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19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carers,

So much going on this week as well as all the great work in every golden hour of teaching and learning. Year 7 and 8 have been working hard taking their assessments this week so we and they can see how much they know and where improvements can be made. As I have said before assessments are a great chance to show off and an opportunity to reflect on how to get better.

This week has seen huge numbers of Year 10 taking part in the Jack Petchey Workshop focusing on oracy skills and the power of being able to properly articulate yourself through the spoken word. Key skill employers are looking for and all did very well. We are grateful to Mrs Ginbey and Mrs Handford for leading the way.

Members of our Sustainability Club led by Mrs Fry went to The Street in Maldon to share ideas and plant trees to do our bit for the planet.

### Year 8 Consultation Evening and Options

Thank you to all Year 8 parents and carers who joined us yesterday evening for the Consultation Evening. A real buzz about the place as many questions were asked about progress and the Options process. Well done to all who attended the Taster Sessions for Options this week, the timetable for next week is below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>22/01</b>	Citizenship (RES2)	Health & Social Care (T5)	Construction (CO) Design in the Built Environment (TE3)	Hair & Beauty (HS)	Business Studies/Retail Business (DR3)

**The sessions may be subject to change so do encourage all to listen out for the tannoy.** The reason every subject, Maths and English for example, are not included here is because those Taster Sessions will be taking place in class.

### Mrs Handford – Literacy

Well done to all involved in DEAR time this week. DEAR time next week will be on Wednesday, period 5. Just a little reminder that all of Years 7, 8 and 9 should have a reading book with them every day as part of their essential equipment.

Thank you to everyone who supported our popup book shop at Year 8 consultation evening last night. It is always so lovely to see parents engaging with this.

## Cultural Capital:

### Mrs Heseltine – Assistant Head Teacher - Cultural Capital

#### Post 16 – Mrs Robertson

Our Independent Careers and Advice Guidance Counsellors Directions will continue to meet with Year 11 pupils in the run up to the PPES. I will shortly be confirming applications with all pupils. With the PPEs a few weeks away, it is important that pupils look back at the grade requirements for the courses opted. This must inform on revision and preparation to ensure that the results of these PPEs show they are on track to meet the entry requirements in August.

#### Apprenticeship Workshop:

On Tuesday the Apprenticeship workshops will be taking place. Pupils will be informed during tutor time on Tuesday of their timeslot and will also receive a reminder the lesson before. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to explore the apprenticeships available and attend a CV writing workshop.

#### Post-16 Application deadlines:

**Southend High School for Girls – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Westcliff High School for Boys – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Westcliff High School for Girls – 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Bromfords – 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Billericay – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

#### Upcoming events:

Southend High School for Girls



**Sixth FORM**

**Apply now to join in September 2024**

**Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January**

As a student at Southend High School for Girls Sixth Form, you will join a dynamic and highly motivated group of like-minded young people, hungry for success.

If you would like to visit, we welcome prospective students and families to visit for a tour on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9am or 2:30pm. To attend the tour please email [sixthform@shsg.org](mailto:sixthform@shsg.org) or complete the form using the QR code.

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#### Rate My Apprenticeships

On **Thursday 1st February**, RateMyApprenticeship is hosting its second edition **Apprenticeship Accelerator**, a FREE virtual event giving pupils an exclusive look at apprenticeships.

REGISTER FOR FREE (<https://apprenticeshipaccelerator.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/>)

The event isn't just for pupils. We encourage parents and carers to come along to find out more about the apprenticeship application process. Our panels of industry experts include recruitment managers and current/former apprentices from some of the best apprenticeship employers in the UK including,

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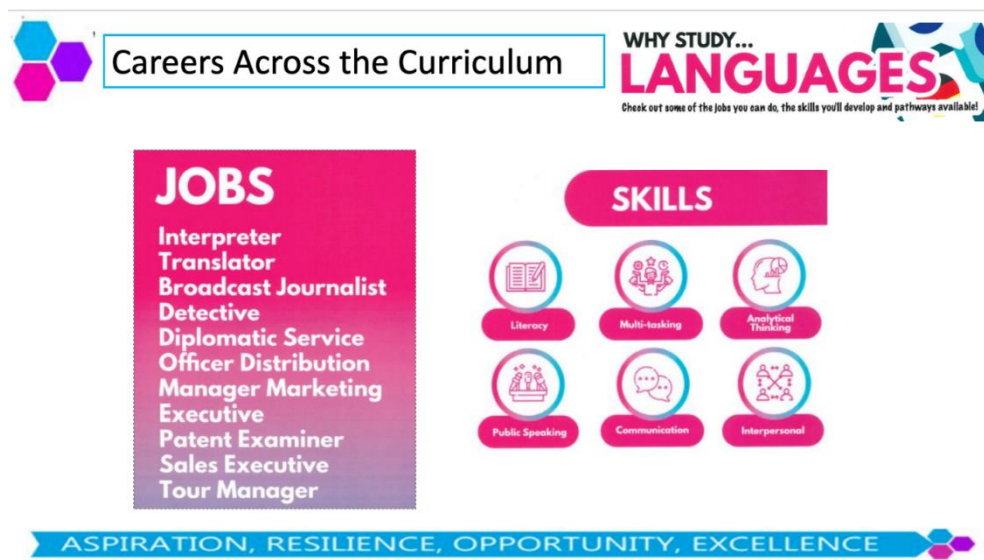
### Work Experience – Mrs Robertson

Pleasing to see many Year 10 pupils having secured placements for July's work experience. For those of you who have yet to find a placement please remain active in your search. Tutors can support during tutor time and pupils have access to the company database and email template through Satchel One.

