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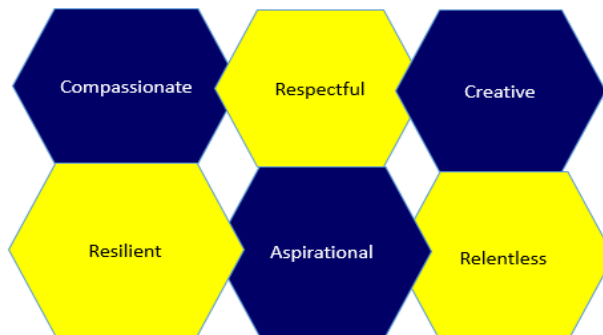
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SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS COLLEGE

Striving for Excellence

Cultural Capital Week

Monday 14 July 2025—Friday 18 July 2025



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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Cultural Capital Week – Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July 2025.

Shirley High School will be hosting its annual Cultural Capital week from **Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July 2025.**

Cultural Capital is an important part of the school year and provides experience, trips and opportunities to enhance the cultural development of our pupils. Part of our mission is to create successful global citizens and that means exposing them to different experiences.

This year we have introduced an “Experience” model where pupils select 2 different experiences (The year group reward trip is additional to the **two** trips therefore you may end up with **three** trips) The experiences are explained on our website, including information, the schedule and the cost of the trip.

Pupils must complete the shared google form before the end of the half term by ranking the Experience 1 -6 (highest to lowest priority). Once families have received their provisional offer they will have 10 days to check and confirm the Experience that they have been given.

This year we will also be running additional sessions in English, Maths and Science for any pupil that is working below their expected pathway and has not demonstrated a positive Attitude to Learning. We believe that this support will help pupils to fulfil their potential. This additional support will also be given to pupils that are not assigned to an Experience or have failed to make payment on time. Those pupils that refuse the trip they have been allocated may be allocated to another internal offer or additional help in either Maths, English or Science.

Year Group trips will take place at the end of the week (Friday). Qualification for this Reward trip will be dependent on Attendance, Punctuality and Behaviour. At this stage of the process please can you select if you are interested in taking part in the Reward trip so that the school has potential approx numbers.

As mentioned above the purpose of the week is to enhance the Cultural Capital of all our pupils therefore some Experiences will be allocated and paid for by the school for specific pupils. This is to ensure that they receive an experience that will help them to develop and grow.

To ensure that your child is considered for the Experience that they would like to take part in please can you complete the form ASAP.

Thank you in advance for your support and commitment to this important event within our school year.

Yours sincerely

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Art - Tate Modern

This trip is open to **Year 8 pupils only**

Day 1

Year 8 Modern Art Workshop

To develop pupils' knowledge of notable modern art movements and artists, including works they will encounter at the Tate Modern. Through engaging workshops, pupils will explore the ideas, techniques, and themes of Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art, and Surrealism, culminating in the creation of large-scale artistic responses.

Day 2

The Year 8 trip to the Tate Modern will immerse pupils in modern art as they participate in an engaging **Art Hunt**, locating and interacting with key works studied in class while discovering and connecting with new pieces independently. Alongside this, pupils will take part in a **Photography and Drawing Competition**, capturing their creative interpretations of the museum's art and spaces.

The day will include opportunities for exploration, hands-on sketching, and reflecting on their personal responses to the art, culminating in a group discussion and celebration of their experiences before returning to school.

Cost of Trip — Free

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Business - Build a brand for a food van

This event is open to **Year 9 pupils only**

Day 1

Pupils planning for a mobile business - Branding a food van. They are to come up with ideas

- Branding,
- Research competitors.
- Come up with a menu.
- Prices of products.
- Costs.
- Target market.
- Location.
- USP.

Create PPT to present on Day 2.

Day 2

Pupils will be given a template to cut out and assemble with equipment given. They will then have to brand their van and decorate the side panels, bonnet, back door and roof of the vehicle to represent a business of their choosing.

On completion the van should be free-standing. Pupils present their van to the rest of the class on a PPT.

Prizes for winners.

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Computer Science - Port Lympne

This trip is open to **Year 7 & 8 pupils only**

Day 1

In this workshop, pupils will **use AI to create their own games**, enhancing their problem-solving skills and fostering creativity. By integrating AI into game development, participants will gain hands-on experience with cutting-edge technology

Day 2

Following the success of last year's visit, we are organising another trip to **Port Lympne** in Kent. This 600-acre wildlife sanctuary is home to over 900 rare and endangered animals, including giraffes, zebras, rhinos, and gorillas.

Activities Include:

- **Safari Experience:** A guided tour through African and Asian habitats to observe free-roaming animals in environments that closely resemble their natural settings.
- **Dinosaur Forest:** An educational exhibit featuring life-sized dinosaur models, offering insights into prehistoric life and evolution.
- **Educational Talks:** Sessions on climate change and habitats, providing valuable information on conservation efforts and environmental awareness.

