

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the Parent Survey this year; we really appreciate your honest feedback. As a school we have used the survey each year to help improve what we do. We were really pleased that so many of you are happy with the experience your child has at SBE. It was particularly positive to see that the Parent Survey recognised the efforts of our staff who run such an amazing set of extra-curricular activities at our school.

I am sure that most of you have seen in the media the challenges that schools face at the moment; we are very pleased, therefore, that the vast majority of our families feel supported by us. We are not complacent. Everyone at SBE will continue to work tirelessly to improve what we do. Our areas of focus next year will be:

1. Looking closely at each of our subjects, our curriculum and what is taught, to ensure challenge for all. We are currently one year through a two-year programme of whole school professional development on Checking for Understanding. We will prioritise growing teacher expertise. Mrs Peskett and Mrs Wright are leading on this.
2. Embedding our Behaviour Curriculum. We will explicitly teach and raise our expectations of students at school and continue to build upon our work on behaviour and anti-bullying. We have created our Behaviour Curriculum around our new values of **kindness, respect** and **working hard**. Miss Arkison and Mr Southwell are leading on this.
3. We will strive to find ways for families to feel that they are an important part our community, through our Information Evenings, Parent Forums, special days (such as culture day) and continuing our face-to-face form tutor evening. Mrs Osei-Tutu is lead for this.

In the survey some parents agreed to be contacted by a member of the Leadership Group for a conversation about their survey answers. We will be contacting a small group of these parents before the end of next week.

I look forward to working with all of you in continuing to build upon the great things we do and in ensuring that everyone's experience is the best it can be.

## Knife Crime Awareness Week

Next week, Thames Valley Police are continuing to implement Operation Sceptre, a nationwide operation to tackle knife crime. The Police have been out in the community to raise awareness of the impact of knife crime following Knife Crime Awareness week. To follow on from that week Shenley Brook End has agreed to be one of the schools across Milton Keynes to work with the Police as we believe it is essential that our pupils understand the dangers of carrying a knife and the tragic impact of knife crime. Throughout the week the Police will visit school as part of their prevention programme and will also be available for pupils to ask any questions they may have. We hope this will be a valuable opportunity for our pupils.

Please also find attached a guide for parents and carers to help support conversations you may have at home.

## Key dates

<b>All Years</b>		
<b>Monday 8 July</b>	<b>Summer Concert</b>	6-8.30pm – open to parents of music ensemble/band/orchestra students. Tickets available on the Arbor School Shop.
<b>Wednesday 10 July</b>	<b>Jazz Band – Primary School Music Roadshows</b>	Full details have been sent via email to students attending
<b>Thursday 11 July – Sunday 14 July</b>	<b>Silver Assessed &amp; Gold Practice Expedition</b>	Please see email for full details. Please see below the leaving times for each year group:  Year 7 – 12.25pm

		<p>Year 8 – 12.25pm</p> <p>Year 9 – 11.55am</p> <p>Year 10 – 11.05am</p> <p>Year 12 – 11.05am</p>
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	End of term	
<b>Year 9</b>		
<b>Tuesday 16 July</b>	<b>Geography Trip to Birmingham</b>	<p>Students need to meet at Reception at 7.45am ready to will leave school at 8am and will return to school by approx. 4.30pm and will travel by coach. Students will need to wear Comfy shoes for walking in as well as a waterproof jacket in case of bad weather. Please also provide sun cream and hat in case of hot weather. A pen or pencil is required as activities will be completed at various locations. Money is optional as there will be an opportunity to look around shops and buy anything during the allocated time but is not required. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch (students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from school).</p>
<b>Sixth Form</b>		
<b>Monday 8 July</b>	<b>Year 12 DT trip to Ikea</b>	<p>Students should meet in DT2 at 12.25pm and will return to school by 3.35pm and will travel by school minibus. Students will need to wear trainers, take a</p>

		camera/phone for photos and should bring a packed lunch or money to purchase food in the café. (students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from school).
<b>Monday 15 July</b>	<b>Year 12 Parliament Trip</b>	We will leave school at 11am and will travel to the train station by school minibus. Transport will be via train and tube once in London. We expect to return by 6.30pm. Students should be collected from Milton Keynes Central Train station. Students will need to take a packed lunch for the day (students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch from school) although we may have time to purchase food from nearby cafés dependant on time. Students will need to wear suitable footwear as we will be having a tour around the House as well as taking part in a workshop in the Education centre.

### **Lost Property**

All lost property from this half term will be on tables in the school 'street' from **Monday 8 July until Wednesday 17 July**. Please note that we have asked teachers to clear classrooms. **All named items will be delivered to form rooms before we break up for the summer.**

If you are aware that your child has lost any items, could you please ask them to check the tables or speak to their form tutor. Any lost property not claimed will be placed into our preloved uniform stock or donated to charity during the summer break.

Best wishes

Gareth McCluskey  
Headteacher