. There were moments that were captured in images, but only made possible by the pupils. From the crowd rushing to help Mr Bush over the line, to the relay teams running full pace in the pouring rain.

Well done and a huge credit to all of the pupils involved.

D Noirette - Head of PE





Sports day winners- Creators



CREATORS

DIRECTORS

EDITORS

PRODUCERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO CREATORS - THE WINNING HOUSE.....AGAIN!

Another great year for the Creators as we made it two wins in a row on Sports Days! Special praise goes to Nathaniel Agyapong 8H for once again drumming non stop throughout the day (even though he was late after he went to Selhurst Park instead of Crystal Palace Arena!) also to Matthew Lee 8R, Hassan Ali 7Y and Ella-Louise Champion VTG who stepped up and filled in for events they were not signed up for and all earned extra House Points. Well done to everyone who took part throughout the day in any capacity and here's looking forward to the hat-trick in 2024!

Mr G King - Head of Creators

Athletes from Years 7-10 took part in the annual Croydon Arena event. We were pleased to witness excellent team work and the results of hard work at Athletics Club through a number of pupils. Well done to all those who participated, but a special mention to those who managed a podium finish!



D Noirette - Head of PE



Sports Awards

Year 7 Half Colours

Dante Walker 7E – Football
 Abdul-Raheem Ajibola 7L - Football
 Skylar Richardson 7L – Football,
 Athletics and Netball
 Jenniah-Mai Blake 7S - Football
 Kizzy Atwood-Saunders 7L – Football
 Ffion Rees 7R – Football
 Ruby Moses 7E – Football
 Ruby Bashford 7Y - Football
 Gabriele Tusauskaite 7L – Athletics
 Shekiah Spence 7H – Athletics
 Indiya Grogan 7L - Athletics
 Kira Burton 7L – Athletics
 Grace Clark 7Y – Netball

Year 8 Half Colours

Denisa Barbu 8L – Netball
 Thando Kazimoto 8Y – Netball
 Shanai Samuda 8Y – Netball
 Shanice Watson 8L – Netball
 Lily Watts 8Y – Netball
 Lexie Williams 8S – Netball

Year 9 Half Colours

Maya Kakou-Bruce 9R – Athletics
 Marylyn Yeboah-Kodie 9Y – Athletics
 AJ Parker 9Y – Athletics
 Andre Figueira 9Y – Athletics
 Hamida Sesay 9Y - Netball
 Najma Mohamed 9Y - Netball
 Jatasia Houston 9Y - Netball
 Ayobami Odukoya 9H - Netball
 Zoe Blatch 9R - Netball

Year 10 half colours

Loui McGrath 10H - Athletics
 Kyle Kerr 10H - Athletics

Year 10 full colours

Zoe Cozma 10I - Athletics, Netball
 Emily Cozma 10H - Netball
 Millie Elvin 10S - Netball
 Tahira Cunningham Reid 10S - Netball
 Kimaya Rhoden 10L - Netball
 Tia Samuels 10S- Netball

D Noirette - Head of PE

SPORTSPERSON OF THE TERM AWARDS:

Year 7 - Dante Walker

Year 8 - Shahzaib Khan

Year 9 - Marylyn Yeboah-Kodie

Year 10 - Tafari Smith



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



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 12 pm to 6 pm
Monday to Friday
07592 037 823

Alternatively you can contact us via email on:
outreach@croydondropin.org.uk

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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

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.

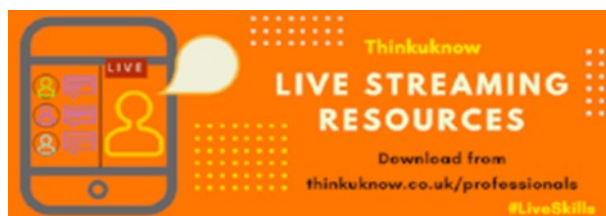
If you are worried about domestic abuse over the holidays:

- 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://croydonlscsb.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.



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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.

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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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

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HOLIDAYS, ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

HAF SUMMER 2023 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - For PARENTS / CARERS

What is the HAF Programme?

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides free holiday club spaces for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. Holiday clubs offer a range of exciting enriching activities and a healthy meal every day. General information about Croydon Councils HAF programme can be on the Croydon Council website.

