

LETTERS TO PARENTS SINCE LAST MAILING

Senior School

Y7	Pevevil Castle
Y7-8	Musical Evening
Y7-11	Parent Forum
Y7-11	Parent Forum minutes
	Trip to Rome
Y8	Parents' Evening
Y8	Bulletin
Y8	Trip to the General Cemetery
Y8	Y9 Form Groups
Y8-9	Teen Issues Evening
Y8-9	Information Evening for Northern France Trip
Y8-9	Trip to the Rheinland
Y8-10	In-house performance of The Tempest
Y9	Cookery at Sheffield College
Y9	Trip to Holocaust Centre
Y9-12	Trip to India
Y10	Bulletin
Y10	Bronze D of E
Y10	Study Leave/Exam arrangements
Y11	Study Leave/Exam arrangements
Y11	Silver D of E
Y12	Higher Education Information Evening
Y12	Study Leave/Exam arrangements
Y12	Trip to Bridlington
Y12	Trip to York St John University
Y12-13	Twilight Revision Course
Y12	Forthcoming Dates
Y13	Study Leave/Exam arrangements
Various	Music lesson fees increase
	Trip to see Alice at the Crucible Theatre

Melbourne House

Reception	Weston Park Trip
Reception	Reception to Y1 Transition
Y2	Y2 to Y3 Transition
Y2 & Y4	Forms Mix Up
Y3	Weston Park trip
Y4	Losehill Hall trip
Y4, Y5 Y6	Quick cricket
Y4, Y5, Y6	Rounders match with Ashdell
Y5	Brodsworth Hall
Y5	Broomhill Festival
Y5 & Y6	Netball coaching course
Y5 & Y6	Netball Coaching course
Y5 & Y6	Athletics Under 10/11
Y6	Hartington Trip
Y6	Invitation to "Alice" Musical Play
Y6	Athletics Under 10/11
Y6	Lifewise Centre
Various	Birkdale Orchestral Festival
Various	Springboard Maths
All	Summer term Milk letter
All	School Link letter
All	Parent Forum KS1 and KS2
All	KS1/KS2 Agenda
All	KS1 & KS2 Parent Forum minutes
All	Sports Day letter



SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2010

Dear Parent

Another very busy and exciting school year is reaching an end and we are all looking forward to the summer break after the long stretch of examinations, reports and target setting. We still have lots to enjoy however: Y6 will have completed their performances of 'Alice' by the time you read this, girls in Y7-10 are rehearsing frantically for their performance of 'The Tempest', Y7 and 8 musicians are practising for their end of year concert and all the Junior and Senior girls are looking forward to their respective Sports Days during the last week of term. Please note that term will finish at **12.20pm on Thursday 15 July** and in September the new school year will begin for all girls on Monday 6 September when all the Senior School girls will have photos taken..

Our Art department is currently very busy preparing for the exhibition of GCSE, AS and A Level Art work which will be held in the Senior School in Moor Lodge on Wednesday 14 July from 4.00–6.00pm. Parents and girls are very welcome to drop in on the day and view the exceptional standard of work on show.

We are also eagerly awaiting the handover of our new Sixth Form building which is due to be completed on Friday 9 July. The extension will provide us with an Independent Learning Centre, 4 new tutorial rooms and an outdoor seating area and will expand our facilities considerably. Our existing Sixth Form building is also benefitting from re-decoration and re-carpeting and will be finished in time for our Sixth Form girls to enjoy their new surroundings from the first day of next term. We are planning an official opening of the building in the autumn but will also arrange for the younger girls to see the new facilities early on in the autumn term. We are also hoping to make some changes to the reception area in the main Senior School building over the summer.

