Welcome to the Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year.

I would like to say welcome back to all returning students (and their parents), and Well Done to last year's Year 11 and 13 students who did so well in their exams. They are now embarking on the next stage of their future. Many Year 13 students are heading off to university or work; and most Year 11 students have returned to school as the new Year 12 in our sixth form.

I would especially like to wish all new students joining us a successful time at the school.

I have already met many parents at the Year 10 and Year 11 Information Evenings, and look forward to meeting more at the Awards' Evening and future Information Evenings.

Here’s to another successful school year!

Mr Martin, Headteacher
SCHOOL EXPANSION CONSULTATION UPDATE

As you will be aware, the governors are considering a request to accept more students into the school. The consultation period has now ended and I would like to thank all those who attended the information evening and/or submitted a written response. Governors will now consider all aspects in order to make a decision.

NEW HOUSE SYSTEM
Reported by the House Leaders

We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all students on adjusting very well to the new format of the school day and how lovely it is to see how smart they all look in their uniform with their new house badges, which all students now have. Should your child lose the badge, it is 78p to replace and all badges can be bought from the finance office during break and lunch times.

For ease of identification the forms initials have been adapted to reflect the new house system; the format identifies the year group, the house followed by the form tutors initials, for example 7SKB is a year seven form in Sycamore House with Mrs K Bevan as the form tutor. Last week everyone had their first house assembly which brought years 7-13 together to share the beginning of the house system, all of which were very successful.

The house system has been put in place to engender a real sense of community and develop a holistic approach to a student's education at Shenley Brook End, part of our role is to support this process and monitor student progress within each of our houses. We are really looking forward to the coming year getting to know the students in our houses and supporting them on their journey through the school.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Please can you return your completed data collection sheets as soon as possible. If you did not receive one, please ask your child to request a copy from reception.
LIBRARY NEWS
Reported by the Library Team

The Library Team, Mrs Deeley, Miss Mason and Mrs Spurrell, would like to extend a special welcome to all students and staff who have joined the school this term. Everyone automatically becomes a member of the Library when they join the school and we look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks. We do not issue Library Cards; all loans are issued via the computer.

In general, the Main Library is open to students from 8.30am to 4.30pm daily apart from Friday when it closes at 4.00pm. Students are welcome to come at morning break, lunchtime and after school. There are 15 computers available for all year groups, on a rota basis, for use during lunchtimes and after school. Unfortunately, at the moment, the library will not be available after school. We will notify you as soon as this situation changes.

Students in Years 7 to 10 may borrow three books for a two week period. Books can be renewed for a further two week loan unless they have been requested by another borrower. A small fine is charged for overdue resources at a daily rate of 2p with a maximum of £1 per resource. Year 11 students may borrow six books for a three week period, with a daily overdue fine of 5p per resource. Every Week 1 we issue overdue reminder slips to students via registration trays. After two reminder slips have been issued a letter will be sent home.

We regularly hold events in the library, which will be well advertised, and also have Games and Puzzles lunch times and Quiet Reading sessions every two weeks. There is a lower school reading group which meets once or twice each half term and we have started to hold half-termly debates. Please ask the library staff if you would like to participate in either of these activities.

The Sixth Form Resource Centre is open to all Sixth Form students who wish to study in a quiet environment for individual private study. There are 31 computers available for students to use. Opening times are displayed on the door.
Continued  … LIBRARY NEWS

A Debating Club meets every Week 2 on Tuesday lunchtime and a Reading Group meets half-termly. These will be advertised by posters and on the notice board outside the Centre.

Further details are available from the library team. Sixth Form students may borrow six books for a three week loan period. Please do not hesitate to ask if you require any advice on how to use the library effectively or if you need any reading suggestions.

Debating Club
The 6\textsuperscript{th} Form Debating Club kicked off this season with a politically-themed motion: \textit{‘This House would vote for Ed Milliband in the next General Election’} Joe Dolling proposed the motion and focused on Milliband’s roots – that he is a man of the people, for the people, more in touch with what the country wants and needs. In opposition, Cameron Prentice chose to cite David Cameron’s successes in handling the coalition government; along with his leadership qualities on the world stage, and his influence upon the gradual upturn in Britain’s economy. The speakers were confident and entertaining and their banter would not have been out of place in the House of Commons. The committee voted by 2 to 1 in favour of Joe, a result reflected by a show of hands from the floor.

