

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A World-Record Attempt Comes to Southend High School for Boys!

We are delighted to announce what promises to be an exciting, and ambitious event that will bring the whole school together, and raise funds to support the school for future generations.

On **Monday 13th July**, every pupil in the school will take part in a special fundraising event that combines competition, teamwork, school spirit and a genuine attempt to make history. Together, we will be aiming to set a **new world record for the largest number of people playing marbles simultaneously**. We would love to encourage our **Year 11s and 13s** to return to school to take part. Further information about how these Year groups sign up will follow shortly.

To mark the occasion, the day will take the form of a **sponsored school marbles tournament**, with pupils competing in teams through a series of matches. The most successful teams will progress through the knockout stages to the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and ultimately the Grand Final, where our inaugural school champions will be crowned.

As an added incentive, the winning team will have the honour of representing the school as a **wild-card entry to the British and World Marbles Championship**, competing against some of the finest marble players from around the world.

The entire tournament will be **live streamed** on the day, allowing parents, friends and family members to follow the action from home. Throughout the event, viewers can enjoy live commentary, match updates, interviews and coverage of all the excitement as teams battle for a place in the final. Please be assured that we will avoid any filming/photography of any student whose parents withheld consent at the start of the school year.

We will have several distinguished guests in attendance, including the Mayor, local media and members of our Charitable Trust, helping to make this a truly special occasion for our pupils and the wider school community.

This event is being run in partnership with our school's **Charitable Trust**, whose outstanding work has helped provide significant additional resources and opportunities for our pupils. Further information about the Trust and its work can be found here: [SHSB Charitable Trust](#)



As part of the fundraising element of the event, we ask every pupil to seek sponsorship donations from friends and family members. Donations can be made easily and securely through the Charitable Trust's online giving portal: [Donate!](#)

We are encouraging every pupil to aim for a minimum sponsorship target of £10, although we would be delighted if families feel able to exceed this amount. Every pound raised will directly support projects and initiatives that benefit our children and enhance school life.

Opportunities to attempt a world record do not come along very often. Combined with the excitement of competition, the chance to represent the school at a national championship, and the ultimate aim to raise valuable funds for our school community, this promises to be a truly unique day.

We hope that every pupil will embrace the challenge with enthusiasm, sportsmanship and determination, and we look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you all.

Further details regarding team allocations and livestream access will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Worth
Headteacher



SHSB Charitable Trust

It's easy to sponsor a student. Please use this link [Donate!](#), or the QR code, and share it with friends and family.

There is an added House competition with the fundraising, so be sure to let friends and family know what House your son is in as they will be asked when they make the donation.