



Words from the Principal

I am taking a break from the norm in this introduction and starting with a line from the poet Wordsworth: "And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils". Teachers are blessed with a job that sees the daffodils dancing every day of the year. Every single day something magical happens. Indeed the best bit of my day is speaking to our pupils. I am at the junior gate most mornings - when our littlest people ask a series of superb questions - 'Favourite colour?' 'turquoise' 'Choose a super power' 'flight' 'Come and scuba dive in the sink?' 'I don't think I will fit!' My conversations with our older pupils in the quad, or as they are heading home for the day, tend to be less random and generally I walk away from a conversation with any of our seniors having learnt something new. I now know random facts about rugby and cross-country and fishing and Swifties, and theatre productions and rhythmic gymnastics. A million interesting facts; I should be a secret weapon at a quiz nights, but alas I cannot recall the facts on demand. Our pupils tell me these snippets as they head off to a fixture or an exam or a play rehearsal or home. I especially appreciate their kindness in pausing to chat. Indeed a deeply embedded culture of kindness will always be my number one priority for Shoreham College, because if we don't have a culture where children can be a first-class and authentic version of themselves, then they can never truly become the good, kind, wonderful human beings that they are all destined to be. I hope you enjoy a flavour of some of the wonderful opportunities our children have enjoyed and as always, I am sincerely grateful to our dedicated and talented staff for working so hard to provide them. I hope, in the upcoming holiday, our young people manage to enjoy the break to its full, and return in a week to find themselves humming with energy and new ideas for the half term ahead.

Mrs Bakhtiari,
Principal



CHINESE NEW YEAR

Now, Little Lions, Reception and Year 2 loved celebrating Chinese New Year.

So many new things for them to explore - including enjoying trying different Chinese food and teas, taking part in a dragon dance around the College, creating artwork using handprints of the Snake, listening to the story "Dragons in the City" and eating Year of the Snake cupcakes. They all left for home excitedly clutching their lucky red envelopes and fortune cookie!

Mrs Moore



Year 2 get Creative

Year 2 has been getting very arty and creative this half-term. We took the theme of China into their art lesson and used pastels to draw some very impressive pandas.

They also learned the techniques to make clay coil pots which are going to be painted in the white and blue patterns inspired by the Willow pattern. The pots were inspired when learning about tea production in China and the importance of the Chinese tea ceremony.

Mrs Moore



OPEN MORNING THANKS

Thank you to all our wonderful pupil guides, helpers and staff at our recent open morning.

We met some lovely prospective new Shoreham College families, who enthused about our school, teachers and helpers. Here is just some of the feedback we received.

We were incredibly impressed by the junior school - teachers and children - a very special school.

It was brilliant to see the teachers genuinely happy. It felt a proper community with a vested interest in all the pupils and their individual development.

Big School Birdwatch

Year 5 took part in the RSPB's Big School's birdwatch as part of their forest school session. Our twitchers were remarkably stealthy and as a result we were able to spot a wide range of woodland birds and several nests. We're looking forward to seeing some chicks in the spring.

Mr Harris



AFTERNOON TEA CELEBRATIONS

Both junior and seniors pupils enjoyed tea and delicious home-made cake with the Principal this half-term.

Well done to juniors - Amber, Cassius, Lucas, Jack and Isobel; and senior pupils Kristie, Tilly, Evie, Oscar and Kitty for being awarded the most 'exceeding expectations' conducts.



Year 6 Poem

Year 6Ba wrote a collaborative poem about Dunkirk in WW2 and then asked

AI to draw an image of it. This is wonderful work 6Ba!

Mr Batstone



DUNKIRK

My heart was beating inside a barrel,
Upon Old Betty, sailing to Dunkirk
I want to try and save my Uncle
I am too young, so snuck aboard

Petrified, waiting in line,
Gunshots, shouts, screams, cries and smoke,
Waiting for rescue, waiting for safety
Soldiers lying in the sand cold, hungry

From the barrel I see lined up soldiers
The boat was rocking I fall out
Dad spots me with shock on his face
He can't take me back; I am here to help

My heart pumping, little boats coming
Luftwaffe bombing, guns screaming
Boats on the horizon safely upon us
Men cheering, soldiers thanking

Bodies sinking, dogs barking, planes falling
Helping bleeding, crying soldiers aboard
Can I find Uncle? Is he here or not?
Old Betty Sinking, soldiers arriving.

Finally, someone to save me
The soldier's happiness is between us.
Step by step, wave by wave home is closer
Soldiers are cheering more and more

Choppy waves broken boats soaring on the sea
Britain in the distance, soldiers cheering
Boats getting nearer, Dunkirk further away
Safely back, done my bit, Soldiers safe.

