



Words from the Principal

This half term has been marked by persistently wet weather, with breaktimes more often defined by rain than fresh air, a first since I began at the College. What is not a first, however, is the way pupils have continued to approach school life with enthusiasm, resilience and good humour, even when the outdoors has been less inviting. Across the College, pupils have remained engaged with their learning and the wider life of the school. In the seniors, pupils have approached mock examinations with maturity and focus, balancing academic work alongside co-curricular commitments. In the juniors, there has been a strong sense of curiosity and enjoyment in practical, collaborative lessons, with classrooms alive with discussion and creativity.

Opportunities beyond the classroom have continued to play an important role. Sporting fixtures, competitions, trips and enrichment activities have allowed pupils to stretch themselves and support one another. Clubs and activities have offered something for everyone, and one particularly memorable experience saw a pilot take to the skies with a Year 7 flight, combining excitement with genuine learning. This half term also included our Independent Schools Inspectorate inspection, offering an opportunity for professional dialogue and reflection. Inspectors saw the College during a normal working week, with pupils welcoming visitors into lessons, speaking thoughtfully about their learning and sharing their work with confidence, while staff approached the process with calm professionalism.

As ever, it is the everyday contributions of pupils that define life at Shoreham College. Whether supporting younger pupils, representing their houses and teams, or simply looking out for one another, they do so with warmth and consideration.

As we come to the end of the half-term, my overriding feeling is gratitude. I am grateful to our pupils for the energy and kindness they bring each day; to our staff for their expertise and adaptability; and to our families for the trust and support you continue to show. I hope the break offers time to rest, and I look forward to welcoming pupils back after half-term.

Mrs Bakhtiari,
Principal



YEAR 1 GO BACK IN TIME

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Steyning Museum, exploring how houses were built and what materials were used. From wattle and daub walls to thatched roofs and various types of roofing materials, the children discovered the skills people used in the past. They also learned about everyday life at home, including how clothes were washed, how houses were lit, and how people kept warm. It was an informative and engaging visit, and the children asked lots of curious questions throughout the day.

Mrs Moore



Celebrating Chinese New Year

Our Little Lions, Reception and Year 2 had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year. They enjoyed a special banquet, bravely trying new foods and chatting about the flavours and textures. Afterwards, the children took part in a lively dragon dance parade, proudly carrying the dragon and singing. The afternoon continued with colourful new year crafts inspired by traditional patterns and symbols. It was a joyful and memorable celebration for everyone.

Miss Simmons



FIRED UP FOR POTTERY

Key Stage 2 pottery club has had an exciting term learning new techniques and creating amazing pieces. They designed pinch and coil pots, painted them with acrylics, visited the kiln and experimented with glazes after their work was bisque fired.

Mrs Moore



Big School Birdwatch

This term in forest school our pupils joined the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch, taking part in one of the UK's largest wildlife surveys. Using binoculars and tally charts, they observed and identified birds around our school grounds.

Their findings have been submitted to the RSPB, contributing to vital nationwide research on bird populations. We were proud to receive an official participation certificate, recognising the children's efforts in this important citizen science project.

Well done to our enthusiastic young birdwatchers for making a real difference!

Mr Harris



Evacuee Escapade

Earlier this term Year 6 received a surprising letter from the 'War Office'—they were being evacuated! Soon, they had their name labels on and were escorted to the hall, where school staff selected a few "evacuees" to take away. Of course, it was all part of their World War II topic. Pupils experienced life in unfamiliar settings—some took on jobs like folding and cleaning, while



others joined senior lessons. They returned buzzing with excitement and have since created some fantastic writing inspired by their surprise adventure.

Mr Batstone



FOREST CRAFT CLUB

A huge well done to our brilliant forest craft club this

term! The children have been busy combining bushcraft skills with creativity, using clove hitches, square lashing and natural sticks to build these beautiful rustic frames. Inside each one is their own artwork, created with pen and watercolour, inspired by the woodland around us.

