

Southend High School for Boys

Parent Bulletin

Weeks 11 & 12

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Many thanks are due to **Ms Schabsky** who has been teaching German with us since the start of the academic year: her contributions have been valued and gratefully received. As she returns to employment in Germany, **we welcome Mr Flamanck** into our Modern Foreign Languages department as a permanent replacement.

Parents will understand the ever-increasing financial pressure on schools and, in particular, how that bears down on the provision that is made in the least well-funded institutions such as our school.

In that context, we are **very fortunate to have a keen and active team of volunteers raising funds through the Parents Association**. We are very grateful to them for all their efforts. We have just received a generous donation of funds from the PA, totalling £10,000. A portion of these funds has been put to good use with immediate effect: paying for **a replacement projector for the screen in the Frampton Theatre**. The Theatre is used for year group assemblies, evening presentations and regularly in drama lessons. **Every pupil will benefit**. The residue of the donation has allowed the school to place an immediate order for replacement fire doors in the Languages building. This is overdue and very welcome, and illustrates how constrained our public funding is when essential premises improvements depend on voluntary contributions.

The aspect of school funding that has been impacted most profoundly since 2012 has been our Sixth Form. In 2012/13 every student in the Sixth Form was funded at £4000 per year. In 2018/19 we still receive exactly that sum amount of money. This “cash protection” is, of course, a real terms reduction. As costs have increased, the provision that we can make with a fixed amount of money decreases. Inflation has reduced the purchasing power of our Sixth Form funding by 20% across this time.

Parents may therefore be interested in the dedicated **RaiseTheRate** campaign – sponsored by a variety of organisations, including the Grammar School Heads Association and the National Governance Association – aimed at redressing Sixth Form funding.

Find out more at <https://www.raisetherate.org.uk/>

Sign the petition at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/230140>

STOP PRESS ... *If you would like your son/daughter to have school Christmas dinner, a reminder that the deadline for booking on WisePay is midday on **Monday 26th November ... STOP PRESS***

Thomas Goodburn 10ST3

Our Visit to Israel and Palestine

In October half term, 11 others and I went to Israel and Palestine. It was an eye-opening trip which revealed all the cultural differences between Israel and the UK. We visited many places within Israel and Palestine, including, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and The Dead Sea in Masada.

On the first day in Israel we stayed in Haifa. This modern city stood in stark contrast with many other parts of Israel that we visited but also highlighted Israel's modern and westernised side.

During the middle of the week, we visited Masada and the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea is the lowest point on the surface of the planet and delivered the best swimming experience I, and many of the others who came on this trip with me, had ever had. It was calm and relaxing in the midst of an otherwise fast paced but very interesting week.

Afterwards we spent two days in Jerusalem and learnt many things about its history. This included all the different cultures and religions that have occupied this beautiful part of the world in the past. They now come together to create the Jerusalem that you can see today.

During autumn of 2020, SHSB are hoping to visit Israel again, but this time are planning to include Jordan in the trip.

I would strongly recommend this trip, as it was an amazing experience that I will never forget.

For the 37th consecutive year: undefeated since 1982 – Southend High School for Boys has retained the **borough cross-country championship trophy**. The school had individual winners in the Year 8 (Sam Riley), Year 10/11 (Aaron Samuel) and Sixth Form races (Sam Norris). Indeed, the Sixth Form teams utterly dominated with runners, including the School Captain, finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th. In all the other races, the SHSB scorers (six per squad) were very closely packed, with the lowest placed scorer an impressive 13th. Our teams progress to the national finals, in Woodbridge, this Saturday.

Meanwhile a number of our pupils have been **excelling in activities beyond the school** which deserve congratulation and a public mention.

Hudson Lawrence (11ST3) competed in the ESSA schools trials for diving. He came 2nd, gaining both the Silver Medal and a new PB of 265 points in the 3 metre board (obtaining 57 points in one dive). He will now go on to represent Southend High School for Boys at the national finals in Stratford in December.

Zac Finnie (10EA3) became our second-ever karate world champion. Zac won silver in his individual kata completion and became world champion winning gold in individual kumite (fighting). The competition was attended by 41 countries and had over 2280 entrants. The opening ceremony was on Friday and Zac competed over four days (Thursday to Sunday) to secure his wins. Zac subsequently secured the Southend Activity Award (what used to be Southend Sports Awards) for Young Sports Personality of the Year!





