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A Word from our Executive Headteacher and Head of School



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of the SGHS newsletter in 2021! As we draw to the close of another rather challenging and varied year it's great to read about the many

successes and exciting opportunities our students have been able to experience. In this edition we celebrate some of the achievements of our sports, computing and CyberFirst teams. There are some really inspiring updates on the work our students have been doing in the different clubs and fundraising activities, a special well done to Emily Butcher for her incredible fundraising work for Manorlands.

Christmas and New Year are a time of both celebration and reflection and I think is important that as a school community we look back and are thankful for the way our students, staff and parents have worked together over the last 12 months to make this year as successful as it could be, despite the various challenges along the way.

As you may be aware I return full time to my Head of Academy post at SGHS following my temporary role across both secondary schools in the Trust since Easter. I would very much like to publicly thank Mrs McMillan for her excellent work as Head of School during this period in keeping SGHS both running smoothly and also supporting our continuous improvement programme.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter and I wish all our students, families and wider community a joyful and safe Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school in January.

Best wishes,

Mr M Turner
Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again we have a fantastic school newsletter to finish the Autumn term.

Many thanks to staff and sixth form students who make so many

opportunities available to our students, and to our students who make it all so worthwhile. It would be amiss of me not to mention the wonderful CTO who, under the guidance of Dr Still, organised and collected Christmas presents for Refuge Action. The response from the whole school was amazing and thank you to all families who supported this worthwhile cause.

I also had the pleasure of accompanying our Senior Dance group to Brougham Street Nursery where they performed a number of dances, using different dance shoes. The nursery class were spellbound and this went some way to supporting their work on Cinderella.

As I return to my role as Deputy Headteacher in January, I would like to thank everyone for their support and wish you all a restful holiday.

Best wishes,

Mrs F McMillan
Head of School

Christmas Appeal for Refugee Action

This Christmas SGHS has sought to help make Christmas special for families living locally that are supported by Refugee Action. Each tutor group collected boxes full of presents for children and adults of all ages. Thank you so much to CTO for helping me organise this fantastic appeal which will help to make a difference to so many this Christmas. The tutor group that won the prize for the best box of presents was BBA. Merry Christmas and Thank You Everyone!

Dr Still

Religious Studies



(Above) Students in CTO sorting presents for the appeal

Key Stage 3 History Club

Do you like History?

If so then come to the Key Stage 3 History club! Come to Chalet 4 at 12.15 on a Wednesday lunchtime where you can: watch Horrible Histories, do fun projects, try historical foods, write plays, eat yummy biscuits and more! We know that everyone who comes really enjoys it. So from all the members we just want to say a big thank you to Clemmie, Hafsa, Anisa and Emma in Year 11 for putting so much effort into running this club!

Pearl Conroy and Alice Peart 7B



(Above) Students acting a scene from a Greek Tragedy

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to CTO for leading our fundraising for this year's Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal. As a school we raised £245.88 through the sale of poppies. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to this cause. The money raised will go to the Royal British Legion to help support veterans and serving members of the armed forces.

Literacy Leaders

As some of you may already be aware, Literacy Leaders are a group who aim to promote a different reading focus every month. We believe it is really important to empower each other with literature and explore a broad range of genres and viewpoints. This month's focus is 'Winter Gothic,' so we have included some of our personal recommendations with brief explanations. We hope you consider our choices and find something you enjoy!

Beloved - Toni Morrison

Synopsis: *'Beloved'* follows Sethe, her journey through slavery, her consequent escape and life as she and her family are haunted by her past and the ghost of Sethe's baby, killed at Sethe's own hands. The narrative jumps between points in Sethe's life and the lives of those close to her, switching narrative perspectives as the characters endure racism, sexual assault, abuse* as well as supernatural torment.

Gothic Tropes: ghosts/haunting, the uncanny, oppression

*It is strongly recommended that this book is read only by Sixth Form students or older; please consult an English teacher if you wish to read this book but are worried about trigger warnings.



Teacher
recommended
'Beloved' is Miss
Silver's favourite
Gothic book!

Selected Writings - Edgar Allan Poe

Synopsis: A selection of Edgar Allan Poe's short stories and poems. Poe perfectly encapsulates 'The Gothic' within his works, using horror and mystery to explore themes such as terror, isolation, and often including elements of the supernatural.

