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## Weekly e-Bulletin from SHFGS w/c Monday 23rd November - Week B

### Key Dates Autumn and Spring Terms

| Date | Event | Time |
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| 24th November | Autumn Concert - Folkways and Fairytales - open to all parents and students. Please book here. | 6.30pm - 8.30pm |
| 26th November | Year 8 Floydian Character Evening. Please book here. | 6pm to 7.00pm |
| 9th, 10th, 11th December | *His Dark Materials* School Play - open to all parents and students. Please book here. | 7pm - 9.30pm |
| 15th December | Carol Concert at St Mary's Church - open to all parents and students. please book here. | 7pm - 9pm |
| 16th December | Christmas Lunch for students. Please see the menu here. | 12.30 to 1.20pm |
| 7th January | Year 11 Parents Consultation Evening | 4pm - 7.10pm |
| 28th January | Year 10 Academic Review Evening | 4pm - 7.30pm |
| 29th January | Band Night - open to all students | 6.30pm - 9.30pm |
| 4th February | Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening | 4pm - 7.10pm |
| 25th February | Year 9 GCSE Options Evening | 6pm - 7pm |
| 4th March | Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening | 4pm - 7.10pm |
| 29th April | Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening | 4pm - 7.10pm |

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**Election of a Parent/Carer Governor - Deadline 7th December**

Please see a letter here from our Chair of Governors, Nicola Pearce, regarding the election of a new parent/carer governor. The nomination process and form is here. If there are more candidates than vacancies, a ballot will be held. The ballot will be entirely secret and further communication about the arrangements will be sent to you.

**Neurodiversity Society**

We are pleased to announce that we are looking to re-establish a Neurodiversity Society for students in our school community. Please see the letter here for further details that will be communicated to students.

**Recent Attendance Letters**

Thank you to the parents and carers who have contacted us following the recent attendance letters sent to families whose child's attendance currently sits below a specific threshold. We understand why receiving a letter containing legal wording, specifically references to Section 444 of the Education Act, fines and imprisonment, can cause understandable alarm and frustration.

Please understand that this letter is a mandatory, standardised template stipulated by the Local Authority that all schools are required to issue once attendance reduces to a specific threshold. The legal paragraphs are statutory text required by the council and are in no way a personal reflection of how we view our partnership with parents. We have taken your feedback on board and will carefully consider how we communicate and provide clearer context alongside these statutory notices as part of our process moving forward.

We also want to reassure families regarding illness and medical evidence:

- Genuine illness is understood: We recognise that seasonal viruses and illnesses have affected many students this term. Where you have notified us of your child's absence via Arbor, email or phone, the context is logged on their record.
- GP visits: While the standard template notes that schools *may* request medical evidence, we do not expect parents to seek a doctor's note for routine, short-term illnesses. Supporting evidence is only ever helpful where there are ongoing or complex medical needs so we can put the right pastoral or academic support in place.
- Next steps: The three-week monitoring period mentioned in the letter is simply a standard administrative review window. If your child's absences have been due to genuine illness, there is no cause for concern.

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Our priority is always your child's health, wellbeing and education. If your child is experiencing ongoing health difficulties that you would like us to note on their record, or if you were worried by the letter you received, please contact our Attendance Team at absence@sirhenryfloyd.co.uk or reach out to your child's Head of Year.

**Parents' Society Festive Raffle – tickets now available**
Tickets are still available for the Parents' Society Festive raffle with the winning tickets drawn on Friday 11th December after the last performance of the *His Dark Materials* performance. Raffle tickets are available in the 'School Shop' section on Arbor with options at £5, £10 and £20.

There are some amazing prizes in the pipeline including West End Theatre tickets, restaurant vouchers and luxury hampers but we need more please!

If you can help with raffle prizes, please email parentssociety@sirhenryfloyd.co.uk. It's a great opportunity for local businesses to show their support for the school.

**Y13 UCAS Applications**
Please see the attached UCAS letter here (originally sent last week). This applies only to students who have not yet submitted their UCAS application.

**Bucks Skills Hub Newsletter**
Please follow the link for the November careers newsletter.

**PE Kit - Winter Term**
A reminder in the colder months that students are able to wear plain black gloves, snoods and beanies for sport. Students are also encouraged to wear plain black thermals/skins underneath their SHFGS PE kit. Being warm is essential for enjoying your sport in the colder months. Only the SHFGS sports kit is to be worn on PE and Games days, therefore underlayers are essential.

**SHFGS Sports**
Please visit the instagram page **shfgs_sport** for all fixtures and results.