I felt relieved because I saw Dover
Soldiers cheering, others smiling
Boat moaning after sailing
All the men queueing up to go home.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Monday 27th January marked the annual commemorations of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Following a highly moving senior school assembly from 10PA, pupils in Years 7-11 learnt more about this year's Holocaust Memorial Day theme in their history and PSHE lessons. Well done to Olivia, Tilly and Alice in Year 8 for designing fantastic posters linked to the 'learning from the past for a better future' 2025 Holocaust Memorial Day theme.

An extra special well done to Oscar in Year 8 for producing this beautiful sculpture which was inspired by Holocaust survivor (and friend of the College), Dorit Oliver Wolff's recent appearance on the One Show.

Mr White



REHEARSALS ARE FLYING!

We are flying in rehearsals for our next school production of 'Peter Pan' which will be performed on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March. The cast are having a lot of fun with the directing team, choreographing the musical numbers and working on our flying sequences. I think they have had the most fun staging the swashbuckling fight scene aboard the Jolly Roger! The retelling of this classic story is set at the end of WW2 in the Darling Street Orphanage, where the evil Nurse Haken and creepy Caretaker rule. The 'lost kids' only have Wendy and her stories to escape the terror of war, so when Peter and Tinkerbell find them, these very stories transport them to Neverland...with the help of some happy thoughts and fairy dust of course. When Wendy is captured the 'lost kids' have to learn to tell their own stories and be their own heroes. Can they do it? Can Peter and Tink help them? And what is that tick tock sound....?

Please join us for this magical adventure. Tickets will be available from reception soon.

Mrs Hudson



Catering competition

Year 10 hospitality and catering students Olivia and Louie proudly represented Shoreham College in a cooking competition held at the Brighton MET college. Their dishes were chosen from heats held in the class based on cost, range of nutrients, cooking and presentation skills. Competing against other local schools in the Brighton & Hove, and Sussex areas, Olivia and Louie cooked their main meal for two within an hour, watched by a range of judges, MasterChef style. Olivia made a sweet potato and lentil cottage pie with a parmesan crisp, whilst Louie made a garlic



beef burger with homemade bun and chips. Both pupils did really well, and although they did not go on to win, feedback was that the judges loved their dishes. Well done to both of them.

Ms Stoner



PIZZA TREAT!

Dominos pizza and ice-cream was the reward for two tutor groups who had the highest 'exceeding expectations' points last term. 7DE and 10PO enjoyed eating the delicious treats together in celebration of their hard work. Who will win at the end of Lent term?

Mrs White



Our Young Pilots Are Taking Off!

It's been an incredible five weeks since our Young Pilots scheme began, and our aspiring aviators are thriving! They're now in their final preparations for their first-ever flight this half term—taking to the skies from Goodwood airfield for a 30-minute flight! After their maiden journey, they'll be back in the classroom, honing their skills with chart work and flight simulators before gearing up for their second flight during the Easter holidays.

Mr Lightfoot



NEASDEN TEMPLE

Year 7 visited Neasden Temple in London for an enriching experience exploring Hinduism. Pupils learned about the temple's fascinating history, experienced a traditional Hindu arti (prayer) ceremony, and explored a museum exhibition that deepened their understanding of



Hinduism. We ended our visit with a guided meditation session that gave us a moment of reflection and calm, followed by a visit to the shop to buy souvenirs to help remember this trip. Back in school, in RS lessons, pupils shared their thoughts, with many expressing amazement at the temple's intricate architecture, especially the handcrafted marble, which was carefully transported from India. The trip was a truly memorable one for all.

Miss Pang

A SNOWY SUCCESS IN SESTRIERE

The 2024 school ski trip to Sestriere, Italy was a resounding success, with many pupils experiencing the thrill of the mountains for the first time. The week was filled with incredible skiing, stunning views and unforgettable memories.

A highlight for many was the hotel's all-you-can-eat pizza section at lunch and dinner, which proved to be a firm favourite among the group. On the slopes, it was fantastic to see the progress throughout the week, with many confidently tackling red and black runs by the final two days.

The fun continued off the slopes with exciting après-ski activities, including a trip across the border into France for bowling and arcade games. The resort and hotel were so well received that plans are already in place to return next Christmas.

A huge thank you to Miss Pang, Miss Buxton, Miss Stringer and Mr Adams for their support in making this trip such an amazing experience for all involved.

Mr Lightfoot



POETRY LIVE

Year 11 pupils attended Poetry Live at Brighton Dome. A senior examiner explained how to best approach the unseen poetry element of the exam and then how to compare poems effectively. We were able to hear from several poets discussing and performing their work, seeing the former Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, as well as the current Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage. We were able to reflect on the way in which the poets constructed their poems, which will help pupils to gain a greater understanding of the poems and will help aid revision ahead of the literature GCSE exams in the summer.

Miss Whitmill



CAREERS DAY

We recently held a two-day careers event for our Year 10 pupils.

Inspiring and informative they aimed to broaden the horizons of our pupils by showcasing diverse sectors including property development, mechanical engineering, law, sport and leisure management, football, biomedical engineering and commercial aviation.

