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A Word from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of the newsletter this academic year, it is also my last newsletter as Headteacher at SGHS. It has been a very busy term with lots of student activities going on, which you can read about in the newsletter. Particular highlights have been Enrichment Week, Sports Day, our Celebration Gatherings and the Year 8 Passport to Success presentations.

I wish all readers an enjoyable and relaxing summer and wish you all the best for the future.

Mr M Turner
Headteacher



Spectacular STEM Showcase

On Wednesday 13th July we invited over 50 students from both our feeder primary schools and Northern Star Academy Trust primary schools to take part in our Spectacular STEM Showcase.

The day involved an insight into the wonderful world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), working with staff across the different faculties at SGHS and experts in their field. For some of the attending students, it was their first time in a secondary school environment with exposure to our Science labs and Robotics facilities.

Throughout the day our visiting students took part in four different engaging and enriching STEM based sessions. These included a Houdini inspired Escape Room, a logic-based maths challenge, a Jurassic robotics competition and a “Smelly Science” make your own scent activity.

The day was very well received and the Yr 4, 5 and 6 students said they had thoroughly enjoyed their experience with us.

A big thank you to our Yr 10 and Yr 12 Computer Science students who were our helpers on the day and all worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and successful event. Also, a big thank you to Miss Hughes, Miss Preston and Mrs Jay for running the sessions.

Mrs Lofthouse
Learning Director: CREATE



Gold Arts Award Upcycling Fashion Show

Huge congratulations to all who were involved in the Arts Award Fashion Show - it was amazing!

Students from Year 7 to Year 12 were involved and Mrs Pitt and I were very proud of every single one of you; whether you made clothes, helped with makeup, hair or modelled. A superb evening!

The Upcycling Fashion Show was part of the Gold Arts Award Year 12 showcase and featured items donated from staff/ students that were made into something new. The students were thinking about our responsibility to both the environment and the financial implications of fast fashion as we move towards uncharted waters worldwide.

The Gold Arts Award students have worked really hard to improve their upcycling skills – working with practitioners and each other as a team. They have also been more mindful about our environment, and specifically thinking about the journey our clothes have been on; and where they go after we have outgrown them. The Arts Award students have spoken to set designers, fashion designers, artist's and photographers who have all inspired and influenced them.

All of the students who upcycled clothes for the fashion show either upcycled their own garments, fabrics or utilised donated items. The duvet dresses were a great example of this. There was some innovative upcycling.

Mrs Scott
Curriculum Lead: Art



Members of the audience were asked to leave feedback about the evening; they were all so lovely! Thank you. I will share one:

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Excellent! Amazing dance, poetry, fashion, cannot fault it and the overriding message is so important. It has made me want to get creative and drag out my sewing machine. Well done to everyone involved.



Duke of Edinburgh

At the beginning of May, most of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants completed their final, assessed expedition.

This involved walking for 2 days and staying at a campsite for one night. Our group walked around 8 miles each day. We found this quite challenging, especially on the second day after having already walked quite far on the first day. On the first day we walked from Grassington to Burnsall and then carried on to Appletreewick (where we camped for the night). When we arrived at the campsite, we set up a tent (using our training that we had received at training sessions in preparation for D of E) and we also had to cook a hot meal in the evening. On the second day we walked to Bolton Abbey and finished our expedition at Billy Bobs in Halton East. The two days were very challenging and tiring but overall, we had a lot of fun and a good laugh. We spent lots of time out in the countryside and saw some amazing landscapes. It was such a great opportunity for meeting new people and having fun with friends and we have also left with an incredible qualification for future university and job applications.

Mr Hoyle
Assistant Headteacher



Photos from Enrichment Week 2022

What a fantastic 2022 Enrichment Week we have had after such a long wait since our last in 2019.

This year's enrichment week was designed to give students:

- the opportunity to try something new
- the opportunity to develop new skills in an activity or subject area
- extended learning opportunities
- a longer period of time to study concepts with greater depth, breadth, and complexity.
- Fun memories

Here's a selection of photos from across all of our activities, which included: Robot Olympics, Nature Treasure Hunt, Chester Zoo, Up Sesorize, Chester Zoo, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, and SGHS Bake Off along with many others...

