

Sri Lanka World Challenge



Sweyne Park sixth formers embarked on a World Challenge expedition to Sri Lanka during the summer. It was a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture of Sri Lanka and carry out some amazing activities. Cultural activities included visiting a female Buddhist monastery to observe the everyday lives and religious practices of the women, taking part in a cookery class in a Sri Lankan home in Kandy and visiting some of the huge tea plantations that spanned the beautiful landscape. Other physical activities included trekking in Ella to the top of Little Adam's Peak, white water rafting and kayaking on the River Kelani and exploring the coastal town of Negombo. A large part of the expedition was to carry out a community-based project and the group worked at Glenanore Tamil School in Haputale, which was set on one of the tea plantations with the children being sons and daughters of the local workers. The project involved renovating the classroom doors and painting the building. There was also a cultural exchange between the students where both schools performed a presentation including songs and speeches. It was a truly amazing experience! **Rebecca Godfrey**

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Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

POST-16 EDUCATION & TRAINING EVENING

Thank you to those parents in Year 11 who attended our information evening on Tuesday; it was very well attended. I hope families found the information useful and that it provided you with all the information you may need to decide what to do post-16, be it an apprenticeship, attending a school Sixth Form or going to college. Certainly, CPRE lessons this term will focus on providing additional information to ensure students make the best choice for them going forward.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Parents on low incomes and receiving certain benefits are entitled to claim Free School Meals for their child(ren). Full details and an application form

are available online at www.essex.gov.uk/education. Alternatively, please do ring Pupil Services at the school and they will be happy to advise you and help with an application. If your claim is successful, a set amount will be credited to your child's account in our cashless catering system, which ensures anonymity. It is well worth having - even if your child only uses it to buy a drink/snack to supplement a packed lunch!

PUNCTUALITY

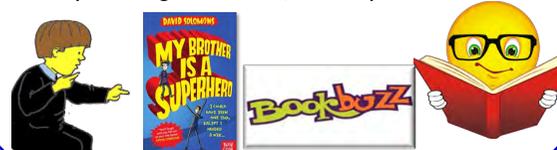
Please can I ask parents and carers to remind pupils that they should be **in school by 8.35am for a prompt start to registration at 8.40am**. Of course, when buses are late we totally understand, but as punctuality is a key life skill, please do ensure pupils arrive on time. On a related matter, please see the box overleaf for details of when the school gates are locked in the morning for your information. Thank you for your support.

Book of the Week

MY BROTHER IS A SUPERHERO by David Solomons

Luke is mad about comics, but his brother Zack isn't. In fact, Zack has never even read a comic before. Luke is really annoyed, (and I mean really annoyed), when he discovers that it is Zack who has been given superpowers and not him, all because he had to pop out to the toilet!

But, there are worlds to save, and SOMEONE has to make sure Zack does it right - he won't even wear a cap! A laugh-out-loud, madcap adventure!



We have had a number of phone calls regarding the opening times of the school gates. For clarification purposes, please note that all gates to the school site are locked at 8.40am for the safeguarding of our pupils. The only access for pupils arriving after this time is via the Cheapside West entrance.

RNIB STAMP RECYCLING

Donate your foreign and British stamps to RNIB. Every day another 100 people will start to lose their sight. Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) is the leading sight loss charity offering information, support and advice to anyone with a sight problem. We can raise money from British and overseas new and used stamps. We also collect first day covers, presentation packs and albums.

Please leave approximately 1cm of envelope around each stamp and send them to:
RNIB Stamp Appeal, PO Box 185, Benfleet, Essex, SS7 9BH.

For more information, please contact RNIB at fundraising@rnib.org.uk or by calling 0845 345 0054.

RNIB Registered Charity Number: 226227.

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Ellen, Abigail & Joshua (8LAs),
Mitchell, Ezmee, Jamie, George,
Amy & Eryn (8DGa),
Jacob (8SJa)

Pupil Services



All Families face challenges

Behaviour/reluctance to go to school/family & relationship breakdown/debt/housing/bereavement/additional needs. The list is endless!

Rochford Extended Services have a team of experienced, qualified Family Support Workers who can help, support and offer advice and guidance.

On the first Tuesday of the month (term time only). Starting 4th October 2016. Would you like a face to face chat over coffee? (Appointments only). Call to book a face to face chat between 9am and 12pm.

If you would prefer a quick chat over the phone - call between 1pm to 3pm.

Please contact:
Patsy Alphonse-Peer on 07787 259342.

Patsy or Jill Lowdell will be more than happy to help.

Art Department

A Level

100%

A*-C

Results

GCSE

98% A*-C

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Year 12 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum



Year 13 visit to a contemporary Art exhibition at The Cut Art Centre, Halesworth, Suffolk



Year 10 pupils visited the RA Summer Exhibition 2016



The Rayleigh Arts Trail

“Some insightful and beautifully executed work to be proud of. An inspirational exhibition - thank you.”

“Lovely work by the students of Sweyne Park School, well done!”

“What an incredible collection, all so different!”

“In awe of the talent - all so different and thought provoking. Where do they get the ideas?!”

“Very talented students and amazing teachers, who I know encourage them.”



Year 11 visit to Tate Britain studying the collection of British Art from the past 500 years



Visit from a Specialist Tutor from South Essex College speaking about degree courses