



SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2009

Dear Parent

As we approach the end of another term, I am sure that we are all feeling relieved that the Spring weather is now with us and the disruption caused by the snow earlier this term is now behind us.

This term has been a very busy one for us with entrance and scholarship examinations and interviews for new staff who will take up their posts in September. I am very pleased to report that we have appointed a new Head of Maths from a very strong field. Mr Lewis will join us in September from Aston Comprehensive School where he has been Head of Maths for 16 years.

At the end of this term we will be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Breckon who is leaving the PE department. We say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Abraham from Melbourne House and Ms Dieckhoner-Kelly who both begin their maternity leave and we congratulate Mrs Dickson who gave birth to a baby girl on 11 March.

I appreciate that the current economic situation may be making life difficult for some families and I would urge anyone who does find themselves in difficulties to come and speak to me in confidence to see what can be done in the short term. It is very encouraging that recruitment at all points of entry for September 2009 does not appear to have been affected by the economic downturn. As part of one of the longest established and largest providers of independent education in the country the Girls' Day School Trust is in a very strong position to weather this recession, as it has done every other year since its foundation in 1872. Being part of a large educational group means that our finances are much stronger than many stand-alone schools and the GDST will continue to invest in improving our facilities while keeping the fee increase as low as possible. We are very excited about getting started on our sixth form extension. Our latest meeting with the Chief Planning Officer and representative from the Conservation Advisory Group was very positive and we are confident that we will get the final go ahead to begin our sixth form extension early next term.

This term has been a very successful one in sport for both the Junior and Senior girls. Last weekend our under 11 netball teams achieved 2nd and 3rd place in the Sheffield Tournament. In Badminton the U11 team achieved all top 3 places in the Sheffield singles and doubles tournament while the U14 team won the regional title to qualify for the national finals. Last week our U15 trampolining team of Joanne Twomey, Sophie Green, Katie Rendall and Maxine Sykes were crowned national champions while our U19 teams were 2nd and 5th in their age group. We also congratulate Lauren Potter who was selected for the U17 English netball team and led the team to victory as captain in the European Championships in Gibraltar 2 weeks ago. In Public Speaking Henrietta Hill travelled to London to take part in the final of the Chrystall Prize and I am sure all of you who came to see our production of Pirates of Penzance will agree that it was an excellent production showing the girls' acting, singing and dancing talents at their very best.

As usual the girls and their teachers will be travelling far and wide during the Easter holidays. The Senior hockey and netball teams will be touring Barbados, a group of girls from Y8-10 will visit Costa Rica and Cuba, GCSE French students will spend a week in Paris and Y10-13 girls will spend a week Creative Writing in the Isle of Wight.

I enclose with this mailing a list of the trips which are currently available to the girls or are planned for 2009/11.

I wish you all a happy Easter and a restful spring break.

Yours sincerely

MRS V A DUNSFORD
HEADMISTRESS



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.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Term Time beginning Monday 20th April

*Monday 8.15am - 11.30am
Tuesday 12.30pm - 3.45pm
Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.45pm
Thursday 8.15am - 11.30am
Friday closed*

Easter

*Wednesday 15th April 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday 16th April 9.30am - 2.30pm
Friday 17th April 9.30 am - 2.30pm*

Summer

*Wednesday 19th August 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday 20th August 9.30am - 2.30pm
Wednesday 26th August 9.30am - 2.30pm
Thursday 27th August 9.30am - 2.30pm
Tuesday 1st September 10.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 2nd September 10.00am - 4.00pm
Thursday 3rd September 10.00am - 4.00pm
Friday 4th September 10.00am - 4.00pm*

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

Please note the second-hand uniform sale this term will take place in Melbourne House on Wednesday 25 March 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

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.

FOSH

We currently have vacancies on the FOSH committee for representatives in Y7 and Y10 groups. New members who have children in any year group are always welcome either on the committee which meets 3 times a year or as willing helpers at events.

Thank you to all parents who have contributed to the success of recent FOSH events. The sale of wrapping paper raised £574.50 while the Craft Fair had its best ever year raising £1,297. The FOSH Ball was a very enjoyable evening for all who attended and raised a fantastic £3,200.

Advanced warning that the next Bags2School collection of old clothing, curtains, bedding, shoes, etc will take place between 8.00 and 8.30am on Wednesday 13 May. Bags will be available from school in April.

ANNUAL FUND

Thank you to all current and former parents, grandparents and friends who have donated to this year's Annual Fund.

The fund has raised over £15,000 so far this year and I am delighted to say that the refurbishment of the main school hall is now complete with new staging, curtains, sound system and lighting. Purchase of the weather station will go ahead at the start of next term.

There is still time to make a donation, however small and a full report on the Fund will be sent out at the end of next term.