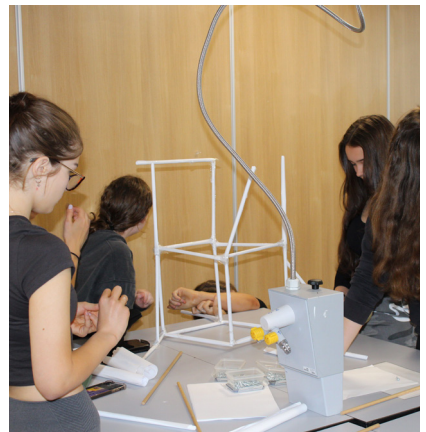
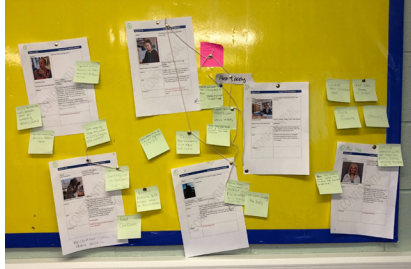
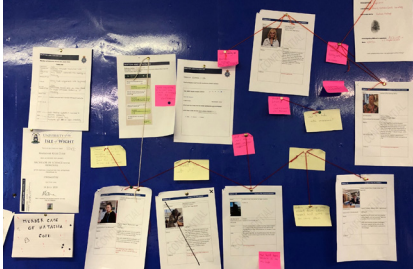












North West Eco Conference

On Thursday 23rd June some members of the SGHS Engineers of the Future and The Eco Team attended The North West Eco Conference alongside pupils from Greatwood Primary.

The conference was held at Ewood Park and the day consisted of stalls, exhibitions, talks and performances all of which our students took part in. The day is aimed at providing a platform for sharing skills, knowledge, and experience in promoting education for sustainable development in schools. It encourages environmental education and learning outside the classroom, with an emphasis on real world links to jobs and future career prospects.

Our students set up one of our energy generating bikes on their stand, which proved hugely popular and then presented to other schools and industry representatives about the current energy gym project at SGHS which is now firmly under construction.

On the day, the students also promoted the removal of single use plastic bottles in schools and were taking orders to make bespoke reusable drinks bottles with people's name on them. Please read more about this initiative on Page 18.

The students took a lot from the day, made lots of exciting connections with schools and businesses to support them in their future projects.

Mrs Lofthouse
Learning Director: CREATE



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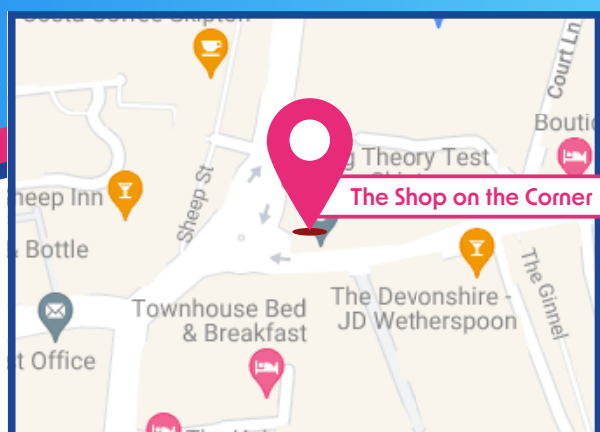


**The Shop
on the Corner**

73 High Street, Skipton

Open Saturday and weekdays
except Tuesday, 9.30am-4.30pm.

This is an ongoing initiative.



**SCAD accepts donations of
used SGHS uniform, in good
condition, for resale.**

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Year 12 Enrichment Week

Day 1

On Day 1 Year 12 started off their UCAS journey attending presentations on the 'UCAS Application Process', 'Course Choice' and the more practical 'UCAS Registration' workshop. This was an excellent opportunity for Year 12 to gather lots of information about higher education in a short period of time. It enabled the Year 12s to really focus on life 'after SGHS' and to start the process of choosing a course to study and potential universities to visit over the coming months.

