

Southend High School for Boys

Parent Bulletin

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In order to ensure a smooth transition in our pastoral support for all our pupils from one year to the next, we are introducing each year group to their new Year Leader with effect from the start of June. After half-term, and into the Autumn, the operational Year Leaders will be:

Year 6 into 7	Mr March	Year 9 (into 10)	Mrs Foley	Year 11 (into 12)	Mr Taplin
Year 7 (into 8)	Mr Groves	Year 10 (into 11)	Mr Cornall	Year 12 (into 13)	Mr Foley
Year 8 (into 9)	Mr Banham				

Last Friday we celebrated with our Year 13 students as they marked their final day in lessons with a buffet, year group photograph and valedictory speeches. At the heart of all that was said were three simple messages:

- we wished them well for their exams: success will be achieved in proportion to the effort that has been and will be devoted to their revision;
- we thanked them: communities thrive on account of the 'discretionary effort' of their members – our school is no different and the students leaving us can look back on all the ways they have helped to make SHSB such a remarkable school; and
- we urged them to think about how they shape their lives in the years to come – to consider teaching as a profession but, above all, to explore and discover what they might best contribute to, and achieve, in the decades ahead.

It is appropriate that this bulletin consists entirely of news of pupil successes, including from amongst their year group.

Congratulations to **Harrison Smith** who, following a victory in the ETU European Sprint Duathlon in Soria, Spain during the May Day holiday weekend, is now:

British, European and World U20 Sprint Duathlon Champion!

Congratulations to **Keenan Ngo** who has added to his success in school the title of Havering Young Musician of the Year Award.

Congratulations to **Zoe Gutteridge** who emerged as the overall winner in Warwick University's GSD (Global Sustainable Development) essay competition – according to the academic panel of judges, she *"demonstrated a solid grasp of both social media as a technology, and of sustainability. The argument was clear, the bibliography well selected, and the writing style good ..."*



School produces 14 county champions in Chelmsford event

SOUTHEND High School for Boys are celebrating after 14 pupils returned from the Essex Athletics Club County Championships as county champions.

The school has sent a team of athletes to the highly-regarded competition for the last 20 years, but the pupils that travelled to Chelmsford this time proved to be hugely successful.

Max Farrell, of Year 7, was named county champion after coming out on top in the long jump and high jump.

Emmanuel Iheanetu won silver in the 75m hurdles, while Nicholas Watson was the runner-up in the long jump.

Tolu Olufeko and Ronnie Adoma also returned with silver medals, in the discus and shot putt respectively.

Mohammad Khan took bronze in the 75m hurdles, with Noah Wooding coming third in the discus.

An impressive eight Year 9 students excelled and returned from the eagerly anticipated event as county Champions

On the track, Aaron Samuel, Matt Warner and Malik Oshyemi won gold after coming first in the 1500m, 3000m and 300m respectively.

Will Harris was the frontrunner in the javelin, while Senyo Ablorde could not be beaten in the shot putt.

Ben Cotton was the winner of the discus contest, as Ken Ikeji's strength was pivotal in securing gold in the hammer.

Emmanuel Oke completed the Year 9 winners by coming first in the triple jump.

While Samuel took gold in the 1500m, he was also able to leave Chelmsford with a silver medal around his neck following his exploits in the 800m.

Oshiyemi, who also picked up gold on the track, came second in the triple jump.

Ikeji won silver in the discus, with Ablorde coming within a whisker of winning the hammer contest.

Nathan Sands was the runner-up in the pole vault. Harley Waller also enjoyed success in the pole vault, coming third.

Noah Townley and Mo Ladele claimed bronze medals in the discus and high jump respectively.

Years 10 and 11 also excelled in the competition. Sam Bennett was competing for Basildon Athletic Club, but the Southend High School for Boys pupil became a triple county champion due to superb performances in the 100m hurdles, 100m and 200m. Bennett also broke two school records.

Joseph Roser claimed his place at the top of the podium in the pole vault. Meanwhile, Jack Shankland and Andrew Gare won silver in the high jump and pole vault respectively. Sam Butcher also secured a silver medal.