Gothic Tropes: horror, terror, isolation, human psyche and conscience, the supernatural

*These stories are recommended for all readers, however if you are concerned about horror stories or stories with violence then please talk to an English teacher before reading.



Jane Eyre - Charlotte Brontë

Synopsis: *'Jane Eyre'* follows the life of Jane, as she moves from an orphaned childhood in a loveless house, through to her adulthood, where a job as a governess leads to her meeting Mr Rochester, a man whose secret past will haunt both him and Jane.

Gothic Tropes: set in a large manor, the double, female freedom, mental health, haunting

Trigger Warnings: Death / Ethnic slurs (in relation to a character's backstory) / Mental Illness / Parental/Guardian abuse / Suicide

*This book is recommended for all readers, however if you are concerned about trigger warnings, please talk to an English teacher before reading.



Feel free to find us and let us know if you decide to read any of these books, we'd love to hear your thoughts!

Additionally, if you are looking for a more 'traditional' festive read, here are some classics:

***'A Christmas Carol'* – by Charles Dickens**

- All ages

***'The Box of Delights'* – by John Masefield**

A children's fantasy novel set in winter and famous for the phrase "The wolves are running..." – All ages

***'The Dark is Rising'* – by Susan Cooper**

Likewise, children's fantasy set on Midwinter eve and filled with magic... – All ages

***'The Snowman'* – by Raymond Briggs**

You're never too old for this picture book!

***'The Dead'* - James Joyce**

A long short story from Joyce's famous collection 'Dubliners' and one of the best things you will ever read! – 14+

Happy reading,

Niamh, Olivia and Katie

Literacy Leaders – Year 12



PE News!

It has been a busy term in PE!

During lessons we have seen KS3 taking part in Gymnastics, Dance, Netball and Football where they have shown some amazing performances and displayed their teamwork skills. KS4 PE classes have been busy working on their Sports Leaders qualification, working on familiar sports such as netball and trying some new sports such as Lacrosse and Basketball.

Our extra-curricular clubs have had excellent uptake with netball, football and hockey proving to be very popular. We have had numerous sports fixtures where we have seen all our teams showing wonderful skill, determination, and sportsmanship.

We have witnessed our football and netball teams do amazingly well in all their fixtures and tournaments. The Year 7 football team won the Bradford District Finals and will represent Bradford City next year in the next round of the tournament. Our Year 9 netball team played some excellent netball at the Bradford Schools Tournament to finish 3rd, only losing one match all evening, and they are also unbeaten so far in their league. The cross-country team have attended numerous races already this year and made it to the ESAA Regional Finals, and five students have been selected to represent Harrogate and Craven in the New Year. This term has also seen our Junior Competitive Dance Team perform at the Yorkshire Schools Dance Festival in York where they performed a fabulous routine. Our Senior Dancers visited a local nursery school where they performed for the young students aged 4-5 and showed them different styles of dance and dance shoes.

We have also recently selected our 2021-22 Sports Ambassadors who cannot wait to get started in their roles in January. The Sports Ambassadors will have the opportunity to plan and organise their own events and clubs for you all to enjoy, and there are representatives from each year group (7-11) for you to feedback your own ideas.

Overall, this term has been great! We have loved seeing you enjoying your PE lessons and being able to represent SGHS in school fixtures. We cannot wait to see what 2022 will be like and we are sure you will continue to impress us with your levels of performance, effort and positivity.

Thank you, and see you in 2022, Team PE



Greatwood Fire of London



This year our fantastic Year 12 Gold Arts Award students have been working with Greatwood Community Primary School. As part of their Leadership award, they have been developing and delivering Art sessions based around the theme: The Greatwood Fire of London. The students have learnt many skills, not only how to produce practical art lessons aimed at Year 2 students, but also how to interact with the younger students, their peer's and teachers. It has been so nice watching their confidence grow in both sets of year groups, and to see the wonderful interactions between all the students. The Greatwood students have been such a pleasure to have with us every week and we cannot wait to see what the end result will look like, when all the final pieces are put together.