A wonderful mix of practical knot-tying and artistic expression — and the finished pieces look fantastic!

Mr Harris



YOUNG PILOT ROCCO!

Rocco in Year 7 enjoying his first flight with Young Pilots co-curricular club. What an amazing opportunity and experience Rocco, well done!



Ready for Year 7

Year 6 had their first session in the senior library today in readiness for moving up into Year 7. They were very excited to find out what books were available and can't wait for the next session.

Mr Batstone



NIGHTTIME NAVIGATION

A group of Y10 pupils recently took part in a night navigation exercise around Stanmer Park in Brighton. This provided pupils with the opportunity to refine their navigation skills in preparation for the silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

Miss Hammerton



Preparing Year 10 for the Future

We recently held a two-day careers event for our Year 10 pupils. The event aimed to broaden pupils' horizons by showcasing a range of industries and career pathways. Speakers generously volunteered their time, delivering engaging presentations that highlighted the skills and qualifications needed for success.

Pupils also took part in workshops on further education, university, job applications, CV writing and interview skills, equipping them with tools to navigate the competitive job market. The event concluded with a 'mock' job application experience, where pupils wrote applications, attended interviews and received constructive feedback.

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to support our Year 10 pupils.

Miss Hammerton



PIZZA TREAT!

Domino's pizza and ice-cream was the reward for two tutor groups who had the highest 'exceeding expectations' points last term. 8DE and 10HO enjoyed eating the delicious treats together in celebration of their hard work.

Who will win at the end of Lent term?



Inspiring Year 8s

Our Year 8 pupils recently attended the "Get Inspired" careers event at Portsmouth Guildhall.

They had the opportunity to speak with representatives from a wide range of organisations and learn more about different career pathways and educational opportunities. A highlight of the day was taking part in a variety of engaging, hands-on activities that really brought learning to life.



Design in Action

Our Year 10 pupils have completed their impressive Bluetooth speaker project, demonstrating dovetailing, comb and dowel joints, CAD design and high-quality finishing. The craftsmanship and creativity on display have been fantastic – we're so proud! They've now begun a new user-centred challenge, analysing pizza cutters to explore ergonomics, usability, anthropometrics and sustainable design. A brilliant reminder that great design always puts the user first – we can't wait to see what comes next!

Mrs White



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



GLACIERS, GEYSERS & GREAT MEMORIES

Thirty-three Year 10 and 11 pupils were fortunate enough to visit the breathtaking "Land of Fire and Ice" this half term – and what an experience it was! For many, Iceland proved to be one of the most stunning countries they had ever explored. Over four incredible days, we were surrounded by dramatic rocky cliffs, icy streams and spectacular, thundering waterfalls. Pupils embraced every moment of adventure, from hiking across a glacier to relaxing in naturally heated geothermal pools. The true magic came after dark, when we were lucky enough to catch a mesmerising glimpse of the Northern Lights dancing across the sky. For many, it was truly the trip of a lifetime – an unforgettable journey filled with awe, excitement and lasting memories. Plans are already underway to take another group of Shoreham College pupils in February 2028!