Cost—£35.00

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Dance & Drama West End Workshop

This trip is open to Years **7, 8 & 9** pupils

Day 1

Improving your Drama and Dance skills (learning new styles / set texts, plays)

Day 2

Musical Theatre workshop (External - West End)

Step into the spotlight and experience the magic of the West End in this dynamic workshop designed for aspiring performers! Led by professional West End actors and choreographers, this one-of-a-kind session will take you behind the scenes of London's iconic theatre scene.

Cost- £25

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DT - Architecture Experience

This trip is open to **Year 9 pupils only**

Day 1

Year 9 pupils will get a chance to engage with the City of London's visually exciting architecture and take pictures. They will travel from East Croydon Station to Blackfriars Station via train and visit the Herzog & de Meuron architecture exhibition at the Tate Modern, which opens on 1 June 2025. The exhibition looks at how architecture has evolved over the last 25 years and includes some experimental pieces too. Once pupils have had their lunch outside the Tate Modern, they will walk along the river, taking in the skyline of London's City to Westminster Pier, where they will board the River Bus service to Bankside Pier. They will walk to London Bridge station, taking in more of London's architecture through Borough Market. Finally, they will reach the station, using the Shard's entrance and returning to East Croydon Station, where pupils will be dismissed or collected.

Day 2

Periods: 1 & 2 - G06

Year 9 pupils will create a visual printed collage using their images taken on the trip and research the architects responsible for the London City skyline.

Periods: 3 & 4 - G07

Year 9 pupils will then have a chance to create a building from the London City skyline using hot glue guns, corrugated cardboard and coloured tissue paper.

Periods: 5 & 6 - G07

The Year 9 pupils will create world-famous buildings from international skylines using white paper straws and hot glue guns on coloured tissue paper with laminated templates.

Cost—£20

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English - Thames Walk

This trip is open to **Years 7, 8 & 9 pupils**

Day 1

An exploration of London through the ages. We'll look at old pictures of London, read extracts from descriptions of London over time and complete creative writing (in groups) by imagining the London of the future.

Day 2

A walk along the Thames, passing historic sites of Southwark Cathedral (hopefully visiting inside to see the Shakespeare Window); Borough Market (free time to wander here for older year groups), past the Globe theatre and up to the Tate Modern (where pupils can have free time to explore the art). We'll cross the Millennium Bridge and walk up to St Paul's Cathedral.

Cost—FREE

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English - The Globe Theatre

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Day 1

Pupils will be researching some of the amazing plays of Shakespeare which will include: Macbeth, Hamlet and The Winter's Tale. We will look at the different genres that he wrote and how these were indicative of key events that occurred during the span of his career as a dramatist and playwright. We will be studying how Shakespeare worked his way up in the theatre and how he went on to become one of the esteemed Queen's Men and then later under King James I, one of the King's Men.

Day 2

At the Globe Theatre itself we will have a Tour of the Theatre and get some insider information about what it is like to perform at the Globe. There will be a range of activities and games designed to draw out the elements of the play we focus on (most likely, it will be Hamlet). There will also be opportunities to explore a range of interpretations to encourage an informed personal response. All in all, a fantastic day at the theatre which builds on the learning and knowledge gained in Day 1's activities at school.

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Food Technology - Tate Modern

This trip is open to **Year 9 pupils only**

Day 1

Tate Modern & Riverboat trip

The Food Department is organising an exciting trip to the Tate Modern Museum for the Year 9. We will also be walking through the Embankment where they will enjoy a variety of street food. This will be followed with a river boat trip on the Thames where they will enjoy the sky line and history of London. This is a great opportunity for pupils to research and learn about career progression in this subject, but also to experience a taste of different cuisine and life skills.

Day 2

Food masterclass

Improve your cookery skills and wow friends and family with our food masterclasses. With the information from the trip pupils will work on creating a dish inspired by the designers research at Tate Modern. Throughout the sessions there will be opportunities for pupils to taste, test and compare food products. Therefore, it is essential that if your child has an allergy or intolerance to any food you must let me know before any practical work begins.

Cost—£5

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Geography - Climb the O2

This trip is open to **Years 7, 8 & 9 pupils**

Day 1

School based: considering the architecture of the O2 and how it was originally designed and how it has helped regenerate the area.

Through a smorgasbord of fun activities including an “Apprentice” style challenge on day one, we will be set for visiting the site day 2. Who will be fired? Who will be hired? (or should that be “Highered”)

Day 2

The view from the top of The O2 has everything you need to identify human and physical geography applying gained location knowledge from day 1, including the regeneration of the local area. Pupils opting for this will need a head for heights! (all equipment will be provided). Please note this trip could be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Pupils may need a valid travel card (TfL free travel will be applied for but can't be guaranteed!)