Mrs Pitt and Mrs Scott





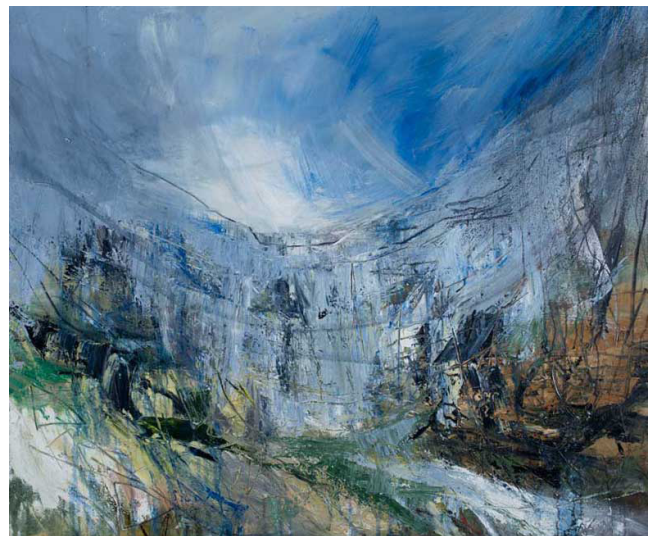
Local Artist Katharine Holmes Practical Workshops in School

Katharine Holmes is a very well known and respected artist, she is best known for her paintings and drawings of her native Yorkshire landscape. She paints outside in all weathers and currently works from her studio at the Malham cottage, where her mother and grandmother lived and painted before her.

We were very lucky to have Katharine come into school and deliver workshops to some of our Year 10, and Year 11 GCSE Art students, and all of our Year 12 Art and Arts Award students. Our students learnt new skills and also learnt about the everyday workings of a professional full time artist. A superb day!

Mrs Scott

Curriculum Leader: Art



Football Club

Year 7 and 8 teams both played on 22nd of November in a district tournament and were up against 10 of the best schools in the area. Both teams played brilliantly and were unbeaten in the group stages then went on to win both semi-finals on penalties to make it an all SGHS final. Year 7 won 1-0! Beth Morgan was the player of the tournament. They are now **U13 Bradford District Champions** and will represent **Bradford City FC** in the next round of the EFL North Regional Tournament. (Picture below of the Year 7 team - Isabella Shorrock, Charlotte Denny, Scarlett Howard, Izzy Tiffany, Aimee Lawn, Beth Morgan, Rosie Gaynor and Macy Plunkett (Captain)).

Mr Barker
Football Coach



FIXTURES

YEAR 7

Win vs Beckfoot Oakbank

8-0

Win vs Appleton
Academy

1-0

YEAR 7/8 MIX

Win vs Carlton Keighley

5-0

YEAR 8

Draw vs Appleton
Academy

0-0

YEAR 9

Win vs Carlton Keighley

5-0

Win vs Beckfoot Oakbank

2-0

YEAR 10

Win vs Appleton
Academy

2-1

Raising Money for Manorlands

My name is Emily Butcher, I'm currently in Year 11. On the 12th of October, out of the blue, I came up with the idea of getting my hair bobbed to raise money for the Manorlands Hospice. Bobbing my hair seemed relevant as the cut off hair could go to the Little Princes Trust.

I wanted to raise money for Manorlands because, sadly, when I was 8 years old, my mum passed away at Manorlands due to cancer. The help they provided was immense and the bereavement support was fantastic. They helped to make the sad times and my mum's last few days special and not as heart-wrenching. Because of this I felt that I wanted to do my own little thing to help them.

Initially I set myself the goal of £500 but encouraged by family I set up a Just Giving page with a target of £1000 that I hoped to raise by the 9th of March, when I would get my hair cut. I raised £1000 on the first day! Comments and messages of support flew in, people donated as a tribute to mum and to support the cause. It was fantastic. I then really began pushing the fundraising, getting news articles written and setting up an Instagram page; sponsor-my-bob. I have now reached £4442 and the cheque I've given Manorlands in the picture needs to be updated.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Emily Butcher
Year 11



I ended up having 10 inches of hair cut off and I am really enjoying my new look.



I'm so happy with this achievement and **I wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported me or donated.** The Just Giving page is still open, so if, after reading this, you would like to donate, please follow the links below.

