

Southend High School for Boys

# Parent Bulletin

15<sup>th</sup> March 2019



Charity  
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*“Thank  
you for all  
your  
support!”*

It was exciting to hear news from last year of the designation of India's first Fairtrade School and to discover, in the report, the role played by SHSB in supporting their development towards this award. Follow the link to find out more!



## [India's First Fairtrade School! | Fairtrade Schools](#)

16th August, 2018. India's First Fairtrade School! We are so excited that the first Fairtrade School in India was announced this week! Lots of events are planned at Vidyashilp Academy in Bangalore as they become India's first Fairtrade School.

In February, 28 A-level physics students went on a trip to visit CERN to see machines such as the Large Hadron Collider which is the biggest particle collider in the world and the new Anti-Matter Factory. While at CERN, we were given a tour of the ELENA (Extra Low Energy Antiproton) synchrotron which decelerates anti-matter particles so that they can be investigated. The physics behind production and control of antimatter were explained and the new experiment to investigate the interaction of gravity and anti-atoms was shown to us. (Hi tech equipment such as foil is used to reduce temperature changes so that a vacuum can be formed quickly!) In addition, we were given a talk on how the huge quantities of data from experiments is stored and we were able to see the European internet hub servers. We stayed in central Geneva and were given time to go shopping and explore the city before taking in the local culture of the medieval town, Annecy, which is located in France.

**Mrs Peek**

SHSB students eagerly anticipated the much-awaited Ski Trip to Sestriere Italy on February 15th at 9pm, lugging their bags to school and embarking on the mountainous 18-hour coach journey with excitement and enthusiasm. Upon arrival in Italy, our rooms were assigned and a delicious dinner was served, fuelling students up for the strenuous week ahead. After a quick recovery at Cima del Bosco, the first day of skiing had arrived, and the 5-hour ski school has commenced. From 3 groups of beginners, to multiple intermediate standards of skiing, SHSB took the slopes by storm, and it was not long before everyone was paralleling at speed down the sunny slopes of Sestriere. In amongst the skiing, students had an abundance of activities lined up; a quiz night, a trip to the swimming pool and even a quick excursion to the French luge! Endless amounts of fun were had throughout the week and each day our team of expert instructors pushed us to our limits, with all blue, red and black runs being dominated by the green army. Finally, on our final day of Friday afternoon, we said goodbye to Sestriere, and embraced the fact everyone had now become a skier.

**Molly Traynor 13.8**

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Congratulations to our aspiring legal professionals – Joe Denny and Lynnsey Clay – who have now progressed through to the finals of the Giles Wilson Moot competition. In a semi-final adjudicated by barristers from Trinity Chambers, the two proved how much effort they had expended in preparation and conducted themselves superbly.

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And, in the meantime, our sports teams continue their impressive run of tournament success at national, regional and local levels.

In Hockey, the Year 10/11 team have reached the National Finals – undefeated on their way – to take place at the Olympic Park, Lee Valley.

In Badminton, the two squads (junior and intermediate) both won the Essex Youth Games and are going to the regional finals of the national competition in Cambridge at the end of the month.

In Rugby, our impressive Year 9 players made it through to the Essex semi-final losing 20-15 to Brentwood; whilst the emerging Year 7 talent then lost Essex 7 a side semi-final to Davenant.

In Athletics, both Year 7 teams have qualified for the Essex indoor athletics final next week at Lee Valley indoor athletics centre.

In Swimming, the school won the borough gala (undefeated in this competition since 2002), with a compelling lead over WHSB.

In Football, every year group has a team in the borough semi-finals which unfold across the next week.

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## Results

### **Football**

1 <sup>st</sup> XI vs King John	Won 7-0	Camm, Mellor, Skinner 3, Reynolds 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI vs FitzWimarc	Lost 4-1	Philips
Year 11 vs Greensward	Won 5-1	Roser 2, Bumpus, Sweetman, S-Hinds
Year 9 vs Eastwood	Lost 5-3	Page, Wooding, Vladut
Year 7 vs STM	Won 4-2	Agyemang, OG, Perry, Toluwalaju
Year 8 vs WHSB	Lost 3-2	Shepherd, Graham
1 <sup>st</sup> XI vs Brentwood	2-2; 3-3 aet; Lost 5-4 pens	Camm, Monk, OG

### **Hockey**

Year 7 Essex Tournament	Won 1, Lost 3	
Year 10/11 Regional Final	Beat Bedford Modern 4-1 Drew with Joyce Frankland 1-1 Beat Joyce Frankland in penalty stroke play-off 3-1  Advance to National Finals	Malcolm, Sands, Green 2 Cotton (pen) Cotton, Tompkins, Malcolm

### **Rugby**

Year 9 Sevens	Lost in semi-final vs Davenant	20-17
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### **Basketball**

