

LETTERS TO PARENTS SINCE THE START OF THE SPRING TERM

Senior

Y7	Bulletin
Y7	Space Centre
Y7	Maths Day
Y7	Parents' Evening
Y7, Y11-13	Make-up Workshop
Y7	Language Choices
Y7-9	Easter Cookery Course
Y7-9	Cake Design Course
Y7-11	Summer term lunch form
Y7 New girls	Welcome letter from Mrs Heery
New girls	Welcome letter from FOSH
Y8	Bulletin
Y9	Open/Parents' Evening
Y9	Sexual Health lessons
Y9	GCSE Choices
Y9-10	Trip to Paris
Y10	Geography Revision Guide
Y9-12	SHS & Birkdale Careers Fair
Y10	Bulletin
Y10	Trip to Snowdonia
Y10	GCSE ICT Coursework
Y11	GCSE English Revision Day
Y11	D of E Silver Award
Y11	AS & A Level Choices
Y12-13	Trip to Florida & New York
Y12-13	Spanish Day Course
Sixth Form Choir	Trip to Cologne Christmas markets
Y13	Cookery lesson at Sheffield College
Y12	Oxbridge Conference
Y12	Oxbridge Evening
Y12	American Civil Rights Conference
Y12	AS Level English Revision Day
Y13	A Level English Revision Day
Y13	A2 Level Choices
Y13	Consultation Evening
All	Sports' Presentation Evening
All	Letter from Mrs Dunsford
All	Spring Serenade
All	FOSH Easter Ball
All	Corporate Sponsorship

Melbourne House

Y1	Heritage Museum Trip
Y1	Mrs Abraham back from maternity leave
KS1	Playball Half Term Fun Days
Y3 & Y4	Concert Letter
Y5	Whitby Final Letter
Y5 & Y6	Y5/6 Netball Vs Ashdell
Y5 Y6	Birkdale Arts Festival
Y5 & Y6	Netball Vs St Anselms School
Y6	Alice in Wonderland play
Y6W	Brantwood Letter
New girls only	FOSH welcome Letter
Various	Parent Evening Letters
All	Melbourne News
All	School Sponsorship
All	Haitian Earthquake Appeal
All	FOSH Ball reminder flyer
All	VAD letter start of term
All	Corporate Sponsorship



SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2010

Dear Parent

I am sure that we are all relieved to see the daffodils beginning to bloom and we are now able to enjoy the better spring weather.

The spring term has been as action-filled as ever with numerous events packed into the last 2 weeks of term. By the time you receive this letter we will have enjoyed the FOSH Ball, concerts by Years 3 and 4, the Senior School 'Spring Serenade', a drama evening, Sixth Form Choir Recital and the Inaugural Sports' Presentation Evening attended by 350 Senior girls and their parents.

On 12 March we celebrated the School's 132nd Birthday with an assembly focussing on the four founders of Sheffield High School: Maria Grey, Henrietta Stanley, Mary Gurney and Emily Shirreff after whom our 4 houses are named. This was followed by a mass aerobic session to raise funds for Sport Relief. It was certainly a very memorable occasion.

This week our Sixth Form debating team has, achieved great heights, winning the European Youth Parliament Regional Debate at Birkdale and qualifying for the National Finals which will be held in September. This was the first time they have competed as a team and their achievement was all the more impressive as part of it was held in French!

This term has also been extremely successful on the sporting front. We congratulate our Y5 and 6 Netball teams who have both won the Sheffield Schools' Tournament for their respective age groups, our U13 Badminton team who are Yorkshire Champions and our U16 Badminton team which has qualified for the National Schools' Finals. Last weekend our U15 and U19 Trampolining teams competed in the National Championships in Bristol and exceeded all expectations by taking the National title in both age groups. We also congratulate 2 individuals who have achieved National success: Natalie Chan-Lam last week was crowned National U15 Singles and Doubles Badminton Champion and Lauren Potter competed for the U19 England Netball team in the European Championships and once again she came back with a Gold Medal.

As usual many of the girls and their teachers will be participating in school based activity courses or residential trips during the Easter holidays. Girls in Y7-9 can develop their cookery skills with Rod Harding our Catering Manager. The girls who took part in the half term Cake Design Course produced some excellent designs and we hope to repeat this course in the summer. The GCSE German students are heading to Bonn while the Spanish students will be in Murcia on homestay visits to practise their language skills. The A Level Business/Economics/Art and ICT students will spend a week in Paris and in the last week of term Y5 girls will be enjoying a few days in Whitby.

I am very pleased to report that the new Sixth Form extension is progressing according to plan and the builders are on schedule to complete the work at the beginning of July which will allow us sufficient time to equip the new building ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

Please note that this term ends at 3.30pm on Friday 26 March (3.15pm for Reception and Y1) and the summer term will begin on Monday 19 April. A staff training day is planned for Tuesday 4 May following the May Bank Holiday.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and a restful spring break.