[> Just Giving page](#)
[> Instagram page](#)

Bebras Computing Challenge

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking and problem solving to students. It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing. The competition is online and each student has 45 minutes to answer questions that focus on computational and logical thinking.

This year there were a record number of 300,000 students taking part across the UK. All the students across Year 7, 8 and 9 were registered and took part in the challenge during their Computing lessons.

67 of our students came in the top 10% of the country and received a Gold Certificate in celebration gathering and have been invited to take part in the 2022 Oxford University Computing Challenge in February!

I would also like to give special recognition to Ellie Throupe in Year 9 and Rosie Wakefield in Year 7 who achieved "Best in School" for their age groups. Well done to everyone who took part and I look forward to seeing those who wish to take part in the next stages in the new year

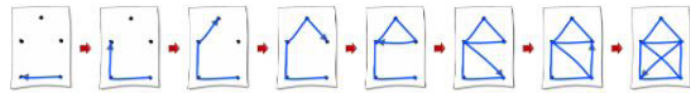
Mrs Lofthouse
CREATE

You can draw pictures without lifting a pen.

To do this, you draw lines from one dot to the next. You may NOT draw a line over one that you already drew.

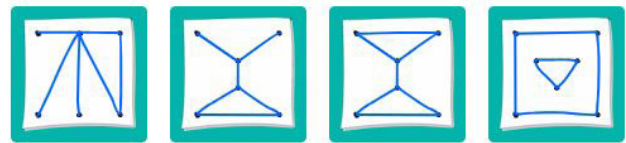
Example:

You can draw a picture of a house like this:



Question:

Which picture can you draw this way?



CyberFirst NCSC Competition

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ, run the Cyber First Competition as an annual event for Year 8 students across the country.

The CyberFirst Competition aims to inspire, support and motivate girls who are interested in a career in cyber security. Since the Cyber First challenge launched in 2017 there have been some positive shifts in the gender gap in cyber security but there is still work to be done. In 2017 just 11% of the world's cyber security workforce was represented by women, now, this figure has risen to 25%. CREST (International) has cited that they feel initiatives like the Cyber First Competition have a direct impact on this growing number and our own students motivation and dedication to the challenge is evidence of this.

The competition is a challenging yet incredibly engaging experience for our Year 8's. It is open for 10 days and during this time our students work together in teams of up to 4 students to crack as many of the challenges as they can.

This year they applied their skills in cryptography, logic, networking and programming to hundreds of tasks based on fictional scenarios from finding the secret location of terrorist base camps to inspecting and changing the code in the backend of website to reveal hidden messages.

The students worked incredibly hard and our top scoring team at SGHS have qualified for the National Finals on the 5th February! This is a great achievement, and we wish them all the best for finals day which I am sure will be both challenging and exciting for them.

Our SGHS Cyber Champions are Evie Garton, Isabelle Murray and Layla Hudson.

Isabelle:

I have enjoyed the cryptography questions because although they were challenging it was so exciting and rewarding when I got them right.

Evie:

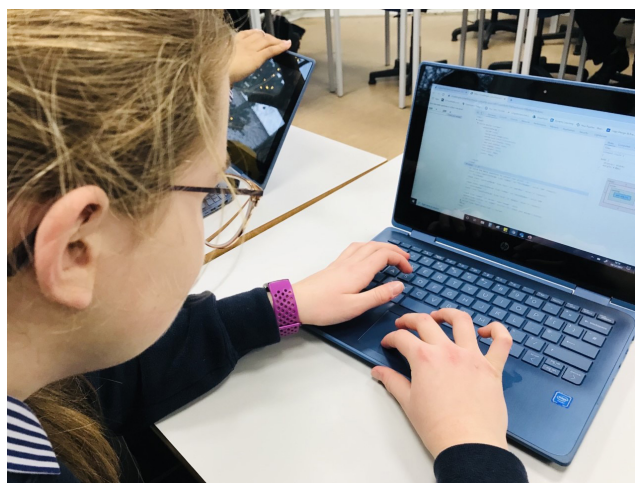
Cyber First was an amazing experience we got to take part in as a year group and a team. All the challenges were fun, educational and helped me and the team learn more about the coding world! I am so happy to have come first and had lots of fun.

