



## Headlines

Well the GCSE, BTEC, AS and A level examination season is well under way. Students have seemed very confident coming out of the examination hall at the end of the first week of papers, which suggests we are off to a good start.

There are still a number of revision sessions scheduled for lunchtimes, after school and half term that are available to students, to support personal revision they are already doing in their own time. Please encourage your daughter or son to continue to attend these sessions and I would particularly point out some Maths sessions scheduled for the end of the half term break, just before their examinations in the following week. Please contact Miss Paraskeva, Director of Maths and Numeracy, for more information.

During a staff training session this week we were looking at how students reading ages had improved through this year and how through learning in lessons we can continue to develop literacy skills in reading and writing. Nearly all students have shown progress due to work in lessons, reading in tutor time, the accelerated reading scheme and morning Lexia sessions, to name a few. Many students have improved by at least one reading year, some much more than this and others not as much; but what is clear is everyone is moving forward.

Please continue to encourage, promote and model reading and the correct use of language we use at home to help your child boost their literacy levels. This will help their learning and achievement in all subjects and make their progress more rapid. The rate of improvement at times may seem slow for some but please remember it is not a race about who improves the fastest. Like all things worth achieving in life it is about who improves over the course of their time in school, steadily overtime, so we must all stick at it!

Glen Pettengell  
**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

Mon 18th-22nd May	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Mon 25-29th May	<b>Half Term</b>
Mon 1st-24 Jun	External Exams in Osborn Hall
Thu 11th Jun	PA Meeting 6.30pm K1
Thurs 18th Jun	Year 12 Conference at University of Herts
Wed 24th Jun	Year 12 Induction Day University of Herts
Thurs 25th-26th Jun	Year 9 SATs in Osborn Hall
Thurs 25th Jun	Year 12 Induction Day University of Herts
Fri 26th Jun	Year 7,8 English, Maths, Science Exams
Mon 29th Jun	Year 7,8,9 End of year exams in class
Wed 1st Jul	KS3 Matilda Trip
Mon 6th Jul	Year 6 Parents Evening
Tues 7th Jul	Summer Concert in Osborn Hall
Thurs 9th Jul	Year 6 Taster Day & KS3 welcome disco
Fri 10th Jul	Year 11 Leavers Assembly & Prom
Mon 13th Jul	Sports Day
Wed 15th Jul	Lower School Achievement Evening 7pm.
Fri 17th Jul	<b>School Finishes for Summer Break</b>

## Headteacher Awards

Louise Byott 7F - PE  
 Libby Carolan 7F - Science & PE  
 Regan Carolan 9S - Homework and classwork  
 Georgia Cordes 7F - Science  
 Calvin De Villiers 7F - Science  
 Rhianna Hill 7F - Science  
 Kai Lewinton 7F - All round effort  
 Daniel Perrin 7F - Science  
 Olivia Potter 7F - Effort  
 Kayne Rowe 7F - Science  
 Kira Hendriks 10S - Maths  
 Anna Taylor 11R - Coursework Effort

## Summer Term issue of Parent Post

Please take a look at our website for the latest issue of Parent Post.

[www.wgcschoolpartnership.co.uk](http://www.wgcschoolpartnership.co.uk)

The latest parenting courses of some interest and local activities for both parents and the whole family to enjoy together.

If there is anything further we can help you with or you would like to advertise then please contact us or follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with what we are up to.

 @wgcpartnership



## Word of the Week

### Procrastinate

To deliberately put off doing a job or a task.

## Drama News

### Year 10 Drama Performance

Our Year 10 Drama students are currently working hard rehearsing their next exam piece based on the 'Beauty Manifesto'. We are exploring physical theatre and the theme of cosmetic surgery for teens. Evening performances will run the week of 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### Key Stage 3 Drama Club – Revolting Children!

Well done to all the Key Stage Three students who auditioned last week. We have cast the parts and all the students will be performing a condensed performance of Matilda in the Summer Concert on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Students will be expected to turn up to all the rehearsals which will run at lunchtimes and some after school. Details to follow.