Is my child eligible?

Children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are eligible for a space on the HAF programme. If you don't currently receive benefit-related free school meals but think you might be eligible, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

How do I sign my child up?

If your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals, their school should automatically send you an E-voucher via email/text. Follow the link for each child to register onto the Holiday Activities platform and book a space at a holiday club next you.

I'm in receipt of Benefits-related Free School Meals for my child, but I did not receive an email/text from Holiday Activities. What should I do?

If you have not received a voucher email/text, please contact your school. Codes are administered by schools and they will be able to ensure you have been added on their list. There are a number of reasons why your child may not have received a voucher, such as an incorrect email address/telephone number, your child's school are yet to issue codes, or your child is not eligible. In all cases, contact should be made via the school.

Where can I find a list of Croydon holiday clubs?

Once you have registered your child(ren) onto the Holiday Activities platform, you will find a list of clubs near you. Additionally an interactive document will be listed on Croydon's holiday Activity and Food page in the coming days. Whilst this also outlines the list of clubs we have available this Summer, all sign ups should be done through the Holiday Activities website.

How many credits is my child eligible for?

Each child will be issued with 16 free credits to use at one of Croydon's approved activity camps. Each credit is worth one day/session of provision at a Croydon Holiday Club (each day/session will be a minimum of 4 hours duration but some clubs may offer longer sessions).

My child has special educational needs and/or a disability, what support is available for them?

During the registration process, you will be asked to provide detail on your child's needs. All holiday clubs cater for children with low-medium levels of SEN and/or disability and children will be considered by each club on a case-by-case basis. We will have a specialist SEND provision this Summer which will specifically cater for children with medium/high levels of special educational needs. You can find details about our clubs on the booking platform.

I have booked my child onto a space however, I need to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances. Is this allowed?

You may cancel a space via the Holiday Activities platform. Please ensure to do this is good time ahead of the programme starting so the club can offer up a place to another child. Please log into the platform using the link you originally received, select the activity and date, and cancel. This should be completed as early as possible.

A full HAF interactive brochure is available on the Croydon HAF Programme webpage: [Holiday activities and food | Croydon Council](#)



HOLIDAYS, ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF)

Play Place Children, Youth and Community Summer Activities

Play Place are delivering a number of Croydon funded activities for families over the summer, including a HAF provision and their annual Playfest. These include:

4 HAF funded schemes (DfE and Croydon) and family fun programmes (Croydon Housing) in New Addington, Tollers (Old Coulsdon), Handcroft, Addiscombe, Green Lane (Thornton Heath) and Regina Road.

These are for young people aged 8+ to come and join in with a range of activities such as craft, sports, games and social. Four of these programmes also include a warm nutritious lunch for all young people who attend. *(It is worth noting if a child is under 8, they can still attend with a parent / carer).*

Youth work - there are of activities taking place in New Addington where young people can come and engage with our experienced youth workers as part of our work funded by the VRU (Violence Reduction Unit). We also have a project funded by London Youth taking place in Propeller.

Croydon Playfest - Friday 4 August 2023 (Public Community Day)

Location: Addington Park, (Kent Gate Way, CR0 5AR), 11 am to 4 pm

Wristbands are £2.50 per child (over the age of 12 months) and once in (apart from food) all activities are then free to be enjoyed as much as families want. This year we have inflatables, circus skills, music, and dance workshops, creche tent, crafts, sports, small farm, police engagement activities, wellbeing tents, rock school tent and so much more! We also have exhibition / display areas of which we have lots of Croydon based organisations coming down to engage with families but most of all to have lots of fun for all ages and the whole family.

There will also be a separate Playfest being delivered on Thursday 3 August 2023, however this is funded by and specifically for those attending Croydon HAF projects.

We are always looking for more organisations to get involved, so if this is something that you feel would be great for you to come and join in with then please let me know. Ami Roberts, Branding and Marketing Director, Play Place.

ami.roberts@playplace.org W: www.playplace.org

Water Safety

Please ensure you and your families are safe around water this summer. Here are some useful resources on to help with summer water safety:

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/pages/category/water-safety-education>

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



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