In the afternoon we were delighted to welcome Danielle Kaye to our Enrichment afternoon. Danielle spoke brilliantly on the topic of Herbal medicine, offering advice on nutrition and wellbeing.



Day 2

In the morning the Year 12s were very busy continuing their Higher Education Week – enjoying a jam-packed programme designed to help with their applications for further study or work. The talks this morning covered, 'Why go to Uni', 'Writing an effective Personal Statement' and 'Student Finance and Budgeting'.

In the afternoon our Year 12 Cultural Day was eagerly anticipated and after much effort from the Cultural Team organising the day including preparing music and dance performances from around the world our students revelled in the opportunity to celebrate their cultural identities.

Special thanks go to the Cultural Team for their tremendous organisation. This event is now a SGHS Sixth Form institution and will be looked forward to by so many students in the future.



Day 3

This morning our Year 12s took part in 'Army Elite Skills' training, a workshop designed to give the Year 12s a taste of Army teamwork and problem solving, with a wide range of hands on and confidence building activities. There were multiple different activities that the Year 12s were able to take part in, whilst developing skills that will be essential in multiple work settings in the near future. The Year 12s were amazing, the Army team commented that this year group had been the best they had seen for some time! Go Sixth Form!

Over the afternoon the Year 12s had a choice of activities, including an apprenticeship workshop, where the students were able to learn more about the benefits and opportunities of apprenticeships.

Students also experienced an excellent RTC workshop delivered by the Fire Brigade. A part of the workshop included an amazingly realistic RTC demo, where Mrs Pitt proved herself to be a fantastic sport, by bravely putting herself forward to be cut from a car!

To end another jam-packed day, the Year 12s finished off with the Cultural Team serving delicious Gulab Jamun's whilst enjoying, dance and a highly competitive but fun House tug of war!



Day 4

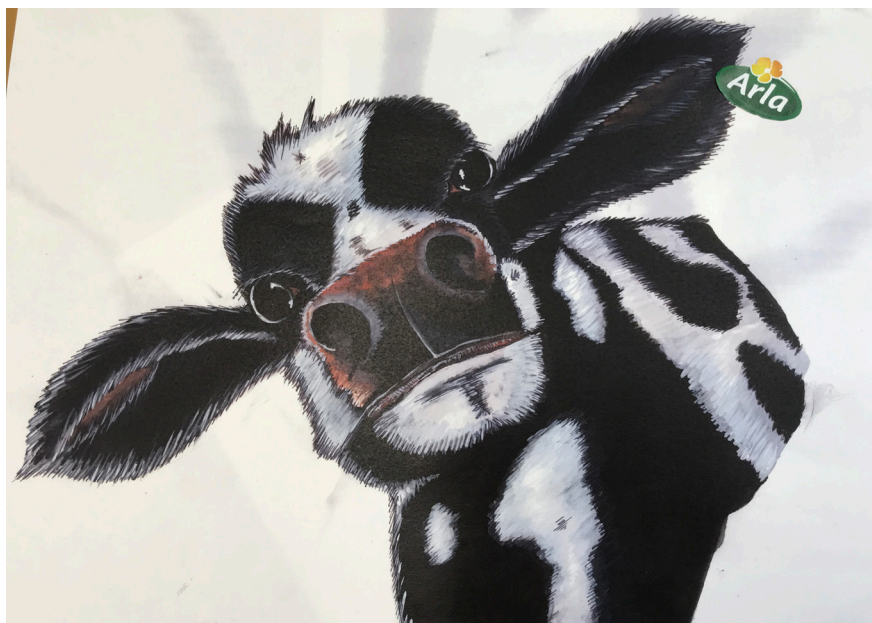
On the final morning, the Year 12s experienced a wellbeing craft activity which saw West Bank overflowing with energy and laughter as the students enjoyed a range of craft activities which left them energised and upbeat.

In the afternoon the students had the opportunity to discover more about writing an effective Personal Statement and the week finished off with an extremely enjoyable and fun Year 12 Sports Day in the Hollow.

These four days were a great week of Higher Education and Enrichment activities and the Sixth Form Team would like to thank all of Year 12, for all their hard work, organisation and energy which went into making the week such a success!



