

LETTERS TO PARENTS SINCE THE LAST MAILING

Senior School

Y7	Parents' Evening MidYIS House Challenge Day Trip to Ice Sheffield Christmas Show Karate lessons Open Afternoon
Y7-8	Trip to Murcia, Spain
Y7-9	Transport to School
Y7-11	KS3 & KS4 Parent Forum
Y8-9	Trip to Northern France
Y9	MidYIS Scarborough
Y10	Consultation Evening Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Trip to Kingswood Chinese Buddhist and Sheffield Centres Welcome Evening Permission to leave school at lunchtime on non-uniform days Arrangements for examination period
Y11	Consultation Evening Silver Duke of Edinburgh Coventry Cathedral Thackray Medical Museum Trip to see Romeo and Juliet Trip to see Peter Pan Interactive Revision Tutor Pack Work Experience Evening
Y12	Consultation Evening Trip to Cranedale Centre Sovereign A level Study Day Sixth Form Welcome and Information Evening AQA A level study day
Y12-13	Spanish Exchange to Palma, Mallorca
Y13	Purchase a hoodie Trip to see Three Sisters Trip to see A Midsummer Night's Dream
All	Movement Evening Mandarin evening classes FOSH - Design your own Christmas Card FOSH Quiz Night FOSH AGM Ethnic background monitoring
Various	Final balance for trip to Isle of Wight Autumn Serenade Concert

Junior School

Rec	Phonics Letter Whirlow Farm Christmas Trip
Rec-Y2	Parents Forum Minutes Parent Forum KS1
Y1-Y6	VLE Info Meeting
Y2	Crich Tramway Visit
Y3	Homework
Y3-Y6	KS2 Carol Service
Y4	Sherwood Pines Losehill Hall Castleton Sculpture Park Whitby Trip Open Morning helpers
Y5	Transition Meeting Pedal Ready letters Transition Meeting Parents' Evening Karate
Y5-Y6	Maths 'Setting' Open Morning Senior School Presentation of Prizes & Certificates
Y6	Netball match v Ashdell Geography Field Trip Hartington Badminton Tournament Craft Fayre helpers Melbourne House News Xmas Fayre reminder FOSH Quiz Night FOSH AGM Internet/Email Consent form Mandarin evening classes Ethnic background monitoring
All	



SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2008

Dear Parent

The autumn term has been a very busy one once again for all the girls and staff and there are still lots of exciting events to come.

In addition to the Christmas parties, nativity plays, concerts and Movement Evenings, I hope to see many of you at our Carol Service which will be held again this year at St. John's, Ranmoor on Wednesday 10 December. The service will include contributions from Melbourne House Choir and music groups as well as the Senior Chamber Choir, musicians and our joint SHS/Birkdale Sixth Form Choir. Tickets are not issued for this event - everyone is welcome but please arrive early to be sure of a seat.

On the last day of term (Friday 12 December) school will finish at 2.30pm for all the girls. If your daughter travels home on a school coach the coaches will be leaving at 2.45pm on that day. Please note that next term begins on **Tuesday 6 January 2009**. Monday 5 January will be a staff training day.

At the end of this term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Randle who is retiring from his post as Physics teacher after 9 years in the Senior School. At the beginning of the spring term we will be welcoming Mrs Hopton to the science department who is moving to the area from Bedford High School. We are also looking forward to Mrs Bradfield taking over as Head of English, joining us from High Storrs. We are very grateful to Mrs Everitt and Mrs Bromley who have been with us temporarily teaching English this term and to Mrs Harvey who has taken on the role of Acting Head of English.

Many of you will be aware that Mr Holmes left his post very suddenly at half term for personal reasons, but we are delighted to have appointed Mr Thorns to take over some of his teaching temporarily and we are grateful to Mr Shelswell who is now leading the Maths department until Mr Holmes' successor is appointed.

I would like to thank all parents who have been able to attend our Parent Forum meetings this term or have supplied topics for discussion. These meetings are proving to be a very useful forum for parents to raise issues and also make suggestions to help guide the future development of the school. Reception to Y2 parents should have already received minutes of the KS1 meetings and I enclose with this mailing minutes of the KS3 and 4 meeting for parents of girls in Y7-11. The next meeting for KS2 parents (Y3-6) will be on Wednesday 28 January at 2.00pm.

At the end of the summer term, you may remember that the school was awarded 'Go4it' status. We were one of only 14 schools in the country to receive this award last year. The case study follow up by independent journalist Gerald Haigh on what makes Sheffield High a Go4it School is now on our school website. It is certainly worth reading as it sums up perfectly the ethos of Sheffield High School.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

MRS V A DUNSFORD
HEADMISTRESS



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 2 December	Reception Nativity, 2.00pm
Wednesday 3 December	Y1 Nativity, 2.00pm
Thursday 4 December	Y2 Nativity, 2.00pm
Tuesday 9 and Thursday 11 December	Movement Evening
Wednesday 10 December	Carol Service at St John's Church, Ranmoor
Saturday 10 January	Senior Entrance Examination
Wednesday 21 January	Oxbridge Information Evening
Tuesday 27 January	Y9 Options Evening
Wednesday 28 January	KS2 Parent Forum, 2.00pm
Thursday 12 February	Y9 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 3 March	Y7 Parents' Evening
Saturday 14 March	FOSH Ball
Thursday 12 March	Y13 Consultation Evening
Tuesday 28 April	Y8 Parents' Evening



EXAMINATIONS

Y10 examinations will take place from Tuesday 6 January - Wednesday 14 January inclusive. The girls will be required to be in school throughout the examination period.

