

Southend High School for Boys

# Parent Bulletin

Weeks 27 & 28

31<sup>st</sup> March 2017



*In the approach to last Summer holiday, we challenged pupils to spend at least a day (and preferably a week) without access to their phones, internet or gaming devices. We know a lot of pupils responded and many have thanked us for the encouragement to break that dependency.*

*Smartphones are impressive and welcome examples of contemporary hybrid technology.*

*However, their misuse can have catastrophic consequences. Their overuse can give rise to obsessive, addictive and destructive behaviours.*

*In the next Parent Bulletin, we will share more thoughts on this theme and invite parents to a related workshop. In the meantime, I would like to extend our 'phone free' challenge to parents too. Enjoy the break!*

Robin M. Bevan

In recent weeks we have seen significant progress with the **new building and site development**. The main construction will house a new library and study area, careers room, classrooms, ICT room and pastoral base. The steel frame is completed, the roof is being finalised and the walls will soon be rising from the ground.

In the weeks ahead the construction access road will be converted into our main vehicular route onto the site, with visitor parking in the "top" corner of the field. This development will, at long last, allow us to separate pupil (pedestrian and play) space from the arrival and departure of cars and vans. The project is close to schedule, but there may be some delays ahead. The original grant was sufficient for these expansion works, but not enough to cover the cost of the additional works associated with the "planning conditions" imposed by the Local Authority.

We are awaiting expectantly the outcome of a further 'grant request, which – if successful – will see the whole project completed during 2018 with the new building accessible, we hope, before Christmas of this year.

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This **Friday, 31st March**, is the last day of term; school will finish for pupils at around **2.25 pm**. Those pupils who wish to stay at school until 3.30 pm must report to the Main Office following Final Assembly.


Following the Easter break, pupils should return to school on **Tuesday 18th April** at normal time. A reminder that the following day, **Wednesday 19th April**, is a non-pupil afternoon; pupils will finish school at 1.00 pm on that day. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate pupils on site during the afternoon; please make alternative arrangements with them.

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The **Parent Forum** is a small but representative group of parents who meet once or twice a term to act as a focus group through which the School can gain parental insight on a range of matters. This term we were fortunate to have an informative and thought provoking presentation from the School's recently formed LBGQT+ Society. Three students shared some candid experiences and sought some advice on how to take the group forward. We will also be considering Equality and reviewing the School's Equalities Statement of Intent. If you would like to suggest any topics for discussion at the Parent Forum, please send an email to enquiries@shsb.org.uk and include "Parent Forum" in the subject line. The Parent Forum does not discuss individual cases which are better addressed directly with the relevant form tutors and pastoral teams.

I am very pleased to welcome two new Parent Governors to the Governing Body. You can read their brief "pen portraits" used in the election campaign below.

<p><b>Syed Ali Moinuddin</b></p> <p>"I, a former pupil, am the Head of Research and Development in Radiotherapy at University College Hospital, London where I am responsible for project planning, research activities and post-graduate education".</p> <p>Syed lives in Westcliff-on-Sea.</p>	<p><b>Tracey Whittington</b></p> <p>"Primary School Headteacher – OFSTED Outstanding Leadership and Curriculum. Teacher for 21 years – was a headteacher for the National Literacy Strategy; worked with UKLA and Cambridge University regarding Dialogic teaching".</p> <p>Tracey lives in Southend-on-Sea.</p>
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<p><b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b></p> <p>Fairtrade fortnight is an annual celebration of everything Fairtrade. From February 27th to March 12th, we as a school sold 450 Fairtrade items (chocolate and jumpers) and we made about £300 on the chocolate alone, all going to the Fairtrade cause.</p> <p>We also organised many events for the rest of our pupils to enjoy. On Pancake Day, the Fairtrade committee offered everybody toppings, like syrup, whipped cream and chocolate (all being Fairtrade.) We also hid bananas all around the school; organised a Fairtrade quiz and we had cake at the end to top off the fortnight. All of these fun events ended up in LOTS of chocolate for all of us to eat.</p> <p>I joined Fairtrade committee very recently, and I have already had lots of fun (and chocolate.) I have always wanted to help the disadvantaged farmers, but until I got on board the committee, I had no idea how easy and fun it is. Hopefully, we can beat our sales next time round and have even more fun (if possible.)</p>	<p><b>Joshua Higgs 8ST1</b></p> 
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### **British Schools Karting Championship 2017**