Arla Art Competition



Arla in Settle were looking for some funky artwork to display in their new canteen, they held a competition open to all local schools to produce appropriate Art work. Well done to all who entered, I was really impressed and proud of all of our students' entries! I'm pleased to announce that Erin Carter in Year 7 won first prize, and Caitlin Booth in Year 9 won second prize.

(Above left) Erin Carter's winning entry.

(Above right) Runner up, Caitlin Booth's artwork.

Fantastic work!

Mrs Scott

Curriculum Lead: Art

One Last Exam for Year 11

Photos of Year 11 when they had just come out of their last GCSE exam this morning. Mr Riley organised cake for everyone!



Year 10 Writing a Children's Book

Students from Year 10 were invited to work in teams to write their very own children's book.

After much input, analysing books in the 0-5 age category over the decades and looking at under-representation of differing groups of people or ideas, our Year 10s set out to write a hugely diverse range of books.

Students enjoyed sharing their stories from their childhood, many students speaking particularly fondly of the Julia Donaldson range! They were shocked, though, to hear how there is greater representation of animal characters, rather than BAME characters in children's fiction.

Sparked by some short clips from BBC Radio 4 'Woman's Hour', BBC documentary 'No more boys and no more girls' and an interview with the Italian authors behind the popular 'Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls', students also engaged in interesting debates about when gendered ideals are set in early childhood and what role children's fiction has in cementing these ideals.

Enjoy some of our resources and entries:



Children's Books

- Which children's books do you remember from your *early* childhood (age 0-5)?
- (How) do children's books inform you as a person or prepare you for adulthood?
- How diverse were the stories of your childhood? What impact does this have on children?

Children's books with humans have greater moral impact than animals, study finds

Alison Flood
Fri 1 Sep 2017 16:00 BST

Undercutting the ageless tradition of engaging ethical lessons with endearing animals, new research suggests human protagonists are needed to change behaviour

"We tell stories to children for many reasons, and if the goal is to teach them a moral lesson then one way to make the lesson more accessible to children is to use human characters. Yes, we should consider the diversity of story characters and the roles they are depicted in."

Patricia Ganea, professor of early cognitive development OISE

Children's books with humans have greater moral impact than animals, study finds | Children and teenagers | The Guardian

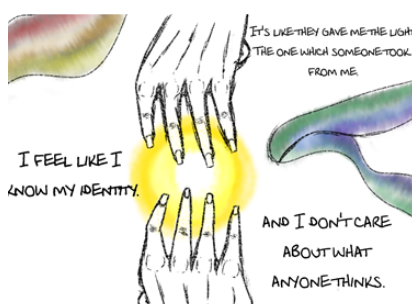
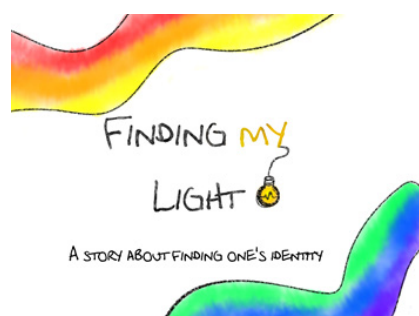
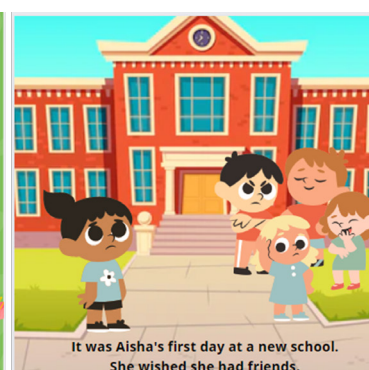
Children's books eight times as likely to feature animal main characters as BAME people

Alison Flood
Wed 11 Nov 2020 08:36 GMT

According to UK study, just 1% of children's books have black, Asian or minority ethnic protagonists - a small improvement from 0% in 2007

Two years after the stark revelation that only 1% of British children's books featured a main character who was black, Asian or minority ethnic, the proportion has increased to 5%, according to new analysis. But a child from an ethnic minority background is far more likely to encounter an animal protagonist when reading a book than a main character sharing their ethnicity.