A number of speakers generously volunteered their time and through engaging presentations, they highlighted the skills and qualifications essential for success in their industries, providing pupils with a clearer understanding of potential career pathways.

In addition to these talks, pupils participated in workshops focusing on further education, university, job applications, CV writing and interview skills. These sessions were designed to equip students with the necessary tools to navigate the competitive job market and to enhance their readiness for both further education and employment.

The event culminated with the opportunity to apply for 'mock' jobs tailored to their interests.

They wrote their application letters and CVs before attending interviews conducted by our volunteer interviewers. This experience not only offered a taste of real-world job application processes but also allowed pupils to receive constructive feedback on their performance.

A massive thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to speak to or interview our Year 10 pupils.

Miss Hammerton



DT SKILLS

There has been some fantastically creative crafting happening in DT. Our Year 8s have been using CAD software and a laser cutter to design some superb nightlights. They showcased their soldering skills by assembling circuit boards with precision, resulting in some really impressive and professional work. Year 10 pupils have been busy designing and crafting their very own Bluetooth speakers! Each speaker features a different woodworking joint on each corner – dowel, comb, biscuit, and butt – all carefully measured and cut by hand. The front and back panels were made from acrylic, with pupils taking precise measurements to ensure all components fit perfectly. To make their speakers truly unique, they personalised the panels with their own engraved designs using the laser cutter.

Fantastic work showcasing creativity, precision and practical skills.

Miss Awbery



WELL DONE SOPHIE!

Well done to Sophie who after developing a passion for athletics here at Shoreham College, joined the Worthing Harriers and has been doing really well competing in the Sussex Athletics Sportshall League. She recently achieved 1st and 3rd in vertical jump, joint 2nd in speed bounce, 3rd & 4th in 1 lap race and 3rd twice in the 6 lap paarlauf!



Shoreham College Golf Day Save the date!

The Shoreham College Golf Day will return to Singing Hills Club on 14th June 2025. The event will be in the friendly, 3 ball Texas Scramble format, starting at 12.00. If you would like to play and enter a team, please email golfday@shorehamcollege.co.uk for an entry form and more information. This event is open to the whole College community, pupils, parents, staff and Old Shorehamers.

Mr Shelley



MEDALS AT REGIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to our senior cross country team who travelled to the Duke of Kent School, in Surrey for this year's regional competition. 30 pupils from Year 7 to 11 made the journey for the opportunity to qualify for the national championships later in the term. 9 runners finished inside the top 10 and earned their place in the regional team, well done to Dexter & Belle, who both finished 5th in their Year 7 race, and Coco who finished 9th. The top honour and the gold medal went to Freya P who won the Year 7 race in style, finishing well ahead of the rest of the chasing runners.

Another medal was won by Gino in Year 9, who finished in 2nd place in the Under 14 age group, running a very strong race. There were also notable performances from Theo P, who finished 10th, Thomas S 11th, and Amelie Wilmschurst who finished in 8th position.

In the final races of the day, the Under 16 events, there were strong finishes from Ruben S and Molly J, who finished 8th and 10th respectively. Well done to all our runners who took part on the day, the cold and sleet made the course even more challenging!

Mr Shelley



U14 Boys Triumph at ISA Nationals

The U14 boys' football team showcased their resilience and determination as they emerged victorious in the ISA football national finals in Nottingham.

After a strong showing in the group stages, the team finished 3rd in the league, securing their place in the Bowl competition. Their journey to glory was far from easy, as they faced tough opponents and overcame significant challenges along the way.

A major setback came in the first knockout game when goalkeeper Hugo suffered an injury, forcing him out of the tournament. However, Max N stepped up in goal and proved to be a vital asset to the team. His heroic performance in the semi-final, which went to extra time and penalties, saw him make two crucial saves. The pressure mounted, but Fin D kept his composure to slot home the winning penalty, sending the team into the final.

The final match was an intense and closely fought battle, stretching into extra time. With the clock ticking down it was once again Fin D who delivered in the dying moments, scoring a stunning goal to seal victory and secure the silverware.

The team's triumph is a testament to their hard work, teamwork and perseverance. Their success in Nottingham will be remembered as a proud moment for the squad.

Mr Lightfoot



CLIMBING HIGH!

Year 11 GCSE PE pupils started their 6-week rock climbing course with High Sports Brighton this half-term. The course will enable them to climb, tie in and belay one another, opening the door to yet another sport for the College.

Mr Lightfoot



COMING SOON! ENRICHMENT WEEK

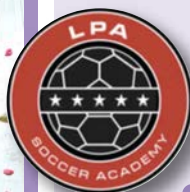
Based on feedback we have extended our enrichment week for Years 7 to 10 to a 4-day programme.

Just some of the exciting experiences on offer:

STREET DANCE
ZIPLINE



FOOTBALL
WATER SPORTS
GOLF
SKATEBOARDING
THEATRE WORKSHOP



See parent/pupil bulletins for details.