### Matilda Theatre Trip

Linking to our project with the Key Stage 3 Drama club, we are organising a theatre trip to see Matilda the Musical at the Cambridge Theatre, London on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Tickets will be offered first to the students involved with the performance mentioned above and then to other Key Stage 3 students on a first-come-first served basis. Tickets are £39 please see Miss Standage for a letter.

Miss S Standage  
**Subject Leader for Drama**



Public Health  
England

## Are you ready for Summer Holidays?

It's really important if going abroad for summer holidays to ensure that the whole family is properly immunised. With Measles circulating widely across many parts of the world, including Europe and the USA, it is particularly important to ensure that children have received two doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). Around a third (27) of all new cases of measles in England were infected while overseas.

Uptake of Pre School Booster, which includes the polio booster, is below the levels required. With the recent international spread of wild polio virus this could present a serious risk to those travelling to affected countries.

**Please help us to get the message to all parents about the importance of ensuring their children are fully immunised.**

## Road/School Safety when Cycling

We are pleased to note the increasing number of students who are choosing to cycle to school in the finer weather but please can we ask all parents and carers to remind students of the following:

- The dangers of not wearing a helmet,
- The need to ensure that the bike is roadworthy
- The need to walk not cycle in the school grounds
- Safe storage of the bike in school

Please note the details of a bike marking scheme at:-

### Moors Walk Shops outside Panshanger

Hardware shop

Saturday 23rd May 2015 1-4pm



For further information and advice please see

<http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/cycling-safety.php>

Mrs P Diop  
**Business Manager**

## Arson

Local residents have alerted us to a number of incidents of arson involving students on their way home from school. The school takes such incidents very seriously and will deal firmly with any students involved. Please speak to your child about the dangers of "playing with fire" and the significant potential impact. Students need to be aware that arson is a serious crime.

Mrs P Diop  
**Business Manager**

## Lost Property

There is a large amount of Lost Property in Reception. If your child has lost any items please can they come and collect them.

Any items not claimed by 22nd May will be donated to a local charity.

Mrs A Lilly  
**Office Manager**



## SFO Sports Centre

### Community Badminton

We now run Community Badminton sessions on Tuesday evenings.

We have a youth session for 5-15 year olds from 6-7.30pm and an adults session following this from 7.30-9pm. Sessions will be supervised by a member of the SFO Sports Centre Team and all equipment is provided in the session. There is no booking needed for the sessions, just turn up and play.

Please see the full leaflet for details, and don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the SFO Sports Centre Team. Numbers have been fantastic in the opening month of the sessions. We are looking into the possibility of expanding and improving the sessions to also incorporate table tennis opportunities.

### Children's Parties

Following on from the successful launch of our Children's Birthday Party packages around a month ago, we have since booked in another 4 parties. All parties are fully customisable to include everything your child would like to try on the day including football, badminton, parachute games., table tennis, dance, crazy catch and much more. We are also creating our very own SFO Sports Centre Party Invites for children to use in preparation of the big day!

### May Half Term – Student Pay and Play

With only a week to go until the end of this Half term – your attentions may well be turning to what the kids can do during their time off. Do not worry as we will again be running a full week of Student Pay and Play every day from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-6pm every day. This is at a cost of only £1 p/hr p/person for SFO students, and £2 for non-SFO. We have a great initiative whereby you can have an unlimited card for only £20 that entitles your child to come as much as they want throughout the week, only having to pay once.

### Summer Holidays 2015

We are busy working hard planning for the summer holidays in July & August. We can confirm that Student Pay and Play will be a big part of the plans as it has been since we opened in January, as well as THFC running their own Soccer Schools (dates TBC). We are pleased to announce we will be launching Pay and Play activities for 5-11 year olds. Keep an eye out online and on social media for the full details of this in June!

