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Weekly e-Bulletin from SHFGS w/c Monday 16th November - Week A

Key Dates Autumn and Spring Terms

Date	Event	Time
24th November	Autumn Concert - Folkways and Fairytales - open to all parents and students (booking details below)	6.30pm - 8.30pm
26th November	Year 8 Floydian Character Evening (booking details below)	6pm to 7.00pm
9th, 10th, 11th December	*His Dark Materials* School Play - open to all parents and students (booking details below)	7pm - 9.30pm
15th December	Carol Concert at St Mary's Church - open to all parents and students (booking details below)	7pm - 9pm
7th January	Year 11 Parents Consultation Evening	4pm - 7.30pm
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 - 7.30pm
25th February	Year 9 GCSE Options Evening	4.30pm - 7pm
4th March	Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening	4pm - 7.30pm
29th April	Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening	4pm - 7.30pm

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Upcoming Events Booking Links

Autumn Concert here.

Year 8 Floydian Evening here.

His Dark Materials here.

Carol Concert here.

Election of a Parent/Carer Governor

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.

Applying for Sixth Form

The online portal for Year 11 students submitting Sixth Form applications remains open until Monday 22nd February 2027. Every student in Year 11 has been emailed a direct link to select their preferred A-Level options. Please note the following key guidance:

- Applications are not processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Submitting early or on the closing date makes no difference. However, they must meet the deadline, as our curriculum timetable is constructed around student selections. Submissions received after the closing date may result in requested courses being unavailable due to class capacity constraints.
- Oversubscription rules apply solely to prospective external applicants. Internal students are guaranteed a Sixth Form place, provided they meet our academic entry benchmark (attaining 48 points across their top 8 GCSE subjects, including at least Grade 5 in both GCSE English Language and Mathematics). Certain individual subjects also carry specific grade requirements.
- On GCSE results day in August, students complete their enrolment into the sixth form using the online application form. Details on how to do this will be communicated nearer the time.

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Please see our Options Booklet here for full course information, subject availability and entry requirements. For those who could not join us for our Sixth Form Open Evening, the presentation slides are available here.

A series of dedicated assemblies and form time sessions will guide pupils through selecting their options and transitioning to A-Level study.

Anti-Bullying Week WC 16th November

This week we recognise national Anti-Bullying week. All year groups will engage in an anti-bullying assembly focused on the national theme of 'Breaking the Silence'. SHFGS does not condone bullying in the community and if you have concerns that your child is experiencing bullying behaviours we encourage you to reach out to their tutor and Head of Year.

Friday 20th November will be our school 'Odd Socks' day where students are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate differences and raise awareness of the school's anti-bullying approach.

Local Roadworks Notice - Oxford Road Resurfacing

Buckinghamshire Highways will be carrying out overnight carriageway resurfacing on the Oxford Road, between the Friarage Road Roundabout and the junction of Pearson Close.

The works are scheduled to begin on Wednesday 18th November and will run for 14 working nights between 19:00 and 07:00. Please allow extra travel time or consider alternative routes if you plan to travel through the area during these hours.

Student AM Arrival

To increase site security, we have moved to a single point of entry to the school in the morning. The bus lane is now locked in the mornings. Students should enter the school via the Sports Hall gate where two senior leaders will be on duty to welcome them. Students should arrive at the Sports Hall with their phone in their phone pouch and show it to staff on duty before entering the main school site.

Uniform should be correct before entering the school site. This includes lanyards (sixth form only), shirts tucked in, blazers etc. The bus lane remains operational at the end of the school day.

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Everyone's Talking About Jamie

Please follow the link here to read more information about the trip open to all students to the production of *Everyone's Talking About Jamie* on Tuesday 25th May 2027 at the Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury.

School Portrait Photographs (Years 7, 9, 11 & 12)

If you have not ordered your child's school portrait photographs from earlier this term, please place your order by Monday November 30th to ensure delivery in time for Christmas.

If you have lost your proof card or login details, you can retrieve them directly by emailing Gillman & Soame at action@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or calling 01869 328200 with your child's name and the school password: sirhenryfloyd833dpt2026.

Catering Account Balances

A reminder to ensure your child's catering account is regularly checked and topped up via Arbor. Our emergency policy allows students with insufficient funds to receive a lunch slip from Reception so they can eat on the day. However, this is an emergency measure and any outstanding balance must be cleared immediately.

Please check your account today to settle any pending balances. Thank you for your cooperation.

Smartphone Free Childhood online parent talk

This time of year can bring a lot of pressure around phones and technology. This online talk for parents is designed to be a supportive, practical space to explore the research and evidence around children using smartphones and the options for safer devices, all without judgement. You are welcome whether your child has a smartphone already or you are still deciding what comes next.

Date Thursday 26 November - 7pm - 8pm - Online - **R**egister here

Topics covered

- the potential risks of early smartphone exposure
- safeguarding and behavioural concerns
- alternative phones for families who want to delay smartphones

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- other technology that can support communication, location tracking and safety
- practical ways to navigate the pressure to buy a first smartphone this festive season

If your child already has a smartphone, you are far from alone, they will talk about what families can do from here, so this isn't only a conversation for parents who haven't yet bought one. The aim isn't to tell parents what to do, it's to create a supportive conversation, share practical alternatives and help families feel better informed about the choices available. There will be time for questions after the talk.

To find out more click the link Smartphone Free Childhood.

Aylesbury RFC

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Chris Anderson, a hugely respected and dedicated coach at Aylesbury RFC. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and everyone at Aylesbury RFC at this very difficult time. If you feel that your child has been affected by this loss, please contact studentsupport@shfgs.co.uk.

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 and are essential.

SHFGS Sports

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