Miss Geoghegan

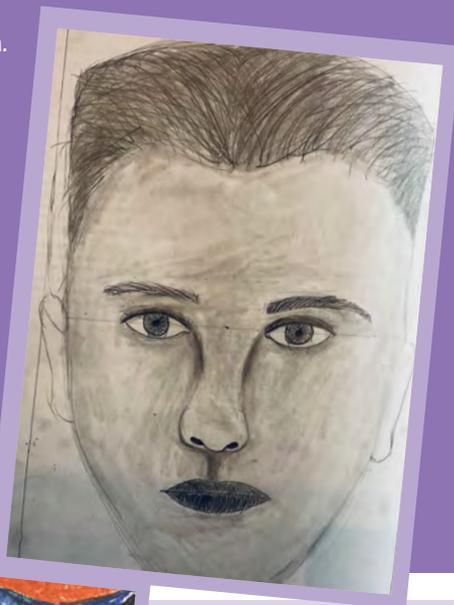


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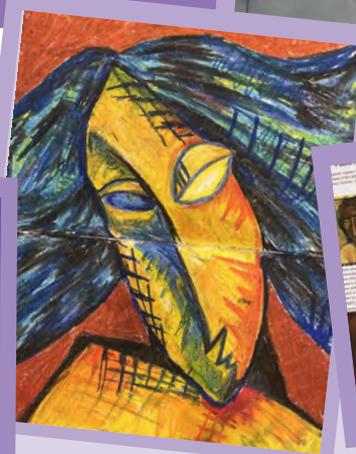
Our senior pupils have been exploring a wide range of artistic styles and techniques this term. Across all year groups, students are gaining confidence, experimenting with different media, and preparing for exciting creative projects ahead.

Miss Dewing

YEAR 7 are creating expressive German Expressionist portraits, building observational drawing skills ahead of printmaking next half term.



YEAR 8 have been inspired by African masks, Picasso, Cubism, and Modigliani, producing vibrant portraits and mask designs in preparation for 3D relief masks.



YEAR 9 have studied natural forms like shells and pebbles, drawing inspiration from sculptor Tony Cragg as they prepare for 3D wire sculptures.



YEAR 10 have developed photography and drawing skills, creating monochromatic photographs and ink studies of flora and fauna inspired by Karl Blossfeldt.



WELL DONE LIZZIE!

Lizzie in Year 6 competed at the Regional Gymnastics Winter Magic 4-Piece in Wiltshire for her club Wickers, at the 5-6 hour training level for her age group. It was a tough competition, and she did brilliantly, placing 4th overall, and 3rd on both floor and vault. We are so proud of her hard work and determination. Well done Lizzie!



Sheppard Padel Cup

Huge congratulations to Charlie who is the first recipient of this award. A massive year of improvement, relentless work ethic and pretty much living on the padel court. He won the U14 Boys Sussex Padel Championships and played in the National Padel Championships and has recently been selected for the GB padel training squads.



MUD, SWEAT, AND HOUSE PRIDE!

The annual Inter-House Cross Country competition made its highly anticipated return this half-ter. From Year 3 all the way up to Year 10, our pupils showed amazing grit, determination and house spirit as they tackled the course to earn those all-important house points. A huge well done to every single runner who crossed the finish line, your effort was inspiring. A special shout-out goes to our individual winners for their stellar performances.

Mr Shelley



SHOREHAM RUGBY MAKES A STRONG START TO THE SEASON

It has been an impressive start to the rugby season at Shoreham College, with teams across the year groups showing determination, teamwork, and resilience.

YEAR 8 opened their campaign with a hard-fought match against Lewes Old Grammar School. Facing experienced opposition, the team defended superbly and showed promising attacking play. Ted H was named Player of the Match for his outstanding work rate and attitude.

YEAR 9 Boys delivered a dominant 31–0 home victory over Lewes Old Grammar School in challenging wet conditions. Isaac O scored a hat-trick, Toby M powered over for a superb try, and Hugo P earned Man of the Match on debut.

YEAR 7 secured their first win of the season against Farlington School, remaining undefeated after last week's draw. Their teamwork and progress this term were clear to see.

THE U15 GIRLS began their season in tough, muddy conditions against Newman. Despite the result the squad showed real grit, with Lily leading superbly and supporting her teammates throughout.

A fantastic start to the season across the board, with plenty to build on in the weeks ahead.

Mr Lightfoot



FLIPPIN' GOOD FUN!

The whole of Shoreham College was out in force to cheer on their respective Houses in the annual Pancake Scramble.

Mrs Bakhtiari did the honours for this eagerly anticipated event, throwing the giant pancake high into the air whilst teams of Year 6 pupils excitedly waited in the four corners, ready to scramble and collect as much pancake as possible when it landed.

Congratulations go to the triumphant winners Levi, Harrison, Amber and Monty from Rodney House, who won £20 for collecting a whopping 1650g of pancake.

