



Words from the Principal

There is something rather lovely about the beginning of the autumn term: familiar faces returning, new friendships forming and the sense of possibility that comes with a fresh start. As we reach half-term, it is wonderful to reflect on just how much has already been achieved and, perhaps more importantly, how much has been enjoyed along the way. One of the great pleasures of leading Shoreham College is seeing the different ways in which our pupils find their confidence, discover their interests and contribute to our community. From our junior pupils creating their wonderful 'veg heads' for Harvest Festival to our Year 9 geographers undertaking fieldwork at Juniper Hall, there has been much to celebrate. Across the school, pupils have enjoyed opportunities to explore, perform, compete and learn beyond the classroom.

I have been particularly struck by the confidence and thoughtfulness of our older pupils. At our recent sixth form exhibition, representatives from other schools commented on the maturity, curiosity and humility of our Year 11 pupils. Academic achievement matters, of course, but so too does developing the character and judgement to make good use of the opportunities education provides.

Our Open Morning was another opportunity to see Shoreham College through the eyes of others. I was immensely proud of the pupils who spoke so naturally and enthusiastically about their experiences. Their warmth, honesty and confidence conveyed far more about our school than any prospectus could. As you read this newsletter, I hope you enjoy the breadth of experiences it captures. Behind each photograph and account are pupils trying something new, discovering what they can do, supporting one another and, very often, simply having a wonderful time. These moments remind us that education is about far more than what happens in a classroom.

Thank you to our staff for their care and commitment, and to our families for their continued support. I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break and I look forward to welcoming you back for the second half of term.

Mrs Bakhtiari, Principal



Year 7: A Flying Start to Senior School!

Our Year 7s kicked off their senior school journey with an unforgettable PGL trip to Marchant Hill! From braving the giant swing and trapeze to tackling Jacob's Ladder, laser tag, and paddleboarding, everyone jumped right in. Even better than the thrills was the amazing teamwork - supporting friends, building new friendships, and cheering each other on. We are so proud of their resilience and team spirit. What a fantastic way to start Year 7!

Miss Pang

Little Shoppers Harvest Fun at Tesco

Reception and Little Lions have been learning all about fruit, vegetables, and Harvest! After writing shopping lists, the children visited Tesco to buy their own snack-time fruit—and even tried out the self-checkouts! We're so proud of how sensible, respectful and grown-up they were.

Miss Simmons



YEAR 1 A Very Tasty Way to Learn



Year 1 have been reading The Enormous Chocolate Pudding as part of their food and health topic! After enjoying the story together, the children put their learning into practice by baking a delicious chocolate cake—a very tasty lesson indeed!

Mrs Moore



YEAR 5 VEG-HEADS!

Year 5 pupils showed off their creativity with a fantastic collection of

'Vegheads' – imaginative faces and characters made entirely from fruit and vegetables.

From funny faces to wonderfully wacky creations, the children demonstrated some impressive artistic

flair. Their colourful masterpieces were proudly



displayed in junior reception for everyone to admire.

Congratulations to our competition winners: Teddie, Rupert, Lucas and Louis! Well done to everyone who took part.

The vegheads then went on a little adventure of their own. They were donated to Emmaus, where they enjoyed a second exhibition outside the charity's shop before being put to good use in the kitchen.

A brilliant combination of creativity, community spirit and making sure nothing went to waste!

Mr Harris

YEAR 4 EXPLORE

Year 4 had a fantastic time exploring Bignor Roman Villa! The children loved diving into hands-on history—etching their names in beeswax, deciphering riddles, and sorting real Roman artefacts from replicas. Guided by Liz they toured the villa, learned the stories behind the famous mosaics, and discovered how the Romans kept warm with hypocaust heating (much needed on a chilly day!).

It was a wonderfully memorable trip, and everyone is already looking forward to the next one!

Mr van Brakel



Year 5 Step Back in Time!

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Anne of Cleves House in Lewes, where we were transported back to Tudor times! We were shown around the house by an actor playing the housekeeper and explored the parlour, bedroom, kitchen and beautiful garden where Wilf discovered a rather unusual medlar tree dripping with fruit.

We discovered that the house was very modern for its time because it had an indoor kitchen with stone walls to help protect the building from fire. The children were particularly shocked to learn how meat was stored – in a large wooden trough and completely covered in salt! Later, we learnt all about Henry VIII and his six wives. The children helped bring the story to life by taking on the roles of wives, advisors and even Henry's portrait painter. Mr Harris especially enjoyed his starring role as Henry's executioner!

A brilliant day of hands-on Tudor history!

Mr Harris



MICHAELMAS SENIOR CONCERT

The Michaelmas senior concert was a brilliant showcase of talent, featuring a wide variety of musical styles and genres. The programme brought together performances from the full orchestra and choir alongside lively band sets and beautiful individual solos, highlighting the hard work and range of all our senior musicians.

A huge thank you to Mr Manson for all his hard work and dedication in bringing such a fantastic evening together!



NEW SCIENTIST LIVE

Our Year 8 pupils visited New Scientist Live at ExCeL London, enjoying an exciting day of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) beyond the classroom.