On March 7th our A Team (Charlie Lamb, Edward Boswell and Ben Albon) finished 2nd in the BSKC 2017 local-final and have now qualified for the regional final. Our B team (Max McNamara, Charlie Willis and Sam Kernott-Mcavoy) came 5th out of 12 teams.

The regional final will take place on Saturday 6th May at Buckmore Park starting at 8.45am.

## Felsted MUN

James Hicks, 12.5

Over the two-day period of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February, myself and three other A-Level Government & Politics students (Olivia Wass, William Webster and George Wright) attended the Felsted Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, representing the delegation of the Ivory Coast. This was an enjoyable two days in which we participated in many debates over resolutions presented by numerous other delegations. Myself and Olivia, as part of the joint committee of Economic and Social & Ecology and Environment, put forward our own resolution on improving the accountability of foreign aid. Subsequently we had to respond to questions from the floor and then take on board any amendments. Fortunately, our resolution passed convincingly with support from both delegations of fellow African nations as well as wealthier Western delegations. Overall, the conference was very insightful and we were all glad to attend, especially as our Government & Politics course focuses on international relations next year. As a result, we have been in correspondence with Dr Bevan over holding our own MUN conference here at SHSB, hopefully at the start of the next school year (September 2017).



Many of our pupils are involved in activities, clubs and sport outside school. We encourage students and staff to live adventurous and active lives. There are often stories of individual success. We can't include all of them in the Parent Bulletin, but wanted to highlight the achievements of Louie Apicella (7EA1) and his football team who made it through to the U12 London County Cup Final at the Mile End Stadium.

Louie's team is called Aztec FC and is based in Dagenham/Hornchurch. He has faced a number of challenges in recent years that makes this success well worth commending!

## **Results**

### **Football**

Year 10 vs STM (Borough Cup)	Drew 1-1 (Won 6-5 on pens)	Colvill
Year 9 vs Greensward (SEE Cup)	Won 6-0	Goy, Harris, Bumpus, Harrison, Mead, King
Year 8 vs WHSB (SEE Cup)	Won 4-1	Muller, Pascal, Keane 2
1 <sup>st</sup> XI vs Appleton	Lost 7-0	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI vs WHSB	Lost 4-1	Roser
Year 8 Borough Final vs Eastwood	Won 3-1	Pascal 3
Year 9 Borough Final vs Eastwood	Won 4-3	Mead, Bumpus, Roser, Harris
Year 10 Borough Final vs WHSB	Won 2-1	Mellor, Monk
Year 11 Borough Final vs STM	Won 5-0	Barrett 2
Year 8 SEE Cup Final vs King John	Lost 4-1	Pascal
Year 9 SEE Cup Final vs FitzWimarc	Won 5-0	Roser 2, King, Oshiyemi, Mead

### **Rugby**

Sixth Form Essex 7s	Lost in Group Stages	
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### **Basketball**

Sixth Form vs SEEVIC	Won 74-50	Littlejohn 35
Sixth Form vs Great Baddow	Won 90-77	Littlejohn 20+, Luckman 20+

### **Fixtures**

20-04-17 Athletics (Track + Hammer and Pole Vault) vs Eastwood

24-04-17 Athletics (Track) @ Chelmsford

25-04-17 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football (Essex Cup Final)

26-04-17 Athletics (Field) vs Eastwood (A)

27-04-17 U13 Tennis vs Felsted Prep (A)

27-04-17 U15 Tennis vs Felsted (A)