



Words from the Principal

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new and returning pupils, families and staff as we begin another academic year at Shoreham College. The energy, curiosity and kindness that fill our classrooms and corridors remind us what a special community this is; one where every individual is known, valued and supported to thrive.

This half-term has already been rich in learning, creativity and celebration. The senior school inter-house poetry competition brought our talented performers to the fore, each finding their voice and sharing it with confidence and flair. In the junior school, our inventive "veg heads" for the harvest festival captured the spirit of thankfulness and creativity that makes this community so joyful. Meanwhile our youngest visitors, and their parents, enjoyed time together in nature during the Early Years forest school 'stay and play', exploring, discovering and delighting in the world around them.

Our celebration of Black History Month has once again been a highlight of the half-term, providing important opportunities for reflection, learning and appreciation of the richness and diversity, both within our community and beyond. I am deeply grateful to staff and pupils for their thoughtful contributions and engagement throughout.

It has also been a joy to reconnect with former pupils at the Old Shorehamers' annual meal which serves as a reminder that the bonds formed here extend far beyond the school gates. Listening to our Old Shorehamers, their education shaped their success, and I wonder what our current pupils will go on to achieve with the foundations of the education that successive generations of staff work so hard to provide.

As you read through this edition of the newsletter, I hope you enjoy seeing the many ways our pupils continue to learn, grow and give of their best. I wish you all a restful half-term break and look forward to seeing everyone return, ready for the next chapter of our shared adventure.

Mrs Bakhtiari, Principal



Veg-tastic Creations

Another harvest celebration, another outstanding effort by our Year 5 pupils as our collection of vegetable heads continued to amaze the school community. Amongst the weird and wonderful creations this year were an award-winning turtle with a shell of courgette, a quite remarkable parrot with a pineapple hairdo, and even King Henry VIII and all his wives in pumpkin form! Teachers and pupils alike came to check out our vegetable head display and as always, were blown away by the quality of what our Year 5 pupils had produced. Along with the vegetable heads, our junior school also provided a generous food collection which was donated to the Emmaus centre; thank you to everyone who contributed.

Mr Esplen

London's Burning

Our Year 2 pupils watched as their 1666-style houses met the same fiery fate as Pudding Lane's! A fascinating way to bring history off the page and into real life.

Mr Payne



YEAR 1 FOOD STUDIES



Year 1 has been reading the story 'The Enormous Chocolate Pudding' in connection with their topic on food and health. They really enjoyed recreating it, making a yummy chocolate cake – they enjoyed eating it more though!

Later in the term they made fruits out of clay. They studied fruits carefully; they then sculpted them and carefully painted them. Haven't they done fruitastically well? They almost look good enough to eat!

Mrs Moore



Settled well

We are so proud of how well our Reception and Little Lions children have settled into their new classes this term. They have shown great confidence exploring their learning environments, trying new activities, and making lots of new friends along the way.

Already, we have seen such enthusiasm for learning from creative play and outdoor adventures to early reading, writing and number work. It has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity, smiles, and growing independence shining through each day.

A big well done to all of our Reception and Little Lions pupils for such a fantastic start. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term brings!
Miss Simmons



PARENT COMMENT...
We couldn't be happier with the start of school and how welcoming everyone has been to my son!
Reception pupil parent

BIGNOR ROMAN VILLA

Year 4 learned lots of interesting facts on their recent trip to Bignor Roman Villa. They discovered how the villa would have looked, examined different artefacts found in the area, discovered how the romans heated their villas and bathed, and heard the fascinating story, told through mosaic, of Roman God Jupiter who disguised himself to escort a shepherd to heaven. The children enjoyed creating mosaic patterns, writing with beeswax, milled flour and read riddles. A fantastic time was had by all, and we can't wait to visit again next year.

Mr Van Brakel



Experiencing Battle Abbey

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to Battle Abbey to learn about the Battle of Hastings. We explored the Abbey, which was built in memory of all those who died in the battle and as an apology to God for the bloodshed. The pupils particularly loved taking part in a workshop where they discovered how the battle was won. It was truly brought to life through an incredible recreation of the event. Handling the weapons and shields was a real 'wow' moment, and overall, it was an amazing experience for everyone.