Steve Thomas, of Southend High School for Boys, was delighted with the achievements of his pupils at the Essex Athletics Club County Championships.

"The results are phenomenal," said Steve Thomas. "In all my years of entering these County Championships for Essex clubs I have never had such a fantastic spread of results. The Year 9 team, in particular were outstanding."

(from the Southend Evening Echo)

from **Mr Davidson**

On Wednesday 17th May, the annual **Have Your Say** Languages competition took place at Thomas Lord Audley School in Colchester. Students were asked to perform dialogues and read aloud from unseen passages in French, Spanish or German. Twenty of our pupils took part, from years 7-10. I am pleased to say that the SHSB contingent was one of the largest on show!

In the face of some very tough opposition, we managed to gain four second places and one third place. We are all determined to come back next year and aim to convert these positions into some wins for the school! I would like to congratulate everyone for taking part and for supporting each other in this challenging event.

The full details of our success are as follows:

Second places for:

Year 7 French Tom Evans with Zak Nabi
Year 9 French Alfie Lee with Matt Warner and
Joe Mather with Jake Palmer

Third place –

Year 9 Spanish
Hector Palmer with Ade Olugboji

from **Mr Quarcoo**

Congratulations to all those who participated in this year's **Junior Mathematics Challenge**, a national competition with many thousands of entrants across the lower secondary age range. Our top three performers have gained places to compete in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad with a further 15 pupils securing Gold certificates. The top results were obtained by:

Year 7	Charlie	Chubb
Year 7	Zachary	Sims
Year 7	Jonathan	Burrows
Year 8	Oscar	Blackwell
Year 8	James	Stephens
Year 8	Luke	Tyler
Year 8	Hrishikesh	Sidharthan
Year 8	Henry	Barber
Year 7	Dylan	Astley
Year 8	Alfie	Mullender
Year 8	Alfie	Tuck-Bridge
Year 7	Calvin	Mugari
Year 8	Conrad	Fielden
Year 8	Timothy	Long
Year 8	Nathan	Hawke
Year 8	Ishaaq	Fethi
Year 8	Louis	Rowe
Year 7	Dhakshin	Gopalakrishnan

Spelling Bee Competition

At first, I was wary; I had never taken part in a competition for the school before, but something inside me was daring me to do it. The first stage of the Spelling Bee was the most nerve-racking one, mostly because the results came in two weeks later!

Later that day, I celebrated with my parents, but I knew more was coming.

The next few stages went by in a blur, and before I knew it I was in the final stage. The ride in the coach was daunting. Tahmid, Tian and I never spoke to each other. In the end we came fifth out of fifteen. Of course we felt disappointed not to have done better, but the experience was amazing. Before, I was afraid of a crowd, but not now.

All in all, I would say it was a great experience and was extremely fun!

Dhakshin Gopalakrishnan (7EA1)

Results

Athletics

Multi-Events @ Brentwood	Lawson 2222 pts	Lawson 8 th place
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Cricket

Year 9 vs Champion	Won by 9 Wickets	Jarrett 33
Year 8 vs Brentwood	Lost by 9 Wickets	Green 44, Kidgell 32
Year 7 vs STM	Won by 10 Wickets	Vapiwala 16 n/o, Yilmaz 14 n/o
Year 10 vs STM	Won by 9 Wickets	Jindal 13, Bellchambers 9 n/o, Mellor 3-2-1.3
Year 8 vs STM	Won by 8 Wickets	Kidgell 18, Humpage 14, Adley 13
Year 7 vs KEGS	Lost by 8 Wickets	Page 13 n/o, Apicella 1-18-2

Tennis

U13 vs New Hall	Lost 6-0	
U15 vs New Hall	Won 5-1	
U13 vs KEGS	Won 4-3	
U15 vs KEGS	Won 5-1	

Fixtures

06-06-17 U13 Tennis vs Coopers

06-06-17 U15 Tennis vs Coopers

07-06-17 Year 10 Cricket vs St Martins (A)

12-06-17 Borough Athletics Heats @ Garons

15-06-17 National Track and Field Cup – Regional 'A' Final @ Bedford

16-06-17 Borough Athletics Finals @ Basildon (Gloucester Park)