Thank you to parents/carers who have responded to the FORMS survey. This will remain open for another week should your child require additional support in finding a placement please complete the survey.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email on [kro@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:kro@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk)

### Careers across the Curriculum – Mrs Robertson



**Careers Across the Curriculum**

**WHY STUDY... LANGUAGES**  
Check out some of the jobs you can do, the skills you'll develop and pathways available!

**JOBS**

- Interpreter
- Translator
- Broadcast Journalist
- Detective
- Diplomatic Service Officer
- Distribution Manager
- Marketing Executive
- Patent Examiner
- Sales Executive
- Tour Manager

**SKILLS**

- Literacy
- Multi-tasking
- Analytical Thinking
- Public Speaking
- Communication
- Interpersonal

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### Enrichment Opportunities: Extra-Curricular Activities and Pupil Leadership Roles – Mrs Heseltine

We will have two new clubs starting after half term, Pond Club and Romanian Club! This is exciting news for our pupils and provides even more opportunities for them to get involved in.

Mrs Christmas and Miss Pavel will be sharing more information about these two new opportunities in the coming weeks.



A quick reminder to Year 10 pupils that the deadline for Prefect Applications closes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.

More information about the clubs and Pupil Leadership Roles that we offer can be found below:

[Enrichment Opportunities Page \(Clubs, Pupil Leadership Roles, Trips/Visits links\)](#)

### ePraise Top Achievers Shout Out – Mrs Robertson

The pupils receiving the most AROE ePraise points this last week are:

#### Aspiration

Florence Year 10

Caleb Year 11

Jessica Year 11

Jana Year 9

Gabrilina Year 10

#### Resilience

Rhinnii Year 11

Ella Year 9

Amelia Year 7

Thomas Year 11

Morgan Year 10

#### Opportunity

Austin Year 7

Omokorede Year 11

William Year 11

Adi Year 9

#### Excellence

Brandon Year 9

Gracie Year 9

Noah Year 7

Lilly Year 9

Well done all and keep it up!

### AROE Curriculum lessons – Miss Ash

Please ensure that you have checked the AROE lesson Parental Communication Calendar for you to familiarise yourselves with the topics due to be covered this half term:

[AROE Parental Communication Calendar 2023-24](#)

**Year 7** – Relationships – Diversity ([RELATIONSHIPS](#)) - *This unit will cover diversity, prejudice, and bullying.*

**Year 8** – Relationships – Discrimination ([RELATIONSHIPS](#)) - *This unit will cover discrimination in all its forms including racism, religious discrimination, disability, discrimination, sexism, homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia.*



**Year 9** – Respectful Relationships –([RELATIONSHIPS](#)) -*This unit will cover families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and relationship changes.*

**Year 10** – Financial Decision Making ([LIVING IN THE WIDER WORLD](#)) - *This unit will cover the impact of financial decisions, debt, gambling and the impact of advertising on financial choices.*

**Year 11** – Communication in Relationships ([RELATIONSHIPS](#)) - *This unit will cover personal values, assertive communication (including in relation to contraception and sexual health), relationship challenges and abuse.*

All information regarding how we deliver Relationships, Sex and health in AROE lessons can be found here: [AROE Curriculum & RSHE Policy](#)  
[RSE Parental Right to withdraw form](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email on [has@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk](mailto:has@woodlandsschool.essex.sch.uk) should you have any queries/concerns.

#### **Breakfast Club – Miss Brohan**

Breakfast club is running like normal next week, however there is a room change. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January breakfast club will be in TE5 instead of TE4.

#### **Assemblies – Mrs Heseltine**

This week Miss Jordan led the Year 11 assembly on PPE Revision and Preparation, next week their focus will be on PPE expectations. Year 8's has had a change to the assembly themes and have had the opportunity to hear from Head of Departments about a range of subjects that they can opt for in the coming weeks, and this will continue next week.

Years 7, 9 and 10 have had their Cultural Capital assemblies this week led by me. Pupils were reminded of importance of building their Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours to ensure they can grow their Cultural Capital and be the best version of themselves when they leave school, standing out from their peers and making themselves employable and sought after.

Next week Years 7, 9 and 10 will have assemblies led by Mrs Robertson in relation to careers and career paths in a slight change to the schedule.

#### [Assembly Themes 2023.24](#)

#### **Dates for Diaries**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: A final reminder for the Year 11 Preparing for Success event from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

#### **Moving forward**

We are constantly looking at ways to ensure that communicating with you is simple and not too overwhelming with a vast number of apps. Whilst we are not there yet we will be working hard over the next couple of years to explore every provider out there until we are completely satisfied that it does all we want it to do.



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Satchel One is a step in the right direction but we are seeking in the future to have one platform where everything can be there. Progress, attendance, rewards, sanctions and anything else we feel you might need access to. We are not there yet but will continue to work hard here.

One step in our attempt but begin to pull things together, whatever the platform may be moving forward, will be from next week as you will be receiving notifications through Satchel One only. This letter will be the last one sent via Groupcall as we look to simplify things and make communication a little easier.

Reception and email are the best ways for you to contact us directly and the website should have all you need along with social media where we are on X, Instagram and Facebook.

Best wishes,

Mr David Wright  
**Head Teacher**