Mr Ritchie



YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL TO WINDMILL HILL

A lovely (if slightly wet) first day was spent climbing high with the climbing wall and Jacob's ladder. Lots of very happy Year 7 children and everyone ready for day two... which involved axe throwing, swimming, abseiling and problem solving before a late night game of ambush!

After a final day of abseiling and aqua fun and more evening games of ambush, the pupils were ready for the short journey home. Year 7 behaved wonderfully from the moment they stepped off the bus, and I'm sure they all slept well when they got home!

Mr Esplen



DofE training walk

Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh award participants took part in a training walk to practice the navigation skills that they have been learning. They successfully completed a 6km out and back route from Devil's Dyke to Edburton Hill.

Miss Hammerton



NEW SCIENTIST LIVE

Year 8 attended the New Scientist Live show at the London ExCeL Centre. They explored the many interactive stalls and took part in a wide range of hands-on activities. Pupils met scientists and researchers from leading institutions, engineers from the RAF, conservationists from Borneo Orangutan Survival UK, and innovators from organisations such as FUJIFILM, Greenpeace, and the Environmental Biotechnology Innovation Centre. Exhibits covered everything from the future of healthcare and space exploration to cutting-edge food technology and artificial intelligence. Year 8 also attended a fascinating talk by a professor on the causes of earthquakes, where they listened attentively and confidently asked insightful questions during the seminar. A huge well done to Year 8 for representing Shoreham College so brilliantly!

Miss Dalton



GEOGRAPHY TRIPS



YEAR 9

Year 9 had the opportunity to visit the River Tillingbourne and carry out their very first river study. Pupils measured the river's width, depth and velocity and will now be using the data they collected back in the classroom to analyse their findings and see if their results follow the Bradshaw Model!

YEAR 6 HIGHLIGHTS!

Year 6 has done a lot this half-term already, with one of the highlights being a trip to Bramber Castle for our history topic on Norman castles. After the rain postponed the trip, we finally got to go in glorious sunshine. They have been enjoying the weekly forest school sessions and look forward to cooking on an open fire very soon. Finally, Year 6 has been using the senior science labs to investigate light, solving a mystery of "the stolen laptop" along the way. They have had a great start to the final year in key stage 2.

Mr Batstone



YEAR 10

The Year 10 GCSE geography pupils visited the Rampion Visitor Centre to learn about how wind turbines can generate electricity and how they can help to reduce the impact of climate change. Whilst at the centre, they had the opportunity to measure wind speed and enjoy a virtual reality experience which took them out to the wind farm.



YEAR 11

The Year 11 GCSE geography pupils headed to Juniper Hall Field Centre to undertake the compulsory element of their GCSE course; two geographical enquiries. Pupils completed one physical (a river study) and one human (rural village comparison) study, whilst at the centre, as well as being given the opportunity to explore the surrounding area on a night walk and toast marshmallows around the campfire

Miss Geoghegan

SAY IT LOUD, AND PROUD

During October the history department has overseen the College's delivery of teaching activities to celebrate Black History month across all subjects in years 7-11. It has been fantastic to see such wide cross-curricular coverage of this vital celebration!

This year's theme is 'standing firm in power and pride', so Mr White has created a Youtube music playlist for you to enjoy which showcases a range of inspiring artists, many of whom have shown huge resilience and courage in their approach to their music and activism.

Mr White



PUPIL COMMENT...

Shoreham College has massively boosted my confidence and made me feel part of a wonderful community

Kitty, Year 11 Leaver

14 MEDAL HAUL AT ISA SWIMMING GALA

A team of our talented swimmers travelled to the K2 in Crawley to take part in the ISA Regional Swimming Gala. It was a fantastic day of competition and our swimmers were an absolute credit to the College – they supported one another throughout the day, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, and gave their very best in every race.

In total, our team brought home an impressive 14 medals, a superb achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication shown in training and on the day itself.

We now look forward to the ISA National Gala, which will be held at the Olympic pool in London at the end of November – an exciting opportunity for our swimmers to compete on one of the country's most iconic stages.

Well done to everyone who took part – you were all stars in and out of the pool!