Children's books eight times as likely to feature animal main characters as BAME people | Children and teenagers | The Guardian



Reusable Plastic Bottles

From September there will be several new re-fill stations around school.

Drink from our new “Sustainability Stations” and enjoy refreshing chilled fruity water with benefits for you:

- 1 of your 5 a day
- Helps keep you hydrated
- Boost your energy and reduce fatigue

How we are helping the planet

- Removes single use plastic
- Reduce waste to landfill
- Protect our environment

Using parent pay and the linked firefly form you can now order a reusable drinks bottle from the Engineers of the future. We have tried to ensure that our options are cheaper than other outlets, they will be personalised with your name, and you can select the colour and style of the font.

Mrs Lofthouse

Learning Director: CREATE

- Once you have paid, click the link to the firefly page and make your selection.
- Fill in your name, form, choice of bottle, font style and font colour
- The Future Engineers/Club Team will deliver to your form in September
- You can purchase them for gifts/presents/other family members using the same form.

Purchase one of our reusable bottles from the engineers of the future and rest assured that any profit will be put towards school projects to reduce our carbon footprint, here are some of the current projects and the ones in the pipeline.

- The generate gym
- Wind Sculpture
- Kinetic flooring
- Solar powered charging workstation pods for sixth form

A. Bottle with screw cap - £3.50



B. Bottle with flip straw - £7.00



C. Stainless Steel Vacuum Bottle - £11.00



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Chester Zoo

On the 6th July, all the Year 8's travelled the 2 hour journey to visit Chester Zoo. While at Chester Zoo they saw a range of unique animals. Some of the animals they saw were bats, giraffes, bears and Boar Hogs.

During the day, in our classes we explored the zoo looking at all the different animals and learning new things about them. At the end of our time in the zoo we all went to the gift shop and most people bought a thing or two. There were a lot of things on offer like animal magnets, sweets, animal teddies and even animal balloons!

I really enjoyed going to the zoo as I got to spend time with my friends and see lots of different animals. Personally, I really liked seeing the cheetah, the butterflies and the elephants. This is because cheetahs are known for having amazing speed, the butterflies were colourful, pretty and unique and the elephants were cute and surprisingly big. Both the bats, butterflies and tropical birds had their habitat in large rooms, where they could fly around you. This was nice because they could sometimes fly right next to you, which was impressive.

I think that going to the zoo was a great way to get outdoors and have some fun. It was also a great place to go on a trip as it had a variety of animals and things to see, which meant there was something at the zoo for everyone.

Chloe Miller
8C



NORTHERN LIGHTS

SCHOOL CENTRED INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING



Congratulations to all of our primary and secondary teacher trainees who have now successfully gained qualified teacher status(QTS).

All of them have worked extremely hard, supporting children across a range of schools and now look forward to starting their new posts in schools in SGHS, NSAT and across the region. There are still places available in next years' cohort (contact smithh@sghs.org.uk) for those who, like our current now-ex trainees want to make a real difference to childrens' lives.



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Year 8 Passport to Success Congratulations

- The Summer term saw the launch of the Passport to Success with our Year 8 Students. This is a new initiative and an opportunity for our students to identify, complete and reflect upon a range of new experiences allowing them to focus on personal development and what is important for them to grow as a young person.
- Over the last term students have been set the challenge of completing a task from each RESPECT category, creating a personal blog and recording evidence of what they have done and the impact this has had on them.
- We would like to congratulate all the students who have really thrown themselves into this and hope they will carry forward some of their new practices and routines that they have adopted during this project. Students have been rewarded in a Celebration Gathering this week.

Mrs Winter Head of Year 8



Transition Day

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students into school for the first face to face transition day in 3 years. The 140 students enjoyed a day in school, sampled some lessons, met their tutors and tutor groups and experienced a taste of life as an SGHS student. Parents were also given the opportunity to come into school in the evening for a meeting on key information from September. Major thanks go to **Rita Box** and **Niamh Burns** who gave a speech to parents about their experience here at SGHS. They were an absolute credit to themselves and the school. Well done Rita and Niamh.