Also to note, following his impressive season – European 110m Hurdle champion – **Sam Bennett** was awarded the National U18 Athlete of the Year. He collected the title at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry, funded and supported in memory of the legendary Ron Pickering.

Results

Football

Year 8 vs Forest [Essex Cup]	Won 5-4	Gbajumo 2, Shepherd, Bennett, Graham
1 st XI vs Gable Hall	Won 4-0	Camm, Mellor, Weston, Willmore
2 nd XI vs Campion	Lost 8-1	Farquharson
Year 10B vs Brentwood	Drew 1-1	Humphrey
1 st XI vs King John	Drew 2-2	Mellor 2
2 nd XI vs FitzWimarc	Lost 4-2	Farquharson, Butcher

X-Country

Regional Final	JB: 3 rd 50 pts	Riley 2 nd , Shepherd 11 th , Holling 17 th , Cole 20 th
	IB: 3 rd 48 pts	Muller 6 th , Crickmay 8 th , Maguire 13 th , Vapiwala 21 st

Rugby

1 st XV vs Barking and Dagenham	Lost 29-7	Smithson 1T 1C
1 st XV vs New Hall [Essex Cup]	Lost 24-5	Barnes 1T
Year 9 vs FitzWimarc [Essex Cup]	Won 48-10	Adoma 2T, Farrell 2T, Faint 1T 4C
Year 11 vs FitzWimarc	Won 55-12	Ikeji 3T, Lockhart 2T, Abayomi 1T, Ablorde 1T, Lawson 1T, Yau 1T, Jarrett 5C
Year 8 vs Gt Baddow	Lost 30-15	Price 2T, Jeacock 1T
Year 9 vs Gt Baddow	Won 62-0	Wooding 4T, Farrell 3T, Adoma 3T
1 st XV vs KEGS	Won 31-19	Shaw 2, Sutton 2, Barton 1, Smithson 3C

Basketball

Year 8 vs Chase	Won 70-0	Quansah 30
Year 11 vs Cecil Jones	Lost 32-29	
Year 8 vs KEGS [Essex Cup]	Won 51-23	Onouha 20, Price 12
Year 9 vs Cecil Jones	Won 80-3	
Year 11 vs St Martins	Won 78-35	Ikeji 18, Ravi 14, Jakunta 10

Netball

Sixth Form vs WHSB	Won 14-5	
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Fixtures

22/11/18 – Year 9 Basketball vs Chase (H)
22/11/18 – Year 10 Basketball vs Chase (A)
22/11/18 – Year 7 Basketball vs Chase (A)
23/11/18 – Year 8 Rugby vs FitzWimarc
23/11/18 – Year 7 Basketball vs Chase (A)
24/11/18 – Cross Country National Final @ Woodbridge
26/11/18 – Year 9 Rugby vs Coopers (A)
27/11/18 – Year 7 Basketball vs Cecil Jones (A)
27/11/18 – Year 9 Basketball vs New Rickstones (H) [Essex Cup]
27/11/18 – Year 11 Rugby vs Tabor (H) [Essex Cup]
28/11/18 – 1st XV Rugby vs Champion (A)
28/11/18 – 1st XI Football vs Beauchamps (A)
28/11/18 – Year 9 Rugby vs Westcliff Rugby Club (A)
29/11/18 – Year 9 Basketball vs Gt Baddow (A) [Essex Cup]
29/11/18 – Year 7 Basketball vs Shoebury (H)
30/11/18 – Year 10/11 Badminton vs STM (H)
01/12/18 – Year 8 Rugby vs KEGS (A)
01/12/18 – Year 9 Rugby vs KEGS (A)
01/12/18 – Year 10 Rugby vs KEGS (A)
03/12/18 – Year 8/9 Badminton vs STM (H)
04/12/18 – Year 10 Basketball vs St Martins (A) [Essex Cup]
04/12/18 – Year 11 Football vs KEGS (A) [Essex Cup]
04/12/18 – Sixth Form Basketball vs King John (A)
05/12/18 – 1st XI Football vs Plume (A)
05/12/18 – 2nd XI Football vs FitzWimarc (H)
05/12/18 – Year 7 Basketball vs Southchurch (H)
06/12/18 – Year 8 Basketball vs FitzWimarc (H) [Essex Cup]
08/12/18 – Year 8 Rugby vs St Martins (A)
08/12/18 – Year 9 Rugby vs St Martins (A)
08/12/18 – Year 10 Rugby vs St Martins (A)