Our next debate will be on Tuesday 24 September at 12.35 in the 6\textsuperscript{th} Form Resource Centre. The motion will be, \textit{‘This House believes playing violent video games negatively impacts on attitude and behaviour’}. Both speakers are from our new Year 12 student body - Mark Hart will propose the motion and Chloe McCreadie, who suggested the motion, will speak in opposition.

NEWSLETTER
We will continue to print and post the newsletter to those parents who have not registered an email until October half-term. Following that we will only print and send paper copies when requested.
WRITERS’ CORNER

Examples of creative writing from some Year 7 and 8 students

50 word mini sagas written as part of the extra-curricular afternoon on Thursday 12 September.

Lost at Sea
My friend told me that this was going to be fun. But now I’m stuck at sea. My best friend and me. I don’t know where I am. I asked my friend, do we have a phone, do we have food??!! Hang on a minute I really need to tweet.

Jordan J and Jack P 8SRF

The Tiger
As the tiger crept through the bushes I was unaware of what was about to happen; it was stalking me. It pounced. Its claws ripped through my flesh. Blood sprayed everywhere, I screamed in unbearable pain that was overwhelming me. Then I suddenly realised; my cat has got serious anger issues! LOL 😊.

Eloise 7CSP Katy 7HRH

The Scary Fear
As he walked into the abandoned house, the old tarnished door slammed behind him. It scared him so badly he set off a trap. He fell into the cellar! He thought he would be trapped forever but he saw a glimpse of a key. But the key set wasn’t a key...

Rhys Partridge 7CSP

The Scariest Night of My Life!
I was in my bedroom and suddenly I heard a loud bang outside the door, I opened the doors to find large glowing green eyes staring at me. All of a sudden they disappeared. What had happened? Suddenly I felt a cool breeze on the back of my neck.

Hermione 7HRH and Vanessa 7CSP
Continued ...  WRITERS' CORNER
Examples of creative writing from some Year 7 and 8 students

Hide and Seek
We hid in the basement... hearing the pant of counting numbers in my head then, the sudden sound of him coming! Clitter clatter down the wooden stairs louder....and louder breathing in my ear, I heard “FOUND YOU”, the sudden scares was all for a game of hide and seek.

Hope Jones and Ellie Lanigan 7CSP

LANGUAGE TEAM NEWS
Reported by the MFL Team

On Friday 21 June a group of 12 Year 8 Language Leaders spent the day at Wicksteed Park, leading activities for primary school pupils, ranging from Year 1 to Year 6. Our Language Leaders really made us proud as they quickly got on task, managing groups of 75 enthusiastic pupils and showing how TENSILE they were. Their team work, ability to think on their feet, problem solving skills and communication made the activities a real success as we were surrounded by group after group of pupils. Although quite tired by the end of the day, they still had a bit of energy left to go on the rides on offer, with the Pirate Ship being a clear favourite. I was indeed very proud of the Language Leaders and happy that their work throughout the year to decide upon and produce resources for these activities paid off.
Well done to them!

On Tuesday 25 June a group of 60 pupils from Long Meadow came to visit us for an afternoon of Language activities. There were 9 “stations” all led by language students and all offering a fun activity in French, German or Spanish, about various topics such as pets, cutlery, food and more. Soon it was time for thank you and good bye before we waved our Long Meadow peers bon voyage….at least until next year

Reported by Mrs Amekhfi
MFL teacher
MFL Key Stage 3 Leader
Equalities Leaders
EUROPEAN COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCE (ECDL)

An ECDL course for adults (over the age of 18) will be run at Shenley Brook End School during term time on Tuesday evenings starting 8 October 2013, 16.00 - 18.00.

The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is an internationally recognised qualification which is widely recognised by employers as proof of ability and competence when working with IT. ECDL improves understanding of computers and promotes efficient use of software. A basic knowledge of computers is required prior to starting this course.