The event offered a fantastic opportunity for pupils to take part in hands-on activities, experience immersive exhibits and listen to inspiring talks from leading science presenters. The visit brought their classroom learning to life, encouraging them to explore new ideas, ask questions and discover the real-world applications of science.

It was wonderful to see them engaging with the activities and embracing the opportunity to develop their curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm for STEM. We hope the experience has inspired them to continue exploring the fascinating world of science and the many opportunities it offers for the future.

Miss Kendrick



SOPHIE'S SCIENCE AWARD



Well done to Sophie for attaining the prestigious bronze CREST award in science. She investigated which types of flour made bread rise the most and explained her results in detail.

Her work was assessed by an external examiner, and we are pleased to say she passed with flying colours!

Borough Market Trip

Our Hospitality & Catering students visited the iconic Borough Market and took a historic food tour through London! From sampling fresh ravioli, artisan doughnuts, and caramelised nuts to trying Alain Ducasse luxury French chocolates and famous chocolate-covered strawberries, it was an incredible sensory experience.

Students also explored London's rich culinary history, learning about Victorian spice trades along the Thames. A fantastic day out exploring global flavours and artisanal food crafts!

Mrs Stoner



FUTURE POPSTAR?



Huge congratulations to Year 6 pupil Amber, who features as a backing singer on singer Alice Armstrong's new Halloween album, 'The Witching Hour'! You can hear Amber on the track 'A Cautionary Tale'.

Amber is rightly very proud of her fantastic achievement and can't wait to do more singing in the future. We're so proud of you, Amber!

BookBuzz at Shoreham College!

All our Year 7 pupils are taking part in the BookBuzz programme, choosing a book from a fantastic selection of exciting and engaging titles to take home and keep.

It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, hear them chatting about their chosen books and sharing their thoughts and recommendations with each other, as well as seeing them getting stuck into their new reads.

We hope this is the start of many happy hours of reading!

Mrs Dines



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The history department has once again overseen the College's delivery of teaching activities to celebrate Black History month across all subjects in Years 7-11. It has been wonderful to see such wide cross-curricular coverage of this important celebration!

Many thanks to Mrs Dines who created a fantastic black authors section of the library. You can also listen to the Black History month 2026 Youtube playlist compiled by Mr White, featuring a selection of songs which link to this year's theme of 'Honouring Our Communities' and celebrating unsung heroes who work tirelessly to help the people around them.

Mr White



PUPIL COMMENT...

Shoreham College understood who I am and made me feel accepted, recognised my abilities and supported me.

Year 11 pupil

MEDAL HAUL AT ISA SWIMMING GALA

The swim team delivered an extraordinary performance at the London South East ISA swimming gala at Crawley's K2 leisure centre. Beyond their outstanding results our pupils were truly exemplary - showing remarkable professionalism, patience, and wonderful team spirit throughout the long competition.

The squad brought home a fantastic collection of medals and notable achievements. Year 6 pupil Flo showed great composure to place an impressive 4th in the 50m breaststroke in her debut gala, while Hannah (Year 7) captivated spectators with her beautiful technique. Rapha delivered a powerful swim to take bronze in the Year 7 50m breaststroke, and Charlie, Max and Scarlett put in phenomenal efforts to earn well-deserved silver medals.

Our newly crowned regional champions dominated the top spot on the podium. Emma secured double gold with a masterclass in breaststroke and backstroke, while brilliant sibling duo Harry and Darcey dominated the sprint disciplines, each sweeping the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly for double gold. All three have qualified to proudly represent the region at the ISA National Finals at the London Aquatic Centre.

Mr Shelley



SPOTLIGHT ON DARCEY

From double bronze to double gold in just 12 months, 10-year-old Darcey has shown us all what true determination looks like. After claiming two bronze medals at last year's ISA London South Regional Swimming Gala, Darcey returned this year with her sights set higher - taking gold in both the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly.

Such a phenomenal leap doesn't happen by chance. Training five early mornings a week before school, alongside evening and weekend sessions, Darcey's dedication is far beyond her years. Her success proves that while talent gets you to the starting block, it is hard work that gets you to the wall first. Congratulations on a truly inspirational achievement, Darcey!

Mr Shelley



Ace News from the Tennis Court!

A massive congratulations to Leo in Year 7 for an incredible couple of weeks! After months of dedicated training, Leo won back-to-back LTA Grade 4 boys' singles tournaments in Sussex in the 11U and 12U categories.

His continuous hard work has now pushed him up to No. 233 in the UK 11U junior rankings. Amazing work, Leo, keep it up!



U11 GIRLS TAKE SILVER AT ISA FOOTBALL

WOW!

What a tournament our U11 girls had at the ISA Football Festival at LVS Ascot this half-term!

After a fantastic run through the tournament, the team faced a penalty shoot-out to decide their semi-final place. Every player stepped up to take a penalty in an incredible display of courage and teamwork!

The final was just as dramatic. Shoreham took the lead, but were pegged back to take the game to penalties once again. After a tense battle and seven penalties taken, our girls secured a fantastic silver medal! 🏆

A brilliant team effort from start to finish. Congratulations to all the girls!

Miss Buxton