As usual at this time of year we say goodbye to members of staff who are either retiring or leaving us for other employment and we look forward to new staff joining us in September. Several long-serving members of staff will sadly be retiring: Frau Anshütz has taught German for 34 years at the school and has been Head of German for many years (Frau Anshütz will still be teaching some of the Y13 German next year), Mr Higgins has been a member of the Art department and in charge of Technology for 21 years, Dr Anderson has been a member of the Science department teaching Chemistry, Biology and Physics and leading the Science department for many years, she has also been our Examinations Officer for 9 years. Mrs Burns has been with us for 19 years teaching French and Spanish and was formerly Head of Y7 and Mrs Blockeel who has taught Latin and French for the past 14 years. Also leaving us will be Mr El-Hoss who is returning to his former post at the Modern English School in Cairo, Egypt. Miss Rowland our Junior School receptionist will be leaving after 4 years to join her partner in York. We wish Mrs Barker, Mrs Plowman and Miss Lupson well as they begin their maternity leave and look forward to them returning to their posts in the future. We will be joined by the following new staff in September: Mrs Glynis Harding from Cliff School, Wakefield (KS1 and Early Years Co-ordinator), Miss Ailsa Gray from Shelley High School (Head of Spanish), Miss Sonya Anwar from Ecclesfield School (Spanish and French), Mr David Way from the Queen's School, Chester (Latin), Miss Tamsin Francis from Dronfield Henry Fanshaw School (Art & Design), Mr Stuart Campbell from Benenden School (Mathematics), Mrs Frances Thornton from Brantwood School (Mathematics and ICT). Some of our existing staff will also be taking on new roles in September: Frau Wallace will take over as Head of German, Mme Devaux as Head of French and Mr Spick as Head of Business Studies and Economics. Parents of girls in Melbourne House will already be aware that Mr Willatt has taken over the role of Deputy Head from Mrs Hardwick. We congratulate and give our best wishes to four of our staff who are getting married this summer: Mr Spick, Miss Wrigley who will return in September as Mrs Amos, Miss Dean who will remain as Mrs Dean and Miss Brown our reprographics assistant will become Mrs Navey.

Prize Giving for the Senior School will take place this year on **Monday 13 September** at 7.30pm in Sheffield University's Octagon Centre. Our special guest this year will be Pam Garside who was a pupil at Sheffield High School from 1963–1972. We hope very much that parents of girls from Y6-13 will be able to attend this important occasion which is a celebration of the school year. Formal invitations to the event will be sent out with your daughter when she returns to school in September. If she is to receive a prize or certificate you be notified of this at the end of term.

Another event to look forward to in the autumn term is on **Friday 10 September**, when we will be hosting BBC Radio 4's 'Any Questions?' Details of how to obtain tickets, which are free of charge, can be found in the letter included with this mailing.

I hope you all have a very happy summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

MRS V A DUNSFORD
HEADMISTRESS

FORWARD DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12 July	Junior School Sports Day
Tuesday 13 July	Senior School Sports Day
Friday 10 September	BCC Radio 4 Any Questions?
Monday 13 September	Prize Giving
Tuesday 21 September	Welcome Evening for Junior School new parents and <u>all</u> Y3 parents
Tuesday 21 September	Welcome Evening for Y7-9 new parents
Wednesday 29 September	Sixth Form Welcome Evening
Thursday 7 October	Y10 Welcome Evening
Friday 15 October	Y7 Open Afternoon for parents
Saturday 16 October	Infant, Junior and Senior Open Morning
Saturday 6 November	Interview Workshop
Saturday 13 November	Sixth Form Open Morning

The autumn calendar will be given to your daughter as usual at the beginning of term and your daughter can also access this via the portal!

FOSH

The FOSH 200 Club draw will take place at Junior Sports Day. The next FOSH social event will be the Quiz and Pie and Pea Supper on Friday 8 October at 7.30pm. This is always a well attended and enjoyable event. Tickets are £10 each; either come as a team of 4 or make up a team on the night!

Thank you to all parents who have attended or contributed to FOSH events this term or who have contributed to our Annual Fund. Your generosity has enabled us to purchase the following additional equipment for the Junior and Senior girls this year: digital cameras, video cameras, digital sewing machine, data logging equipment, Indonesian gongs, playground equipment.

PARKING

I appreciate that parking in the immediate vicinity of Melbourne House and the Senior School is difficult but please would parents be mindful of the safety of all our children by not driving cars onto Melbourne Avenue at the beginning and end of the school day.

I am also dealing with an increasing number of local residents who telephone school to complain about cars blocking their driveways or sounding their horns repeatedly to attract their daughter's attention and on occasions being verbally abusive to residents.

In the interest of maintaining good relations with our local neighbours, I ask all parents to try to show consideration when parking or picking up their daughters from school.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Term Time:

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

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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

UNIFORM

Shoes for Melbourne House and Senior School girls must be flat, plain black shoes which stay on safely. **Canvas pumps are not acceptable.** Please note that make-up and nail varnish is not permitted for any ages other than Sixth Form.