## 'Forrestgumponeminutechallenge'

Over the past couple of weeks, the SFO Sports Centre Team have been trying out their table tennis skills by attempting a challenge called the 'forrestgumponeminutechallenge'. We have had all 6 of the staff take part and are now making this an interactive leader board. If you can beat our top score you will win a prize and also the huge bragging rights that will come with being top of the leader board! See a member of the team to have your try!

See our Facebook or Instagram for the attempts we have uploaded thus far.

Mr S Harte  
Sports Centre Manager



SFO Sports Centre Page



@SFOsportscentre



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May Half Term  
**Student Pay & Play**  
£1 SFO Students  
£2 All Other Students  
UNLIMITED CARD  
SFO £20 Non SFO £40  
10am-6pm All weather pitch, Sports Hall & Dance Studio  
Tue 26<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup>  
Age 11 - 16 - Strictly No Food  
Equipment hire £1 per item  
sam.harte@sfohsborn.herts.sch.uk  
01707351352  
www.sfohsborn.herts.sch.uk/sports-centre

**SPINS TABLE TENNIS**  
Coaching Sessions

- Tuesday 7pm - 8pm
- All equipment provided
- All ages & levels welcome

First session **COMPLETELY FREE!**  
INTRODUCTORY OFFER!!!  
Juniors: £5  
Adults: £5

- Qualified TT Coaches
- Brand new TT Tables
- State of the art TT Robot
- Multi-ball feed training
- Fun and games in a safe environment.

Starting on 12th May 2015  
Places limited - Book early by contacting us below

Sir Frederic Osborn New Sports Hall  
Welwyn Garden City

Phone: 0780053343, 0744002333  
Email: sfohsborn@gmail.com  
www.spinstable.co.uk

**Community Badminton**  
First 2 weeks free\*

Starting **Tuesday 21st April** 6-7.30pm Youth (5-15yrs) £3 per child session  
7.30-9pm Adult (16+)  
£4 per adult session  
All sessions supervised & organised by SFO Sports Centre Staff  
No booking needed - just turn up

Sports Centre  
Come and play with friends and make new ones  
Equipment Provided

Free sessions are the 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> of April

## How to add your Schoolcomms address to your safe sender list

Have you been receiving emails from us?

If not it is likely to be because your email provider believes emails from Schoolcomms are "junk emails". Please see below on how to add us to your safe sender list. Any queries or issues please contact Reception.

### Outlook 2007, Outlook 2003 or Outlook Express

You have three options to choose from:

- Go to "Actions" on your email menu bar. Select "Junk E-mail" from your pulldown menu. Select "Add Sender to SafeSenders List"
- Right-click in the message and select "Add the Sender to Safe Senders List"  
Go to "Tools" on the menu bar. Select "Options" in the pull-down menu. Under "Preferences", select "Junk E-mail". Then click on the "Safe Sender" tab. Click the "Add" button. Type the email address of the sender in the text box

### AOL 9

You can do either of the following:

- Add the email address to your address book

Reply to the email. If you reply to the email, AOL will automatically put the address in your address book

### AOL 8:

- Open the email
- Click the "Add Address" icon on the right
- The email address is pre-populated in the "Contact Details" pop-up. Verify that the pre-populated information is correct
- Click "Save"

### Hotmail/Outlook.com:

- Log into Hotmail
- Click "Options" (the cog symbol on the top right hand side of the screen) | "More email settings"
- Under the heading "Preventing junk email", click "Safe and blocked senders" then "Safe senders"

Type in the email address and click "Add to list"

### Yahoo! Mail:

Use the "Not Spam" button to report messages you want in your Inbox that were delivered to your Bulk folder.

### Gmail or Googlemail:

- Open the email
- Click "More Options" in the email header  
Click "Add Sender to Contact List"

### Apple Mail:

- Add the email address to your address book  
In Training mode, emails will arrive in the inbox highlighted in brown. In Automatic mode, junk emails will arrive in the Junk box. To add an email that arrived in the Junk folder, highlight the email message, click "Mark" and select "As Not Junk Mail"

Aby Lilly  
Office Manager