Year 8 vs WHSB	Lost 69-40	
Sixth Form vs King John	Lost 67-58	Omosho 27

### **Athletics**

Year 7 Sportshall Athletics	4 <sup>th</sup> place	
Year 8 Sportshall Athletics	8 <sup>th</sup> place	

### **Table Tennis**

Year 10-11 Borough Tournament	SHSB top 4 places	Webb 1 <sup>st</sup> , Grant 2 <sup>nd</sup> , McAllister 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Hallegere 4 <sup>th</sup>
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### **Swimming**

Borough Gala	Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
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### **Fixtures**

18/03/19 – Year 7 Football vs Belfairs (H) [Borough Cup Semi-Final]  
18/03/19 – Year 8 Football vs Southchurch (H) [SEE Cup Quarter-Final]  
20/03/19 – Year 7 Indoor Athletics @ Lee Valley  
20/03/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football vs WHSB (A)  
20/03/19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Football vs SEC (H)  
21/03/19 – Year 11 Football vs WHSB (A) [Borough Cup Semi-Final]  
26/03/19 – Year 9 Football vs WHSB (H) [Borough Cup Semi-Final]  
27/03/19 – Year 9 Hockey vs Saffron Walden and Thorpe Hall  
27/03/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football vs Beauchamps (H)  
27/03/19 – Year 11 Football vs King John (H) [SEE Cup Semi-Final]  
28/03/19 – Year 7 Football vs Eastwood (A) [SEE Cup Semi-Final]  
29/03/19 – Year 8/9 and 10/11 Badminton Regional Final @ Cambridge University  
30/03/19 – Borough Cup Football Finals @ STM  
02/04/19 – SEE Cup Football Finals @ STM  
03/04/19 – 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football vs Beauchamps (A)

Parents who have been following the national news reports in recent weeks can't fail to have noticed that school funding has again been the subject of considerable coverage. The Guardian reported in depth on Monday of this week following the release, last week, of a standard letter by thousands of schools across the country.

## [School governors unite in 'deep concern' over cuts and staffing | Education | The Guardian](#)

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

Leading English state schools having to axe 'vital aspects of a rounded education', letter says

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Update - School Funding Issues**

I wanted to contact you to provide an update on current issues relating to school funding.

Sadly, I have to confirm that despite intense lobbying of the Government and Department for Education, matters remain extremely challenging. In short, schools are still not being assured of adequate funding and resource to deliver the level of provision and support that is expected and that our families and children deserve.

These issues are not simply affecting a few schools. They are common features across our education system up and down the country. Levels of concern are so widespread amongst headteachers that we are all working together with a united voice.

### **Current Concerns**

#### **Across the country:**

- since 2010 school budgets have been reduced in real terms by 8% and by 20% at post-16
- class sizes are rising and the curricular offer is being restricted
- increasingly, schools are being asked to support with children's emotional health and wellbeing. Frequently, we do not have adequate resource to meet a growing need.
- often, the most vulnerable students in our schools - those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - are bearing the brunt of cuts and schools are struggling to provide the levels of support that they are entitled to.

In September 2018, over 2000 headteachers campaigned at Westminster in order to underline the seriousness of the current situation. This action was unprecedented.

The 'Worth Less?' campaign group now comprises 64 Local Authorities and Boroughs, covering thousands of schools and millions of families. This gives a clear indication of the levels of concern felt by reasonable and moderate head teachers in England.

We continue to recognise that there is not a 'bottomless pit' of money and also acknowledge that many local MPs from across the political spectrum are taking a supportive approach. We must make clear, however, that the current response from the Department for Education is inadequate.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that this week a group of Southend secondary school Headteachers were able to meet with the Schools' Minister, Rt Hon Nick Gibb. This meeting took place in the House of Commons and was facilitated by the MP for Southend West, Sir David Amess. We were able to explain about the seriousness and impact of the funding crisis.

### **Why we needed to meet**

- Headteachers want to contribute constructively to overcome current funding issues.
- Headteachers want to reflect the serious concerns expressed by families regarding inadequate levels of resource and provision especially for our most vulnerable students.
- Headteachers want to ensure that schools receive a much better deal when future Government spending plans - the Comprehensive Spending Review - are drawn up over the next few months.
- Headteachers want to indicate serious and rising concerns relating to the wider pastoral and social care that schools are expected, by default, to provide against a background of severe cuts to Local Authority provision.

Headteacher colleagues and I, feel fortunate that we have been so strongly supported by parents and carers as we campaign for a much improved level of funding for our schools and pupils. We urge you to continue to make representations to your local MP and to the Department for Education and wider Government to ensure that matters improve.

We will continue to inform you of the facts and to campaign vigorously over coming weeks and months. As yet the Secretary of State for Education has promised nothing.