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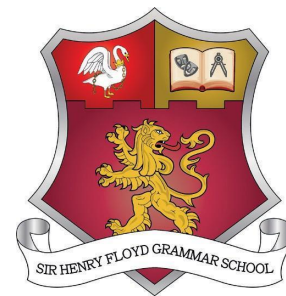
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Dear Parents and Carers

I trust you enjoyed a restful summer with your families. It has been a genuine pleasure to welcome our newest students into the SHFGS community and to see all our returning pupils back with us.

GCSE and A-Level Results

We're very proud of our students' academic success over the summer, achieving the school's highest-ever GCSE and A-Level results.

A-Level

50% of all grades awarded are A* or A (a school record).

82% of all grades awarded are A* to B (a school record).

17% of all grades awarded are A*.

59 students achieved exclusively A*/A grades across all their subjects.

GCSE

70% of all grades awarded are 7 to 9 (a school record).

48% of all grades awarded are 8 and 9 (a school record).

23% of all grades awarded are 9 (a school record)

We thank our parents and carers for their continued support and for working alongside the school to prepare our young people for the exciting opportunities ahead of them. Well done everybody!

Reporting On the day Absences via the Arbor App

To streamline our attendance process, we have moved towards reporting all same day absences via the Arbor Parent App.

If you already have the app:

- Click on the **Quick Actions** button.
- Select **Attendance**.
- Click the green **Log Absence** button in the top-right of the page.

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If you have not yet set up your account:

1. **Visit the website first:** Go to <https://login.arbor.sc/> (Please do this before downloading the app).
2. **Reset Password:** Click 'Forgot your password?' and enter the email address we have on file for you.
3. **Check your Email:** Follow the link in the automated email from Arbor to set your password.
4. **Verify & Download:** Once your account is verified, you can log in via your web browser or download the **Arbor Parent App** from your app store.

Using Arbor Pay for All Payments

We have transitioned to using Arbor Pay for all school payments, including trips and canteen accounts. As previously communicated, Parentmail is no longer in use for this purpose. Ensure all payments are now made through Arbor Pay.

We still have a number of parents and carers who have not yet accessed the Arbor system. For instructions on how to log in for the first time, please refer to the details [here](#). We are also reaching out directly to all parents and carers who have not logged in to Arbor.

Arbor Information for Year 7 and Year 12 parents

please see the letter [here](#) which was emailed on Friday 4th September.

Staff Joiners

Congratulations to Mrs Emma Warrilow-Bahra following her marriage this August. Please note the change from her previous name, Miss Emma-Louise Bahra. I would like to welcome the following new staff who joined us this September:

Teachers

Miss Pratt - Art
Mrs Cunningham - English
Mrs Stevens - English
Mr Hewitt - Geography
Miss Smith - PE
Mr Seys - MFL

Non-Teaching Staff

Miss Blackburn - Art Technician
Miss Dockery - Attendance Officer
Mrs Wiseman - Student Support
Mrs MacDonald - Librarian & Study Supervisor
Ms Shields - PA to the Head of School

Newsletters

If you missed the chance to see our newsletters from last term, you can see them here:

- [Year 7 Newsletter](#)
- [Year 8 Newsletter](#)
- [Year 9 Newsletter](#)

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[- Year 10 Newsletter](#)
[- Sixth Form Newsletter](#)

Term Dates

Please see here dates for [2026-27](#).

Co-curricular clubs and societies

We are moving to having clubs and societies recorded via Arbor. The final list of all clubs and their times will be available before the October half term, but many clubs and societies will be up and running this week. Please encourage your child to attend the co-curricular fayre at lunchtime in the Hall on Monday 28th September to see what is available to them.

Free School Meals - Year 12

Please note that students entitled to free school meals in year 12 must reapply to access these. We can no longer roll up entitlements from year 11. You can reapply by completing this [google form](#), which we will then submit for approval on Thursday 10th September. Any applications received after this date may not be submitted for approval for at least 10 days.

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.

If this is not possible, students can remain supervised 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). Mr Boulton will send separate communications for students involved in sports. Students helping with the Open Evening can either stay supervised in the library or leave and return at 4:20pm.

Online Safety

We are committed to supporting our students with online safety and teaching them digital literacy across the curriculum. As parents/carers we would encourage you to regularly talk to your child about their online presence, what they're accessing and have parental controls in place. The website [here](#) is a helpful point of reference for how to set up parental controls on a variety of different platforms.

Student Support Centre (formerly RAO)

Following valuable input from our pupils, the RAO has been officially rebranded as the Student Support Centre. This new title more accurately represents the comprehensive pastoral services provided, including mentoring, counselling and support for attendance and behaviour, all dedicated to our students' well-being. The new email address is studentsupport@shfqs.co.uk.

I hope you all have a great week.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Holdsworth
Head of School

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