The qualification is broken down into seven modules, each of which must be passed before an ECDL certificate is awarded. The order of the modules will be decided by the school. Participants can attend all lessons or some, dependent on prior knowledge. Those with comprehensive prior knowledge can opt out of lessons and sit the examinations at the school on dates agreed with the tutor.

The seven modules are:-
- Security for IT Users
- IT User Fundamentals
- Word processing
- Spreadsheets
- Database Software
- Presentation Software
- Using Email and The Internet

The software used for the course is Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2007.

Costs

£100 plus £25 for registration, including all tests.

If you are an external candidate who wishes to sit a test at our centre there will be a charge of £30 per test, however we may be able to offer a discount for multiple entries.

For further information please contact Ms Tsang at the school.
CREATIVE ART

Reported by the Art Team

Students got off to a creative start for the extra-curricular clubs in the art department on Thursday 12 September. Miss Parry and Mrs Fitz-Gibbon led some interesting activities to launch our new KS3 art clubs for years 7-9.

We will be running a new art club every half term in art room 2 on Tuesdays after school 3.30-4.30. Come along, experiment, be creative and try something new.

This half term is an introduction to Hundertwasser working in relief.

STUDENT SERVICES

Focus On ........

Homework

Homework support sessions are now running on a Wednesday 3.30 - 4.20pm in the Library.

For more details visit The Student Services Office.
**WINTER MENU**
*A word from '@EAT’ - the school's catering facility*

As the colder nights draw in, the days are a lot cooler also and as a result the menu is now focused less on salad based accompaniments but more comforting foods such as Pies & Chillies! It is a great time to let your child have a sample of the hot meals we offer each day.

Please remember that for all free dinner entitlements the £2.20 usage is only permitted at lunch time, it cannot be used at break time. Also, any balance does not rollover to the next day. **Main Meals** are £1.80, **snack items** such as pizza slice are £1 and fruit is from 30p. Homemade cakes are 80p and **drinks** start at 30p. There is an automatic £4 daily limit on all accounts unless a written request is given.

If you are unsure how much money your child needs each day, we suggest between £2.50 -£3. We also have an online top-up facility, so you can top up from home or work. You can even see what your child bought on a particular day online. So why not check out our menu. Give your child a great choice of food and variety each day, without the burden of sending them with cold sandwiches. The new season is upon us!

**Week 4 - Sample Menu**

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<td><strong>Main Meal</strong></td>
<td>Chicken Burrito</td>
<td>Beef &amp; Mushroom pie</td>
<td>Honey Roast Gammon</td>
<td>Shepherds Pie</td>
<td>Deep fried haddock</td>
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<td><strong>Main Meal 2</strong></td>
<td>Chicken in Black Bean Sauce</td>
<td>Jerk Chicken with Rice &amp; Peas</td>
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<td>Spaghetti Carbonara</td>
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<td><strong>Special of the day</strong></td>
<td>Salmon pasta</td>
<td>Tuna Pasta Bake</td>
<td>Fishcakes</td>
<td>Prawn stir fry</td>
<td>Deep Fried Battered Haddock</td>
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<td><strong>Vegetarian Option</strong></td>
<td>Butternut Squash &amp; sweet Potato Curry</td>
<td>Cauliflower Cheese</td>
<td>Vegetable Lasagne</td>
<td>Four Cheese Tortellini</td>
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<td><strong>Daily Pasta Dish</strong></td>
<td>Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread</td>
<td>Pasta in a Neapolitan Sauce with Garlic Bread</td>
<td>Italian Tomato with Garlic Bread</td>
<td>Roast Vegetable Pasta with Garlic Bread</td>
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*Menu selection may change, subject to availability.*
Student Services

Need someone to talk to... but don’t know who to approach?

Need help with something... but don’t know where to go?

The Student Services Office is the place to go for information on support available to students.

For more information, leaflets are available from the Student Services office.

Opening Times
Monday - Friday
Break time ...... 10:20 - 10:40
Lunch time ...... 12:25 - 13:10
After school ...... 15:25 - 16:00