Layla:

We worked together as a team to complete the challenges, although it was tricky, it was an amazing feeling to finally get them correct! Overall, it was a really fun experience and its great to see that all of our hard work paid off because we came in first!

I would also like to recognise the hard work of all the teams in Year 8, and a special mention to Chloe Miller, Hana Amini, Edie Peberdy-Tweed and Isabel Whalley who came a very close 2nd!

Mrs Lofthouse CREATE





Winter Concert

We will be recording the postponed Winter Concert after Christmas and hope to have it available for family and friends to enjoy in the middle of February. As we are unable to perform live, due to the current Covid situation, we will be asking those who watch the concert online to donate if they feel able to. All money will go directly to the Music department and will be used to purchase new equipment and instruments for use by the students.

Mrs Evans
Music

Friends of SGHS Winter Update



*After almost two years, and with lateral flow requirements for all attendees, it was fabulous to welcome the parent community back into the school hall for our popular **curry & quiz night** on December 3rd. The event sold out and raised a splendid £1,500 for school!*

Thank you to our wonderful Art Department for their entertaining quiz. Thank you to Morrisons, Dominos, Flipside, Saks, Online29boutique for vouchers & donations. We are also particularly grateful to The Wright Wine Company for supplying the bar, and to Nasreen Yasin and other generous parents for delicious curry, cooking, serving and washing up on the night.

Our festive market at the school Christmas concert was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. However, our festive hamper, which has now been drawn, raised a wonderful £1,095. Thank you to all who supported and bought raffle tickets helping us raise funds. The lucky winner is Amelia Bowdin, Year 9. Congratulations Amelia!

This term we have superseded our £2,000 target and raised a whopping £3,300 for school. This money will be used for new D of E tents for students' use, Year 8 Carnegie books, student award badges and free planners for all Year 7 students.

Friends are already busy preparing events for the school community for 2022:

The next date for the diary, and back by popular demand is the **Bingo & Games Night on Friday, 11th February 2022**. This family event in the school hall runs from 6.30pm-9.00pm and tickets include a delicious pizza, pasta and salad supper. Games will include Play your Cards Right, Disco Bingo and much more. Tickets available on ParentPay at just £9 per person or via the Friends' website. See flyer for details.

We are also looking forward to one of our favourite fundraisers of the year - our **Mother's Day and Easter market** for our students to enjoy at lunchtimes at the end of March. More details and a request for home-made crafts and edibles will be made nearer the time.

All spring fundraising goes towards installing new water bottle refill stations in school for our students' use.

The annual 150 club membership is now up for renewal. Have you renewed your number for 2022 or fancy joining? December 2021 draw is yet to be pulled: there are three winners each month, winning £40, £25 & £10 respectively. Tickets available on ParentPay. See flyer for details.

Next Friends' meeting: 6.30pm Wednesday 5th January, 2022. All welcome.

Thank you for your kind support throughout 2021 and we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Friends' Team

Dawn, David, Emma, Steve, Chloë, Claire, Alison, Duncan, Matt, Denise & Nic

If you would like to get in contact with Friends of SGHS, see our website or drop us an email:

w: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsghs
e: team@friendsofsghs.org.uk



(Above) Our Curry & Quiz Night winners

BINGO & GAMES NIGHT

Family event - all welcome!
Raising funds towards water
bottle refill stations at school

Games include Disco Bingo, Play Your Cards Right and Pig-racing

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PRIZES
TO BE
WON

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY
11TH

6.30-9PM
SKIPTON
GIRLS'
HIGH
SCHOOL
SCHOOL HALL

Get your tickets: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsghs

TICKETS
£9 PER PERSON

Tickets via Parentpay or the website
above. For more info contact:
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skipton girls' high school
an engineering academy

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CASH &
CARD
BAR



Ticket includes pizza, pasta,
garlic bread & salad supper



Robotics

The regional rounds of the Lego League Competition

This year saw our biggest ever robotics club with 47 members attending every Wednesday to build and program their robots within their teams to compete in the Lego League Competition at Bradford University on the 15th December.

The students got into 4 teams, and each had a sixth form mentor working alongside them. The challenge this year was Cargo Connect and alongside the robot, our students had to come up with a new sustainable invention to transport cargo sustainably!

We had Team Parsnip who developed a robotic worm to dig tunnels underground that would be powered by solar energy and create a network of small tunnels to be used to transport cargo.

