

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

One of the highlights of last year for the school was winning the award of Best Independent School for Sport in the UK. The award recognises not just the success of our elite sportswomen but the range of sporting opportunities available at lunchtime and after school for girls of all abilities and interests.

In Art, 2 girls (Emma Manby and Rosie Wallace) were selected as Sheffield Young Painters of the Year. Our Scientists were again successful, gaining second prize at the Salters' Festival and first prize in Sheffield University's Reactiv8 Competition.

Our Drama production this year was Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, performed by our Y7 and 8 girls and directed entirely by Sixth Formers.

The girls continue to involve themselves in a huge amount of fundraising for their chosen charities, raising more than £20,000 last year.

Sixth Form girls have enjoyed their new roles as peer mentors, helping with the delivery of sex and relationships education with Y8 and 9 girls and also working with our Junior School girls to help with literacy and numeracy.



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SHEFFIELD HIGH NEWS

Dear Parent

Welcome to our second annual newsletter for parents of girls who have left Sheffield High School in recent years. I know that many of you have expressed an interest in keeping in touch with the school once your daughters have left, so I hope you enjoy this annual update. If you would also like to receive a copy of the school magazine when it is published in December, please would you let me know by email and I will ensure a copy is sent to you.

It is always good to see former parents and students at school events and you are very welcome to attend concerts and drama productions, as well as our Carol Service which will be held again this year at Ranmoor Church on Wednesday 13 December at 7.00pm.

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

Results in GCSE and A level examinations again beat all previous records. We were proud to maintain our position as one of the top 100 schools in the country. At A level our pass rate was 100% with 82% of all grades being at A/B. At GCSE the pass rate was almost 99% with 75% of the passes at grades A*/A. Top awards were won at A level in Biology, German and Physical Education and at GCSE we received 11 top awards in English Literature, 2 in French and 1 in Geography. Joanne Finnegan achieved the highest mark in the country for GCSE Physical Education.

I enclose a breakdown of the results and also a list of destinations of our Y13 leavers. It was good to see so many of our Y13 leavers and their parents at the City Hall for Prize Giving in September. Apologies to Elizabeth Groom whose name was missed off the programme as an Academic Prize winner.

ANNUAL FUND

This year, following the success of a pilot scheme in other GDST schools, we are introducing an Annual Fund to enable current and former parents, friends and old girls to make 'one off' gifts to the school if they wish. You will shortly be receiving information about the scheme from the Girls' Day School Trust. The projects we have chosen to raise money for this year are a sensory garden and outdoor classroom in the Junior School and sports, music and drama equipment in the Senior School. Any contribution to the specific projects would be most welcome.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of the summer term we said goodbye to 3 members of staff. Mrs Pickford has taken up a post in the Geography department at Birkdale, Mr Nichols has moved to Calday Grange Grammar School, Merseyside to take up the post of Assistant Head in charge of Sixth Form and Mrs Miller sadly retired after 16 years in the English Department.

In their place we welcome the following new members of staff: Mr Thomas and Miss Carrington (English), Mrs Duffy (History) and Mrs Jackson (Psychology). Mrs Davidson is currently taking maternity leave and has been replaced temporarily by an old girl, Rebecca Milnes.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

2006 saw the opening of our new science laboratories and the extension to our art department in Moor Lodge. The official openings took place on a beautiful July afternoon with Professor Tim Birkhead opening the science laboratories and Laura Fidment, an old girl, opening the art studios.

In September our infant girls moved into their new building next door to Melbourne House and the juniors are looking forward to the completion of their new science lab, music suite, art studio, library, ICT suite and adventure playground at the end of this term.