Y11 GCSE mock examinations will take place from Tuesday 6 January - Tuesday 20 January. Y11 girls will have study leave during the examination period and are only required to be in school when they have an examination. Study facilities will be provided for girls who wish to work in school. Y11 Parents should have received a letter giving details about study leave.

AS and A2 modules for the Sixth Form will run from Thursday 8 - Friday 30 January. Lessons continue as normal during the examination period and girls may take the session (am or pm) immediately before the module to prepare.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Please will parents assist us in ensuring that their daughters are wearing correct school uniform at all times. School coats should be worn by Melbourne House girls and plain navy or black coats for senior girls. Scarves and hats for all girls must be plain black or navy or purchased from the school uniform shop. Shoes should be flat, plain black shoes with no decoration. Skirts should be no shorter than 4" above the knee. Please would parents also assist us in making sure that their daughters mend any holes or fraying on the cuff of jumpers and tights (black or navy) should be opaque for all but Y11 girls.

Please would you ensure that all uniform is named so that lost property can be reunited easily with its owner.

Term time opening hours are:

Monday	8.00am - 1.15pm
Tuesday	12.30pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday	12.30pm - 4.00pm
Thursday	8.00am - 1.15pm
Friday	Closed

The uniform shop will be closed throughout the Christmas holidays and will re-open on staff study day, Monday 5th January 8.00am-4.00pm. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

As you will be aware from previous newsletters and Parent Forum meetings, we have been working closely with Sheffield City Council to try to improve road safety on Melbourne Avenue. The bollards which were installed earlier this term have unfortunately not deterred cars from parking on the pavements, so we are now awaiting delivery of further bollards to fill in the gaps. A representative from the Road Safety department will be looking again at the area outside the dining room to see if it will be possible to create a footpath there. Meanwhile, please could I make another plea to parents not to bring cars into Melbourne Avenue or into car parks on the school site so that the children can walk safely in and out of school at the beginning and end of the school day.

We have had a polite request from residents on Rutland Park for parents not to sound their horns when coming to collect their daughters.

ANNUAL FUND

Thank you to all parents who have already donated to this year's Annual Fund. Over £13,000 has already been raised this term and we are now making a start with this year's projects which include the purchase of data-logging equipment, a weather station, digital cameras, library resources and completion of refurbishment of the main school hall.

FOSH

Our Parents' Association FOSH has had a very busy term with a number of social events organised as well as our usual fundraising activities.

The year began with welcome evening for new parents in Melbourne House and the Senior School which were both very well attended. At the beginning of October we held another highly competitive and closely fought Quiz Night with pea and pie supper.

The annual Northbrook wrapping paper sale was well supported once again. The Craft Fayre was as usual very popular both with girls and parents and proved to be an excellent fundraiser. A huge thank you to everyone who helped both leading up to the event and on the day itself.

You can now help raise money for FOSH by shopping online at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/fosh. Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores, including John Lewis, Amazon, Debenhams as well as over 600 other top name stores. Whenever you shop through this site you will generate a free donation for FOSH of up to 15%. It is completely free to register and many of the retailers offer discounts on high street prices. All you have to do is register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/fosh. Christmas shopping couldn't be any easier!

FOSH BALL

As part of our evening entertainment at the FOSH Ball 2009 we are hosting a 'Millionaires Casino'. This is a charity casino and money raised from it will go to the school.

In order to make the event a success we would like to offer some top quality prizes, such as a hotel/spa weekend, a theatre package, a sports car for a day, a helicopter/balloon ride and any other ideas you may have.

If you would like to make a donation to any of these or would like to sponsor one of them, it would be greatly appreciated. All sponsors will be included in the Ball programme.

We will also be holding our raffle with its hampers and other prizes. Any donations to this would also be much appreciated.

For further information please contact fionagodbole@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 0114 2304561.

Y7 Read-On

The year 7 Read-On event has again been very successful and has raised over £1,500 for the Sheffield Royal Institute for the Blind. 7Y deserve a special congratulations for raising over £600 as a class. As part of the Read-On, girls in Y7 have been asked to recommend a book which might be suitable for the Y6-8 age group. All of these books are available on loan from our school library, but if parents want ideas for stocking fillers, then the books the girls have recommended are:

Inkheart
Twilight
Pig-Heart Boy
The Red Necklace
By Royal Command (Young James Bond)
The Black Book of Secrets
Skulduggery Pleasant: Playing with Fire
Why the Whales Came
Girl, Missing
Northern Lights
Kiss of Death
Broken Soup

Cornelia Funke
Stephenie Meyer
Malorie Blackman
Sally Gardiner
Charlie Higson
F.E. Higgins
Derek Landy
Michael Morpurgo
Sophie McKenzie
Philip Pullman
Malcolm Rose
Jenny Valentine

Some popular quick reads:

Scarlett
Arctic Hero
My Story: Pompeii (plus the whole 'My Story' series)

Cathy Cassidy
Catherine Johnson
Sue Reid

Popular classics:

The Hound of the Baskervilles
Little Women

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Louisa May Alcott