

Southend High School for Boys

# Parent Bulletin

8<sup>th</sup> February 2019



“Every year at Southend High School for Boys we run a charity week, aimed at raising funds for one local and one international charity.

This year our chosen local charity is South East and Central Essex Mind – a fantastic organisation focused on supporting local people struggling with mental health issues. They offer counselling, guidance and sheltered accommodation, as well as seminars and workshops to local institutions such as ourselves.

Our chosen international charity is UNICEF, who support children in danger around the world with food, healthcare and education.

This year we are making a concerted effort to outperform recent years by setting ourselves the ambitious target of ten thousand pounds – ‘Project £10k’.

In order to achieve our target of ten thousand pounds, we are running over 30 different events in school across the week of 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March.”

**Please encourage participation, assist with donations and join in the evening quiz on the Thursday night.**



“At the end of January, the SHSB School Quiz team (Ben Abbott, Matthew Kilgour, Oscar Blackwell, Alfie Tuck-Bridge) took on KEGS in the east of England regional final. We had already beaten Westcliff Boys and Bishop Stortford School in the preliminary rounds. Bancroft's School kindly allowed us to have a warm-up match which we won by 360-250! The final was held in Richard Hale School in Hertford! KEGS had players who were clearly knowledgeable and confident and unfortunately stormed into a commanding lead early on. It was difficult to recover from that and the end score was 650-310. Questions varied from 'Which Shakespearean character had poison poured in his ear?' to 'What was the name of Peter Rabbit's mischievous cousin?' So we ended as regional runners up but there's always next year! We were supervised by Mr Sanders.”

*Oscar Blackwell*

“At school we have organised an ‘Esport club’ that is on every Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime. Throughout the last few weeks we have been running an in-school Overwatch competition for students from year 8 to year 13 to select two teams that will represent us at the regional tournament taking place at the end of March in Lakeside. The winners of the tournament this year are year 13 students Jordan Oduyoye, Jamie Line and Michael Mell. The runners-up are Oscar Stacey, Harry McDonagh and Adam Gayner of year 11.”

*Ed Zhang*



As a school, we place considerable value on the support that we receive from parents. It is, of course, our responsibility to ensure that every pupil thrives, even if home circumstances are challenging: we are proud of our record in this respect. We trust that our regular Bulletins and other home communications keep you well-informed. We know that parents welcome the facilities offered by the school website, which includes – for example – the full diary for the school year. We have had many helpful comments from parents about our new approach to reports and we remain open to suggestions as to how we can develop our systems even further.

Parents play a central role in ensuring that son/daughter thrives in school. We know that a few simple and regular habits make a very significant difference.

- ✓ Please do ask your son/daughter, “What did you learn today?” (Avoid the tendency to ask “What did you do ...?”)
- ✓ Please do maintain a regular check on homework. You have access to Show My Homework. Take a look at the tasks that are being set. Take a look at the work that is being produced. There is only one question to ask: “Is that your best?”
- ✓ Please do take an interest in what your son/daughter is eating. We still have a small number of pupils, using money provided by Mum or Dad, who buy their food on the way to school and live, all day, on a packet of biscuits or family size portion of crisps! This can be avoided by using the payment cards and opting for the school’s catering service.

It is immensely helpful, also, if parents raise any concerns with the school at the earliest opportunity.

**Please don’t delay your initial contact.** We have had a number of communications, recently, in which parents have expressed disappointment because we haven’t addressed an issue as swiftly as they might have hoped, *in circumstances* where we hadn’t been advised that there was an issue!

**However, please be respectful of our staff.** You may feel strongly about an issue. We may have got something wrong. Letting us know politely, with mutual respect, allows us to find a solution much more easily.

**And, please be realistic about the speed of response.** Every communication to the school is viewed on the day of receipt, but it can take a few days before an appropriate course of action or response is available. Our Year Leaders have teaching duties, each of them has responsibility for close to 200 pupils, and they have to prioritise their workloads. If you do feel the need to ‘follow up’ please do so on the assumption that the matter is ‘in hand’.

Thank you.

## **Results**

### **Football**

2 <sup>nd</sup> XI vs Champion	Lost 3-2	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI vs Appleton	Lost 3-1	Philips
1 <sup>st</sup> XI vs Forest	Won 2-1	Camm, Reynolds
Year 8 vs Phillip Morant	Won 5-0	Fiddes 3, Gbajumo 2

### **Hockey**

Year 8 Essex Tournament	Lost 2, Drew 1	
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### **Rugby**

Year 9 vs Brentwood [Essex Cup semi-final]	Lost 21-15	Olufeko, Evans, Wooding 1T each
1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs King John	Won 24-5	

### **Basketball**

Year 7 vs WHSB [Borough Final]	Lost 54-37	Aylward 10, Fadina 6
Year 8 vs WHSB [Borough Final]	Won 62-52	
Year 11 vs Shoebury	Lost 71-38	Mead 10
Sixth Form vs King John	Won 72-69	

### **Athletics**

Year 7 Lee Valley Indoors [semi-final]	4 <sup>th</sup> place and 5 <sup>th</sup>	Both qualify for final
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### **Fixtures**

01/03/19 – Year 8 Basketball vs WHSB (A) [Essex Cup]  
04/03/19 – Year 7-9 Borough Table Tennis @ STM  
04/03/19 – Year 7 Essex Hockey Tournament @ Redbridge Sports Centre  
04/03/19 – Year 8 Rugby Sevens @ Southend Rugby Club  
05/03/19 – Year 9 Rugby Sevens @ KEGS  
06/03/19 – Year 7-10 Borough Swimming Gala  
06/03/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football vs King John (A)  
06/03/19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Football vs FitzWimarc (H)  
06/03/19 – Year 11 Football vs Greensward (H)  
07/03/19 – Sixth Form Basketball vs King John @ Eastwood School  
07/03/19 – Year 9 Football vs Eastwood (A) [SEE Cup]  
07/03/19 – Year 10/11 Hockey East Region Final @ UEA  
07/03/19 – Year 7 Football vs STM (A) [SEE Cup]  
11/03/19 – Year 10/11 Borough Table Tennis @ STM  
12/03/19 – Year 10 Rugby Sevens @ Champion  
13/03/19 – Year 8 Football vs WHSB (H) [Borough Cup]  
13/03/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football vs Brentwood (A) [Essex Cup semi-final]  
14/03/19 – Year 7/8 Sportshall Athletics @ Garons  
14/03/19 – Year 10 Football vs Chase (H) [Borough Cup]  
14/03/19 – Year 11 Rugby Sevens @ Coopers