The Power Pigeons invented a pigeon robot that would power themselves through sitting on existing power cables and absorbing lost energy. They were specifically designed to transport urgent medical equipment through flight.

Team Floomba devised a drone with wheels, powered through solar power, to deliver small packages door to door. The Floomba was designed so that it could “hitch a ride” underneath other vehicles travelling on the same routes to preserve energy.

Finally, Team EMZ2 designed a product which allows less carbon emissions to be released as magnets will be used as engines for cars to transport goods. The magnets would also act as sat navs where you can put a location and the car will be driven to the nearest magnets.

The 15th December was competition day and all the teams performed excellently in all the categories and were a credit to the school. During the presentation rounds our students rapped, acted out scenarios, used dynamic models, shared interactive games, and read bespoke children’s books they had created to portray their ideas to the panels of judges. The robotics round was another element of the tournament and the teams got 3 opportunities each to earn as many points as

possible reviewing and remodelling the code for the robots between rounds. The whole day was exciting and rewarding to see all the hard work come together for the final competition.

The Power Pigeons came away with one of the three Lego trophies. The Judges awarded them as the Team with the highest marks in the “Core Values” which involves teamwork, problem solving and the potential global impact of their innovative design.

A huge thank you to Celia, Millie, Georgia and Hannah who were our sixth form team mentors, without them, we could not have run the club on such a large scale. Also, a big thank you to Lawler Driver Training and JD Mounsey for sponsoring our teams so we could purchase additional robots for our ever-increasing club!

Mrs Lofthouse
CREATE



New School Caterers

We are pleased to announce that we will have a new catering supplier starting in the new year. Aspens are a well regarded catering company and will bring an exciting and varied menu to Skipton Girls' High School.



We are **always** in the mood for good food!

We are Aspens Services, a market leading contract catering company and we specialise in school food.

We only work in the education sector so we know what our customers want. Mixing this knowledge with an understanding of what's hot in the food world sparks creativity and excitement in our chefs. Our kitchens provide delicious home cooked food each day and cater for individual dietary requirements.

We don't just provide food, we play our part to educate children and raise awareness about nutrition, food and where it comes from, so that they can make informed and mindful choices. Feeding our future. Please see more at www.aspens-services.co.uk



Featuring global cuisines, customised offers and food on the move to suit different price and time requirements.

We push the boundaries here with really interesting dishes that grab a lot of attention in the world of food. We understand that tastes are expanding and students are keen for the chance of new food experiences. We also don't forget that familiarity and comfort are what so many want, so we have plenty of choices to fit the bill. With important learning to be done, we make sure that we are feeding healthy minds as well bodies.

Streateries is our main secondary meal offer. With food drawing on Asian, African, Caribbean and more traditional fare, the menu includes street food dishes and handheld versions with vegetarian and vegan choices and sides available.

Our Deli Kitchen builds on the popularity of our standard hot and cold deli offers to provide more substantial meals at our grab and go counter.

Menu

The menu rotates on a three-week basis and refreshes for Autumn/Winter and Spring/Summer seasons. Here's the current menu:

Click here to view the current menu:
www.sghs.org.uk/parents-carers/school-dining

Special diets

Special diets are an integral part of our catering provision, whether as a result of an ethical or religious belief or a food intolerance or allergy. To register this as a requirement please complete and return the special diets form to the school as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to them - please check at this website:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Joining our team

It takes some pretty special people to make sure that we give our school children and young adults great food every day. We are keen to add to our teams with talented people and so if you are looking for an opportunity to challenge yourself and learn new skills, let us know.

To find out more, please visit our website.

Making **great school food memories!**





150 CLUB

Launching the Friends' 150 Club for 2021.

The 150 Club is a great way to support the school's Hardship Fund whilst having a bit of a flutter!

£20 FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

How does it work?

- After payment of £20 via ParentPay you will be entered into three draws monthly for 12 months. See Friends' page on www.sghs.org.uk for details.
- At time of payment state three number preferences (between 1-150). You will then be informed which is your membership number.

For queries contact:
team@friendsofsghs.org.uk

1ST PRIZE £40

2ND PRIZE £25

3RD PRIZE £10

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE OVER 16



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