

SHEFFIELD HIGH NEWS

Dear Parent

Several parents of former students of Sheffield High School have indicated that they would like to keep in touch with the school once their daughters have left. As you are probably aware, your daughters automatically become members of SHOSA, our former students' association, when they leave and also members of Minerva, the Girls' Day School Trust's network. In order to keep parents informed of developments at the school, I will be sending out an annual newsletter for parents which I hope you will enjoy reading. If you would like to receive a copy of our annual school magazine, please would you let me know by email and I will ensure a copy is sent to you.

Our carol service this year will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm in Ranmoor Church, which you are most welcome to attend.

I hope that all is going well with your daughter's studies or career.

With best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely

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EXAM SUCCESS

2005 was another excellent year for examination results at GCSE and A level. Our A level pass rate was 99.6% with 82% of the grades being at A/B. At GCSE our Y11 girls broke all previous records by a long way with an overall pass rate of 44% and an amazing 76% of all entries at A*/A. Top awards (when a student achieves one of the top 5 marks in the country) were won this year at A level in Chemistry, Biology and Maths with Fiona Bradbury scoring the highest mark in the country in Chemistry. At GCSE top awards were achieved in Biology, French, German and English Literature. We are very proud of all the girls' achievements which placed us in the top 100 schools in the country at both GCSE and A level.

CHARITIES

Under the enthusiastic direction of our new charities co-ordinator, Ms Salmon, the girls have taken charity fundraising to a new level, raising a total of more than £24,500 this year for a range of different charities including Cancer Relief, Oxfam, the Children's Society, the Tsunami Appeal and the South Yorkshire Eating Disorders Association. The girls are also involved in sponsoring children to attend two schools in Bangladesh and many of our sixth formers are involved in community projects under the Millennium Volunteers Scheme.

STAFF CHANGES

We were very sad to lose Mrs Hewitt at the end of the summer term who has been Deputy Head since 1999. She has moved to Louth in Lincolnshire to take on the role of Head of King Edward VI Grammar School. From a strong field of applicants, we were very pleased to appoint Mr Mozley (formerly Head of Mathematics) as her successor. Mrs Couldwell retired from the Mathematics department after 7 years and Mr Taylor (Head of Economics and Business Studies) left to take up a post at Brookfield School in Chesterfield.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our Senior hockey and netball teams enjoyed a 3 week tour of New Zealand and Fiji during the summer where they performed exceptionally well against tough opposition and in fairly extreme weather conditions.

One of the highlights of the school calendar last year was our joint Music and Drama departments' production of 'Anything Goes' at the Montgomery Theatre which involved over 100 girls.

The Chemistry department enjoyed great success with three Y13 girls (Rachel Panniker, Ellie Roscoe and Naomi Flowers) reaching the National Finals of the Young Analyst competition.

Our sixth form girls are enjoying a new enrichment programme on Wednesday afternoons where they can enjoy a variety of sports, learn a new language such as Italian or Mandarin, take part in Young Enterprise or learn Salsa dancing.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

The school is undergoing some exciting building developments at present. After many years of looking at how we could expand our Junior School facilities, in January this year we finally managed to acquire No.4 Melbourne Avenue, next door to our Junior department, which will be developed, ready for September 2006, to provide more specialist facilities for our Junior girls.

We are also in the middle of extensive building developments to our Science and Art facilities. By Christmas we will have two brand new Science laboratories, a new sixth form art studio and an additional fully equipped ICT room. We have also begun a programme of development to our sixth form building and during the summer completely refurbished both sixth form common rooms to provide top of the range relaxation and study facilities as well as a small kitchen for making snacks and drinks.