

Keeping in Touch



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Well another term has flown by and, yes, it's the Christmas holidays. Last week saw the publication of our Ofsted report. We have been given a judgement of Good (with outstanding features).

This is a hugely positive report and reflects the progress that the school has made, so it's an ENORMOUS well done to the students, staff, parents, governors and the wider community. Our next focus must be to convince Ofsted that we are outstanding in every respect and this is closer than we have ever been: WE WILL DO IT! The term has ended with a fabulous Christmas celebration at the Baptist Church; our thanks go to them for allowing us to use the church for our celebration. Last night's Year 8 parents evening also had a real buzz about it, as parents, staff and students discussed learning.

The end and start of term arrangements can be seen below and on our website. It only remains for me to wish you and all those whom you love a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.

Expect Excellence

Mr M Schofield
Head Teacher

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Ski Trip 2018~ 8 weeks to go! Please check, over the Christmas, period that your son's/daughter's passport and EHIC are in date. Passports, EHICs and pocket money must be brought into school in January so that they can be checked and stored securely on the way to Austria. If you have any questions about the trip please contact Mr Root. Martinroot@shoeburyness.southend.sch.uk

Year 10 CiDA Students~ Students following the CiDA IT course will be sitting their Unit 1 exam on 10 January 2018 at 1:20pm in G10/G11/G12. This is a 2½ hour practical computer-based exam on web design that they have been preparing for all term. This exam is worth 25% of the final overall grade for the course. A revision session has been arranged for all students on 9 January from 3-4pm in IT2. There will also be a 'boot camp' for all students during period 3 on 10 January to help students with final preparations for the exam. If you have any questions regarding the Year 10 CiDA course please contact Mr Root. Martinroot@shoeburyness.southend.sch.uk

Mr M Root
CPDL Business & Computing

Theatre Arts~ Now that all the staff and students from the school show have had time to recover we can reflect back on the success of **Rock of Ages!** I am so proud of our students and all that they achieved in the school production last week. You really are all stars and an absolute credit to the department and the school.



Our busy performance schedule has continued into this week with a performance at Kathryn Court care home. Thirty of our Shoebury Dynamix students performed a selection of songs and dances to provide entertainment to the residents who all clearly enjoyed the fantastic energy that our students have.

Our students also performed this week, a song at the annual school Christmas Celebration showing what a diverse group they are! I want to wish all of our Theatre Arts students and families a restful Christmas break and we look forward to starting our Dynamix troupes once we return in January.

Miss Young- Theatre Arts

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Fixtures~ Monday, 18 December: Under 16 Boys v Northampton – National Schools (Away)
Tuesday, 19 December: Under 13 Boys v STM – Essex Cup (Home)
Monday, 8 January: Under 16 Boys v Woodlands – National Schools (Home)

Football~ U13 girls football game on Monday, 18 December - Home v SHSG

Netball~ Congratulations to both Year 8 and 9 netball squads who beat Greensward last week. Year 9 netball girls beat Greensward 9-4. Player of the match Abbie Hunt. Well done!

Date for Year 7 house netball - Monday, 15 January. All house captains need to get their teams organised.

Ms Hawker

Please follow the~ PE Department Twitter for updates on fixtures, results and PE notices. @pe_shs

Mr Butler -PE Department



7m Star's chocolate project~ Students were offered the chance to become chocolatiers & actually design and make their own chocolate product. They had to consider branding, target audience and have a USP. Students really embraced the opportunity to be creative and even made ethical choices by opting to go Fair Trade. They were really proud of their products & enjoyed making them. Their efforts were both impressive and surprisingly tasty! Watch out Cadbury's!

Mrs K Gleaves - English Department

F.O.S.H would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who bought a raffle ticket or who bought refreshments at the school show ROCK of AGES last week. You helped us raise £750. Well done and thank you. All further fundraising events will be advertised in the Keeping in Touch. Thanks you again. Heather, Kathy and Beth (F.O.S.H)



VoiceMale~ over sixty Year 11 boys have been singing this week in VoiceMale performances in assemblies and at the school's Christmas celebration.

They are absolutely **BRILLIANT!**

On Wednesday, 20 December you can see them perform at Waitrose in Fossetts Way (10.15am approx) and then ASDA in Shoeburyness (11.15am approx). Please come and see them if you can. They have worked tremendously hard and thoroughly deserve their success.

Mr J Dale - PL Year 11

End of Term Arrangements ~ Wednesday, 20 December 2017. The school will be open until 12 noon for students and it has also been agreed that this will be a non-uniform day. The normal contribution of £1 should be brought in and handed to learning tutors. I would like to remind parents that staff will be teaching normal lessons right up until the end of term.

Start of the New Term January 2018 ~ Wednesday, 3 January 2018. This will be a normal school day for all students in Years 7 to 13. Students will return to a Week A timetable.

Mr H Williams - Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday, 20 December: VoiceMale tour
Wednesday, 20 December: 12.00 end of term
Wednesday, 3 January 2018 (8.30am) start of term [Week A continued]