Cost—£27

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History - Imperial War Museum

This trip is open to **Year 9 pupils only**

Day 1

Following successful trips in the past pupils will embark on a transformative journey during Cultural Capital Week with a visit to the Imperial War Museum London. They will delve into compelling exhibits that chronicle conflicts from the First World War to contemporary times, offering profound insights into history's impact on society. Explore the First World War Galleries to experience life in the trenches and on the home front.

Our pupils will also reflect on the Holocaust Exhibition, which provides an in-depth study of this devastating chapter in history. They will engage with interactive displays and personal narratives that bring history to life, fostering a deeper understanding of global conflicts. This visit not only enriches historical knowledge but also cultivates empathy and critical thinking, essential components of cultural capital. This is an unforgettable experience that bridges the past and present, inspiring informed global citizens.

Day 2

Rationing in the morning. Pupils get to try recipes provided from the canteen to experience how families had to cope on rationed and unrationed foods.

In the afternoon pupils will watch an edited version of Hope and Glory. Pupils will have an activity to complete. The film is also a bit of local history as it is based on the director's experience growing up during the war in Rosehill.

Cost—£5 per pupil for food

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MFL - Language Cultural Day

This trip is open to **Years 7, 8 & 9 pupils**

Day 1

Trip to Cine Lumiere (French cinema)

Pupils will attend the cinema based at the French Institute. In the morning they will take part in a language activity based on a film they will then watch in the afternoon.

Day 2

Language cultural activities to include:

- *crepe making
- *food tasting
- *exploring French and Spanish artists/musicians
- *learning about traditions/festivals from French and Spanish-speaking countries.

Cost—£15

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Music - Games, Films and Karaoke

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Day 1

AM - Sci-Fi Movie Marathon - Pupils will get the opportunity to watch classic science fiction movies such as Star Wars, The Matrix. This will be decided by vote on the day.

PM - Karaoke

Pupils will be given time to practice their favourite songs, either as a group, or solo. Pupils will then perform their chosen song with microphones, competing to put on the best performance.

Day 2

AM - Pupils will choose between a variety of "Retro" video games and compete on the big screen.

Pupils will play split screen Games on the big screen, competing and collaborating on classic video games.

PM - Karaoke

Pupils will be given time to practice their favourite songs, either as a group, or solo. Pupils will then perform their chosen song with microphones, competing to put on the best performance.

Cost— Free

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PE - The Reach Climbing Wall

This trip is open to **Years 8 & 9 pupils**

Day 1

Pupils will spend the day developing their knowledge of climbing. This will involve safety videos, equipment information, climbing technique and analysis of Olympic climbing competition. They will also be briefed on the trip for the following day.

Day 2

Pupils will meet at East Croydon Station from 9.00am. They will travel by public transport (2 trains and 1 bus). The experience will involve 8 pupils to 1 qualified climbing instructor. They will have a 2 hour climbing session from 11.00 am-1.00pm. Pupils will then have lunch and return back to East Croydon Station.

The session will involve:

- Safety protocol
- Equipment
- Bouldering technique
- Climbing technique
- Billet technique
- Competition

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Science - London Zoo

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Day 1

A visit to London's famous Zoo to see the many animals and exhibits on show! We will learn about how these organisms are conserved by the wonderful work of the Zoo and pupils will have a chance to get up close to the wonders of nature.

Day 2

With the information from the Zoo pupils will work to discover the reasons that conservation is so important to our planet. They will discuss and debate ideas for conservation, and produce presentations on key organisms that they think need the most help.

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Science - Horniman Museum

This trip is open to **Year 7 pupils only**

Day 1

The Horniman museum in South London connects us all with global cultures and the natural environment, encouraging us to shape a positive future for the world we all share. Pupils will visit the myriad of exhibitions and collect information to bring back to present in school.

Day 2

After gathering information from the Horniman museum pupils will undertake a workshop to share and display their information. They will use their visit to the aquarium and natural anthropological exhibits to discuss.

Cost—£8

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Performing Arts Scholarship - Residential

This trip is open to **Performing Arts Scholarship pupils only**

Day 1

Workshop, Theatre show and dinner. Stay over in the London Hotel.

Experience an unforgettable theatre getaway in London! Enjoy an engaging workshop led by industry professionals, watch a spectacular theatre show in the West End, and savor a delicious dinner. Cap off the evening with an overnight stay in a comfortable London hotel, making it a perfect blend of creativity, entertainment, and relaxation.

Day 2

Theatre tour/ Shakespeare's Globe.

Step into the world of Shakespeare with a guided theatre tour at the iconic Shakespeare's Globe. Explore the rich history of this world-famous venue, learn about the Bard's timeless works, and gain insight into the magic of Elizabethan theatre. A must for theatre enthusiasts and history lovers alike!

Cost—TBC

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Flip Out—Friday 18 July 2025

Year 7 pupils only (depending on behaviour and attendance)

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Cost— TBC

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Thorpe Park—Friday 18 July 2025

Year 8 pupils only (depending on behaviour and attendance)

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Bowling—Friday 18 July 2025

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Cost— TBC

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