



From the Headteacher

In the week of our Patronal Feast, we have had cause for much celebration and reflection on the achievements of the past half term. Every day our students impress us and are a source of great energy, enthusiasm and joy. We are indebted, as ever, to all our parents/carers for the support and encouragement you give us as a school community. We wish you all a very happy and restful half term.

St Philip Howard Day

On Monday 19 October we celebrated our Patronal Feast in the company of our new Bishop Richard. The whole school spent the afternoon fundraising together and we raised an amazing £1,000 in just 1 hour for our charities!

International Partnership Links

SPH has been accredited with the International School Award for the third time in succession! This award recognises our international work across the whole school and wider community. This term Alison Baker, Asst Head, visited our partner schools in Rwanda and Uganda, and on her return she was joined by the Headteacher from the Ugandan school, who spent two weeks at SPH.

The SPH 100 Club is here!!!

The SPH 100 Club is a great way for you to support the school. There are 4 monthly draws between November and February, with 3 winners each month. 1st prize is a whopping £85! Please contact Jill Alcorn at jalcorn@sphcs.co.uk to get involved.

Dropping Off

If you are kind enough to drop your children off at school each day, please could I ask you to refrain from turning your cars in any private driveways or pulling up on yellow zig-zag lines – particularly on Elm Grove South. We are keen to maintain cordial relations with our neighbours and keep our children safe! I am sure your children will understand if you drop them a little distance from school. We would advise you to use the car park behind the Co-op where there is plenty of space and turning. I am sorry we cannot allow cars onto the site due to restrictions in space and the movement of students.

New SPH Website

Chris White, our new Website Designer, spent the summer creating our lovely new website which we hope you will find easier to navigate. If you haven't visited the site yet, please take a look and let us know what you think.

Open Door

Just to remind you, Open Door is on offer to all parents on the first Monday of each month between 4pm and 6pm. No prior appointment is required. This is a regular opportunity to talk about any issues that you feel can't be dealt with through the normal channels of communication. Please feel free to come and see me. Next Open Door Monday 2 November.

Calling all parents with experience of interviewing!

If you have experience of interviewing or an interest in supporting students with university applications then we want to hear from you! Our mock interview week starts on Monday, 23 November. If you are able to help we'd be delighted to see you! Please call 01243 558218 or email sixthform@sphcs.co.uk.

SPH Bake Off

On 19 and 20 October fifteen SPH students took part in our 'Bake Off' competition which was judged by our very own Paul and Mary (Fr Paul Turner and Mary Craig, Governors)! It was a great opportunity to see the culinary and creative skills of some of our students. Congratulations to the winner Lulu Thompson (8Ed) and to Albi Burgess (7Ri) and Roman Geraets who came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

SPH Performing Arts' Debut Production – Matilda - Tuesday 8 December at 7pm

As part of this year's Christmas Concert, students will perform a 20 minute showcase from Matilda. The cast has been auditioned and rehearsals are starting on Friday 23 October (3.05pm- 4.-05pm). Tickets will be on sale next term – don't miss out on this wonderful celebration of our students' musical talents.

Dates for your Diary:

10, 11, 12, 24 & 25 November – Y7 Days of Reflection
 12 November – Sixth Form Open Evening
 26 November – Advent Non-Uniform Day
 26 November - 5pm Y13 Parents' Evening
 30 November – School Closed
 1-10 December – Y11 Mock Exams

2 December – Arundel Advent Service
 3 December – 5pm Y12 Parents' Evening
 8 December – 7pm Christmas Concert
 9 December – Carols by Candlelight for Senior Citizens
 14 December – 7.30pm Senior Presentation Evening
 18 December – School closes at 12:40