Melbourne House girls must wear the school coat sold in the uniform shop. Senior girls may wear the school coat or any plain black or navy coat with no fur/denim decoration. All scarves and gloves must be plain black or navy.

Please note that all Y10 and Y11 girls must wear the plain navy skirt. These must be a minimum 18" length and girls whose skirts are considered to be too short will be asked to purchase a new one from the uniform shop. The guide for all girls is 4" (10cms) above the knee maximum (measured from the ground when kneeling).

CHARITIES

Thanks to the efforts of the girls and staff in Melbourne House and the Senior School we have managed to raise a grand total this year of over £16000 with 2 events still to take place at sports day and the culmination of Y8's efforts for the Master Cutlers' Challenge.

Melbourne House girls this year have supported Unicef's School in a Box campaign raising enough money for 6 boxes, the Haiti earthquake appeal, Jeans for Genes and Children in Need.

The Senior girls have raised money through their Friday charity collections as well as organising one off form and whole school events. They have supported the Worldwide Fund for Nature (with many forms now in proud possession of their sponsored tiger/panda/polar bear). We have continued to support the schooling of 30 children in Jhum Para, Bangladesh, with school equipment, water bottles and tutoring. New charities include BRAKE, the road safety charity, the MS therapy centre, the British Red Cross and the Born Free Foundation in Kenya. We are also developing links with a school in India where Alison Andrew, a former Charities Prefect, has been working for the year, providing them with much-needed reading books. We have continued to support Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, St Luke's Hospice, Toybox (where we sponsor Claudia in Colombia), SYEDA, Macmillan Nurses and the Yorkshire Cancer Centre.

RECENT SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following girls and teams who have achieved success in recent competitions:

Our Y12 Young Enterprise Team 'Wirewear' scooped the majority of the awards available at the South Yorkshire finals and qualified for the Yorkshire and Humberside finals where they impressed all the judges and spectators winning the Best Presentation Award and narrowly missing out on the top award to a team from Gibraltar.



Our U16 Rounders team are celebrating success as National Champions, winning every match in the Championships at Corby last week. We congratulate the team of Abigail Gallup, Charlotte Savage, Charlotte Atkin, Sophie Green, Katie Rendall, Stephanie Twomey, Natalie Chan-Lam, Joanne Twomey, Louise Holtum, Jessica Donachy, Rachel Hopkins and Olivia Noble.

We also congratulate our Tennis team of Natalie Chan-Lam and Louise Holtum (Y10), Olivia Noble (Y8), and Rachel Hopkins (Y9) and Katie Wensley and Kirsten Reilly (Y12) who last week won the GDST Tennis Tournament for the first time in the school's history. This was a fantastic achievement for the girls as they were playing against county level players from across the country.

In Athletics we congratulate Natalia Hackett (Y9) who has qualified for the English Schools Finals.

At the Annual Trust Athletics Rally the Sheffield High School team was placed 3rd overall. We had Trust Champions in 6 events with the Y9 team retaining the team title they won last year. Individual Champions were Beth Smart Y7 Shot, Lauren Wolstenholme Y7 Discus, Lara Conboy Y8 800m, Natalia Hackett Y9 800 & 1600m (1500m Trust Record), Rennie Cockrell Y10 800m.

TERM DATES

2010 - 2011

Autumn Term 2010

Thursday 2 September - Staff Study Day
Friday 3 September - Staff Study Day
Monday 6 September - Friday 17 December
Friday 22 October - Staff Study Day
Half term: Friday 22 - Friday 29 October

Spring Term 2011

Monday 10 January - Friday 1 April
Half term: Monday 21 - Friday 25 February

Summer Term 2011

Tuesday 26 April - Friday 15 July
Monday 2 May - Bank Holiday
Friday 27 May - Staff Study Day
Half Term: Friday 27 May - Friday 3 June

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Autumn Term 2011

Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September - Staff Study Days
Wednesday 7 September - Friday 16 December
Friday 21 October - Staff Study Day
Half Term: Friday 21 October - Friday 28 October

Spring Term 2012

Monday 9 January - Friday 30 March
Half Term: Monday 13 - Friday 17 February

Summer Term 2012

Monday 23 April - Friday 13 July
Tuesday 8 May - Staff Study Day
Half Term: Monday 4 June - Friday 8 June