Gold: Alex - Year 11 100m breaststroke, Dylan x2 - Year 10 100m breaststroke, Year 10 50m butterfly.

Etien - Year 9/10 50m backstroke, Harry x2 - Year 7 50m butterfly & 50m freestyle.

Silver: Dylan - Year 10 200m IM, Scarlet

x2 - Year 9/10 200m IM, Year 9/10

100m breaststroke. Max - Year 8 50m backstroke, Dylan - Year 10 freestyle.

Bronze - Emma - Year 8 50m

breaststroke, Darcey - Year 5 50m

backstroke, Selin - Year 7 50m

backstroke.

Mr Shelley



CLIMBING HIGH!

What a great start to GCSE rock climbing. All the pupils reached the top of the walls, showing confidence on the wall. Effort was superb, some engaging in speed climbing. Next week will involve learning to tie in and belay each other.

Miss Buxton



Charlie ranks 7th in GB

Congratulations to Charlie in 8BU who won an U14 padel tournament at East Dorset Padel Club and currently has a GB ranking of 7!

We know how hard you work Charlie, training every day, so very well-deserved.



MEDALS AT ASCOT FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

WOW!

What a day at the girls football festival in Ascot. The U11s came second in their group, but narrowly lost 1-2 in the knockout. The U13s qualified for the plate, saw through seven penalties for the semi final and went on to take the bronze medal. The U15s without a sub, performed superbly to win their group to play in the cup. Penalties in the first knockout game, and a solid performance in the semi-final saw them playing for the trophy.

With the final tied after extra time it was penalties again. The team didn't disappoint and brought home the trophy! Congratulations to Lydia, Ella, Hannah, Sylvie, Phoebe and Amelie.

Miss Buxton

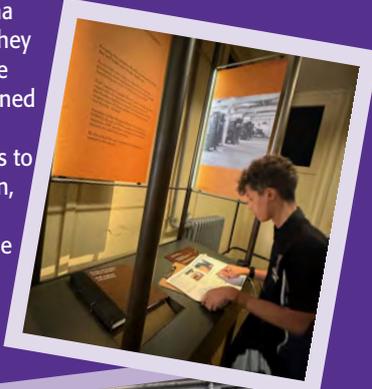


BREAKING THE CODE

A Year 8 visited Bletchley Park, the historic home of British codebreaking during World War II. Pupils participated in a workshop where they learnt about code breaking and were able to see the enigma machine.

They also explored the famous huts where Alan Turing and his team worked to crack the German Enigma code, helping to shorten the war. They enjoyed interactive exhibits, saw the Bombe machine in action, and learned about the vital role of secrecy and intelligence. The visit brought maths to life in a fascinating way. It was a fun, educational day that inspired curiosity about cryptography and the people behind one of Britain's greatest wartime achievements. A memorable trip for all!

Mrs Navaratnam



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Our English lessons focused on the theme of play, exploring its many meanings, from playing with words to the joy of physical play.

Students experimented with language and rhythm, discovering how poets use creativity and sound to bring words to life. Year 7 and 8 explored "Word Play" by Michaela Morgan and John Agard's "Skipping Rope Spell", outdoors whilst skipping to its rhythm using its lively energy and movement to think about how poetry can capture the fun and rhythm of games and playground chants. Year 9 and 10 also studied Inua Ellams' "Summit of Flight", reflecting on his love for basketball, his mother's loathing of it and how play can be imaginative and aspirational, linking to ideas of creativity, freedom, and expression. Students then wrote their own poems, experimenting with sound, repetition and imagery to celebrate the spirit of play in all its forms. Food for thought: "Is a cat flap, a worried cat all in a flap?!" and do we have what it takes to be 'A lone star, out on a limb, brighter for all the empty darkness around it?'"

Miss Kaur



YEAR 7 CREATES STUNNING LANDSCAPES

Year 7 pupils have made a fantastic start to their art journey, producing beautiful landscape pieces inspired by the expressive mark-making techniques of Vincent Van Gogh. Using bold lines and textured brushwork, they've captured movement and emotion in their work, with some truly impressive results. A brilliant display of creativity and enthusiasm from our budding artists' appreciation and teamwork.

Miss Dewing

