

Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School

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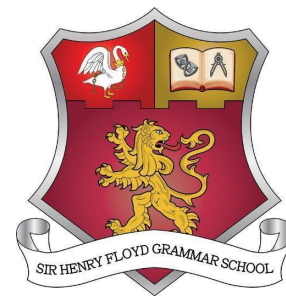
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Monday 21st September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a good week.

Arrangements for Wednesday 23rd September early finish, 2pm

Similar to last year, the school is closing early ahead of our Year 6 Open Evening. Unlike the end of term early finish, please note that school buses will run at their usual time of 3:20pm, not at 2pm. Students should leave at 2pm and make alternative arrangements for their journey home. This enables the staff at school to make the necessary arrangements for the evening.

If it's not possible to make alternative arrangements, students can remain in the school library or Lawrence building until 3:20pm to catch their bus (NB: there will be no usual supervision in school until 5pm). Students helping with the Open Evening can either stay supervised in the library or leave the site at 2pm and return at 4:20pm.

Free School Meals

You should be aware that applications for free school meals now need to be confirmed annually. We have previously asked that parents/carers notify us if they feel they are eligible for this provision but would like to remind families that the criteria for eligibility can be viewed [here](#). If you feel your child may be eligible, please notify us by completing this [Form](#) at your earliest convenience.

Online Safety

The NSPCC has published figures showing which platforms children name when they talk to Childline about online sexual abuse. Between April 2025 and March 2026, Snapchat came top with 324 mentions, up 19% on the year before. It was followed by TikTok (234), Instagram (197), Discord (92) and WhatsApp (39). Between them, these five platforms came up in nearly 900 counselling sessions. More information can be found [here](#).

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Our PSHE and student development programme creates an open space to discuss issues around the use of social media. The new mobile phone pouches have also enabled us to restrict students' access to social media during the school day. However, it's also vital that parents are discussing their child's use of social media at home. If you would like any further guidance or have concerns about a child, please contact safeguarding@shfgs.co.uk.

Save the dates: Performing Arts and Parents' Society Events

Piano Recital: 28th September

Year 7 Family Quiz Night: 2nd October

Autumn School play: 9th, 10th and 11th December

Carol Concert at St Mary's Church: 15th December

Band Night: January 29th

Late Night Music: 7th May

Summer Concert at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre: 9th July

Year 7 Family Challenge Quiz Night - Friday 2nd October

We would be delighted if you could join us for a social evening from 6.30pm-9.30pm in the school hall. This is a chance to meet your children's new friends and their parents, exchange contact details, have fun and get to know a bit more about our school.

There will be a licensed bar open from 6.30pm and then a light-hearted quiz starting at 7.15pm run by our amazing quizmaster, Mr Burge! Pizza is included within the ticket price. Tickets are available in the School Shop area under 'trips' in your Arbor account and cost £15.00 per person. The event is ticketed as numbers are limited based on the capacity of the hall. If you have any questions, please email parentsociety@sirhenryfloyd.co.uk.

Furniture Donations

We have been incredibly grateful for the donations of good quality office furniture for our schools. This has allowed us to ensure our funding is spent directly on student needs in the classroom. We have now used all our donated stock, and we desperately need more.

Would you, or the companies you work for, be able to help by donating any good quality office furniture that is no longer needed? We're specifically looking for desks, office chairs and boardroom furniture, particularly high-quality boardroom-style chairs and tables.

Please contact office@shfgs.co.uk if you are able to offer any donations. Our site teams are able to assist with collections with prior arrangement. We would be extremely grateful for any support you can offer.

Gardening Club

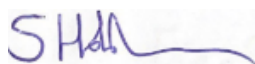
Our Student Gardening Club has had a fantastic year growing sunflowers, pumpkins and fresh herbs for our Food Science lessons. Following the students' hard work digging out new planting areas, we're looking to expand what we can grow.

We would be extremely grateful for any donations of:

- **Large clay pots** (for expanding our herb collection)
- **Herb plants**
- **Perennial plants** (to brighten up courtyard areas and encourage pollinators)

If you have any spare pots or plants to donate, please drop them at Reception. Thank you for supporting our young growers!

Yours sincerely



Mr S Holdsworth
Head of School