Strictly Star of the Future

We always encourage our students to make the most of every opportunity both inside and outside of school. One of our year 8 students is certainly doing this with her passion for dancing. We are immensely proud of Emily Slater who has participated in numerous competitions and recently swept the board with awards in various categories.

ICON is a huge competition in the freestyle dance world. Emily has worked incredibly hard and recently achieved the semi-final in the Slow section and the final in the Solo section after 6 heats in both sections. In addition to this Emily made the Championships at the weekend and despite the intense temperature, she placed 1st and then won tops of inters; she also moved from Starter to Inter in slow, placing 2nd and alongside this achieved 2nd place in U14 Inter Solo pairs. A phenomenal achievement on every level. Huge congratulations to Emily.

Mrs Winter
Head of Year 8



PE News!

This summer has been a great time for sport at SGHS over the last term there have been 4 teams entered into the Bradford Schools Netball League. All teams played extremely well winning multiple matches at the group stages, once all group games had been played the top team from each group travelled to South Craven to play in the finals. Our Year 7 team won all their group matches and were up against Carlton Bolling and SBSJ. All the girls played extremely well and won both their games becoming the U12 Bradford League Champions. The Year 10 team also won all their group games getting them through to the final to play SBSJ and Tong. The team showed some fantastic skills and won both games making them U15 Bradford league champions. Alongside the fantastic victory it was also amazing to see the turn out for rounders this year with a weekly average of 70 students turning up across 4-year groups. It's been a great term for sport, and we can't wait to see what more the students can achieve next year.

Team PE



Friends of SGHS 2022 in Summary

What a year! It's been a busy 10 months and we are so pleased to have been able to provide such a variety of wonderful in person events.

From strenuous hikes and family friendly games, to adults-only Curry and Gin Tasting nights. Not only have these been successful fundraisers, but also provided an opportunity for both students and parents to meet in a relaxed social setting. Whether it's organising, cooking or attending the events, we thank you all.

We also wanted to tip our hats to those committee members and parents who are leaving us this time as their daughters move on to their next adventure. We are so grateful for your support throughout your time at SGHS and wish you and your families well for the future.

Amounts raised:

150 Club	£645.00
Walking Trail	£848.50
Curry Quiz Night.....	£1835.03
Christmas Hamper.....	£1185.00
Family Games.....	£1600.19
Spring Hamper.....	£760.00
Mother's Day Market.....	£1364.80
12km Moor Hike.....	£1622.99
Gin Tasting Night.....	£1769.35
Amazon Smile	£96.05
Donations	£486.65
Total.....	£12213.56

Contributions this year to school:

Hollow Refurbishment.....	£5000.00
Year 7 2021 Planners	£379.32
Student Awards - Autumn	£187.40
D of E Tents and Equipment.....	£500.00
Hardship Fund	£1180.00
Student Awards - Spring.....	£292.40
Water Fountains	£1156.00
Art Attic	£457.70
Robotics.....	£150.00
Year 8 Books.....	£580.00
Student Awards - Summer	£292.40
Year 7 2022 Planners	£477.42
Total.....	£10652.64

After the refurbishment of the hollow at the beginning of the school year, Friends were looking for another fundraising challenge, and we found it. A new school minibus! We have pledged £15,000 towards this exciting new addition to the school and have already raised over £7000. With a number of events already in the diary we're hopeful our goal will soon be reached.

The 150 Club will continue to be drawn monthly and you can pick up half price numbers for the remaining 6 months; available on Parentpay or via the Friends online shop: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofsghs

Winning numbers for June are:

1st prize: #44
2nd prize: #36
3rd prize: #56

Our first meeting of the academic year will be on **Monday 19th September at 6:30pm** in the school library. As well as our AGM, we'll also be chatting about future events and plans for the year. Our meetings are informal gatherings with tea, coffee and the occasional chocky biscuits. We'd love you to join us!

Dates to look out for:

Fri 14th October..... Bingo and Games Night
Mon 31st October..... Halloween/Harvest Hamper
Thu 24th November..... Christmas Concert and Market
December..... Christmas Raffle
Early 20223..... New Year Quiz and Curry Night

If you would like to get in touch at any time, please drop an email to team@friendsofsghs.org.uk

We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Friends of SGHS





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