SENIOR SCHOOL TRIPS PLANNED FOR 2009/11

Destination	'Purpose' skiing, sightseeing etc	Year	Season	Approx. cost
2009				
Barbados	Sports Tour	10-13	Easter	£1850
Costa Rica and Cuba	Cultural	8-10	Easter	£2420
Paris	Lang devt/cultural	10,11	Easter	£475
Isle of Wight	Creative Writing	10+	Easter	£450
USA California & New York	Cross curricular	11,12,13	Summer	£1,000
Spanish visit, Murcia	Lang devt/cultural	7	May	£495
Geography Lake District	Fieldwork	10	April	£175
D of E Bronze, Silver and Gold	D of E award	10-13	Year round	£60 + equip
London	Cultural	8	June	£200
2009/10				
Northern France	Lang devt/cultural	8	September	£175
Europe Skiing	Skiing/cultural	12,13	December	App.£800
Paris/Disney Visit	Bus & Econ/ICT Art & Sixth Form Stdy	12,13	Easter	£550-650
Spanish Exchange, Palma	Lang devt/cultural	12,13	December	App. £425
Spanish visit, Murcia	Lang devt/cultural	7	May	App. £550
Kingswood	Outdoor Adventure	10	September	App. £65
German exchange	Language Development	10-13	Easter & June	£350
Europe Band Tour	Concert Band Tour	7-13	Oct ½ term	£395
France	Lang devt/cultural	12,13	Feb ½ term	£375
Geography Cranedale	Fieldwork	12	October	£195
Geography Lake District	Fieldwork	10	April	£185
Art to London	Museum visits for coursework	12,13	November	£110
D of E Bronze, Silver and Gold	D of E award	10-13	Year round	£65? + equip
2010/11				
Trips being considered:				
Benjamin School Florida	Cultural/school exchange	12,13	Feb ½ term	All prices tbc
Sports Tour being proposed	Sports Tour	8-13	Oct/Easter	
Paris/Disney Visit	Bus & Econ/ICT Art & Sixth Form Stdy	12,13	Easter	
Spanish Exchange, Palma	Lang devt/cultural	12,13	December	
Spanish visit, Murcia	Lang devt/cultural	7	May	
Kingswood	Outdoor Adventure	10	September	
France homestay	Language Development	10-13	Easter & June	
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PARK AND RIDE

SYLTE are currently advertising a park and ride facility at Tesco, Abbeydale Road, with bus 505 leaving at 7.30am and 8.00am going to Brocco Bank. Why not drop your daughter there for her to travel into school by bus? For more information telephone 01709 515151 or to apply for a free month's trial.

STUDY LEAVE AND EXAMINATIONS

Study leave for public examinations have been organised as follows:

Y11—Study leave begins on Friday 8 May from midday.

Y12— Study leave begins on Wednesday 13 May from 3.30pm.

Girls return to school to begin A2 work on Monday 8 June.

Y13— Study leave begins on Friday 22 May from 12.30pm.

Internal examinations for all girls in Y7-10 will begin on Monday 2 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 27 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.

LETTERS TO PARENTS

Senior

Y7 Parents' Evening
 Y7 Cookery Skills Course
 Y7 Adventure Quest Day
 Y7 Lyceum to see 'Why the Whales Came'
 Y7-8 Head Lice
 Y8 3 day tour of London
 Y8 Chicken Pox
 Y7-8 Murcia, Spain
 Y8-10 Teen Issues Evening
 Y9 GCSE Choices
 Y9 Sexual Health lessons
 Y9 Choices/Parents' Evening
 Y9-12 Careers Evening
 Y10 Quarry Bank Mill
 Y10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
 Y10 Lake District
 Y10-11 Safe Speak
 Y10-11 Lyceum to see 'An Inspector Calls'
 Y10-11 Lyceum to see 'Blood Brothers'
 Y11 Thackray Medical Museum
 Y11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh
 Y11 AS & A Level Choices
 Y11-12 Oxbridge Evening
 Y12 Castleton
 Y12 Oxbridge Conference
 Y12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh
 Y12 Extended Project Qualification
 Y13 Consultation Evening
 All FOSH Easter Ball
 All Sports Dinner
 All Pirates of Penzance
 Various Isle of Wight
 Various ICT and Drama tour

Melbourne House

Rec Hand painting
 Y1 Mrs Abraham - Maternity Leave
 Y2A Miss Atkins Absence
 Y2 Health Ed consent
 Y3 York Trip
 Y3B Mrs Birkinshaw to continue teaching 3B
 Y3/Y4 Concert
 Y4 Losehill Hall Trip
 Y5 Whitby Trip
 Y5-Y6 Netball Coaching
 Y6 Science Target/assessment
 Y6 Language Choices
 U11 Netball Tournament
 Various Birkdale Concert
 All FOSH Easter Ball
 All Schoolcomms
 All Melbourne House Newsletter
 All Pirates of Penzance
 All Kids Arts Academy
 All School Link

FORWARD DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 7 May	Summer Serenade Concert
Monday 18 May	Y13 Leavers' Evening
Friday 22 May	Y13 Leavers' Service
Monday 22 June to Friday 3 July	Y11 Work Experience
Thursday 30 June	Y7 & 8 Musical Evening
Wednesday 1 July	Y7 Welcome Day
Monday 6 July	Senior Sports Day
Wednesday 8 July	Sixth Form Induction & Art Exhibition
Thursday 20 August	A/AS Results
Thursday 27 August	GCSE Results

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

MOVEMENT EVENING DVD

A DVD recording of the Movement Evening will be available after the Easter holidays from the Uniform Shop. The cost is £10.00.