Yours sincerely

MRS V A DUNSFORD
HEADMISTRESS



FORWARD DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 27 April	Y8 Parents' Evening
Monday 10 May	Y8/9 Health for Life event
Tuesday 11 May	Y5 Concert
Thursday 13 May	KS3 Parent Forum
Saturday 15 May	Welcome Morning
Monday 24 May	Y13 Leavers' Evening
Friday 28 May	Y13 Leavers' Service
Monday 7 June	KS1 & 2 Parent Forum
Wednesday 23 June	Melbourne House World Cup Day
Monday 28 June to Friday 9 July	Y11 Work Experience
Thursday 1 to Friday 2 July	Y6 Alice in Wonderland
Tuesday 6 July	Y7 & 8 Musical Evening
Wednesday 7 July	Y7 Welcome Day
Wednesday 7 July	Junior School Welcome Day
Thursday 8 July	Y9 Drama Performance
Monday 12 July	Junior Sports' Day
Tuesday 13 July	Senior Sports' Day
Wednesday 14 July	Sixth Form Induction & Art Exhibition
Thursday 19 August	A/AS Results
Tuesday 24 August	GCSE Results

The summer calendar will be given to your daughter as usual at the beginning of term.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

We would appreciate the assistance of parents in ensuring school uniform is worn correctly ie. skirts are not rolled over at the waist, jumpers do not have holes in the cuffs, no jewellery is worn except for one small gold or silver stud in each ear, scarves, gloves and hats are black or navy and should only be worn for journeys to and from school and during the lunch break. Boots should not be worn except in snowy weather.

In PE lessons the girls must wear supportive trainers and not pumps.

Parents of all Melbourne House girls are reminded that only the school coats purchased in the uniform shop should be worn.

Hair should be of a natural colour with no unnatural coloured extensions or highlights. If girls persistently turn up to school inappropriately dressed we will ask parents to collect them from school.

Parents of Y9 are reminded that when their daughters move into Y10 in September they are required to wear the plain navy skirt. Please note skirts should never be any shorter than 4" (10cm) above the knee. Girls whose skirts are shorter than this will be asked to buy a new one.

Please note that all uniform infringements are recorded in our Blue Book, as explained in the girls' planner and repeated infringements are reported on in the end of year report.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Easter

Tuesday 13th April 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 14th April 10.00am - 4.00pm

Term Time beginning Monday 19th April

Monday 8.00am - 10.30am
Tuesday 8.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday closed
Friday closed

Summer

Tuesday 10th August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 11th August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 17th August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 18th August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 24th August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 25th August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 31st August 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 1st September 10.00am - 4.00pm

OUTGROWN UNIFORM

Please note that this term's sale of outgrown uniform will take place in Melbourne House (Junior School) on Wednesday 24 March from 2.00 - 4.00pm. This is an ideal opportunity to purchase uniform in excellent condition at 50% of the cost of new.

If you have any old uniform in good condition which you would like to donate, please hand this in to the Junior or Senior School reception.

STUDY LEAVE AND EXAMINATIONS

Study leave for public examinations has been organised as follows:

Y11—Study leave begins on Friday 14 May from midday.

Y12— Study leave begins on Wednesday 19 May from 3.30pm.

Girls return to school to begin A2 work on Monday 14 June.

Y13— Study leave begins on Friday 28 May from 12.30pm.

Internal examinations for girls in Y10 will take place from 19 –27 May and examinations for all girls in Y7-9 will begin on Monday 7 June.

Y11 WORK EXPERIENCE

At present there are still many girls who have not completed the necessary health & safety documentation. **The deadline date is Friday 26 March.** Please be aware that 'My Work Experience.com' may be able to offer a service to provide placements. The approximate cost is £35, please contact Mrs Good for more details.

SCHOOL POLICIES

All parents have access to the following school policies either in our parent handbook or on the school website:

- Child Protection & Safeguarding
- Anti-bullying
- Admissions
- Behaviour & Sanctions
- Classroom Behaviour
- Curriculum
- Complaints
- Health & Safety on school trips
- Special Educational Needs

FOSH

Our parents' association FOSH does an excellent job organising social events, raising additional funds for the school and acting as a link between parents and the school.

We are always keen to recruit new committee members or willing helpers and at the moment we are particularly interested in recruiting representatives from Years 4, 5, 8 and 11 as well as a new Chair. The committee meets 3 times a year to plan future FOSH events and to help decide on fundraising priorities.

Our next event will be the Bags2School collection of old clothing, curtains, bedding, shoes, etc. which will take place between 8.00-8.30am on Thursday 13 May outside the dining room. Bags will be available from school in April.

Please note that orders for Northbrook giftwrap and orders from the Yellow Moon catalogue can be placed all year round online through their websites. In addition, if you shop online through the easy fundraising 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.

If you would like to join the FOSH 200 Club, please complete the reply slip on the enclosed information sheet. The next draw will take place at Junior Sports' Day in July.