



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Parents may have read in the press about how well Shene students did this year in their GCSEs. In two years, we have moved 25 percentage points in 5 A\* - C and 21 % when English and Maths are included. I sent a press release, which was not printed, but I have reproduced it below for you to see just why we should be feeling so pleased:

“Shene School is thrilled to announce its best ever results at GCSE!

Our 5 A\* - C rose by 13% to 57%

Our 5 A\* - C including English and Maths rose by 9% to 45%

These totals are nearly double those of two years ago

Many subjects did very well, but particular recognition is due to: English Literature, Additional Science, Maths, Spanish, Dance, Information Technology, Drama and Textiles.

A number of our pupils gained outstanding GCSE results, including:

George Bunting Achieved 10 A\*/A

Rene Germain Achieved 10 A\*/A

Sarah Rogerson Achieved 10 A\*/A

Regont Pula Achieved 8 A\*/A and 2 B grades

Ellen Mercer Achieved 6A\*/A and 5 B grades

Syrus Smith Achieved 6A\*/A

and 4 B grades

Perrin Joel Achieved 6A\*/A and 2 B grades.

We would particularly like to congratulate:

- Natalie Ohene-Gyateng who achieved far beyond her predictions and gained 4 A\*/As as well as 4.5 other passes
- George Bunting and Sarah Rogerson whose Maths marks were 595 and 600 out of 600 respectively.
- Ellen Mercer who scored 100% in her Art exam

**Ms L Kirby**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Ovation to all Staff and students of Shene School for their hard work and determination in collecting the Tesco vouchers to procure equipment for Shene School library.

Your efforts have paid off very well. The Library has been able to order a Brother mid-range Mono Laser Printer, a Canon A4 Flatbed Scanner with Clip-on vertical tray and a Romans Educational CD with the 11,001 vouchers submitted by both staff and students.

Thank you very much.

**Josephine Laogun**

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS— FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

School photographs for the whole school will be taken on Friday 25 September.

## CELEBRITY PAST PUPIL

We are proud to share some photos of Fara Williams who left Shene School in 2000.

She is seen here as Captain of the Women's Football team who played in the final of the Women's European Football tournament this week



## NEW STAFF

We have some new teachers at Shene this year:

Ms Elie Carbro—Director of Literacy

Ms Frances Cullen—English

Mr David Gander—Business Studies

Ms Rosie Mastandreas—Art

Ms Cara Quinn-Larkin—Music

# Shene News



## SHENE SCHOOL CELEBRATES SUCCESS at ALL SAINTS'

The wonderful thing about our cluster of churches is that they are used not only for worship but for celebration. This month one of our local schools did just that - celebrated the successes of its pupils at their Prize Giving and Speech Day at All Saints. Shene School proudly presented to parents, governors, friends and relations - and chiefly to pupils - tributes of a successful year of focus, study and attainment. With musical interludes - 21<sup>st</sup> century pop songs elegantly sung by a small chorale, syncopated piano played by Faye Hahlo - and prizes covering almost every aspect of education, Shene pupils displayed with pride their diversity of attainment. MP Susan Kramer presented the prizes and spoke about the importance of learning, citing her mother's early hardship in Hungary and Greece in her quest for knowledge at a time when education for girls was not readily available.

Over the last couple of years, Shene School has travelled a long way. They have discovered 'self'. They have shrugged their shoulders at their chequered past and determinedly moved forward, beginning an establishment of school within community, respect for their surroundings - as witnessed by their respectful behaviour at All Saints' - and a determination to show how strong, educationally and pastorally, they are becoming.

These young people could teach

us a thing or two about coping in a pressurised, modern world. In the face of rumour, of sometime-misrepresentation, of misunderstanding, through a period of educational struggle, they have - under the guidance of Headteacher Lesley Kirby and her leadership team - set the foundations for educational attainment and their futures as responsible citizens. The green shoots were patently evident at All Saints the other evening.

Shene's Headgirl, Rene Germain, succinctly summed it up in her closing speech. She told her fellow students:

***'They said we could only whisper but we shouted. They said we could only walk but we ran. They said Shene School was defeated but we triumphed. When I look at Shene School I see a group of talented and unique people. I see future doctors, pilots, actors, lawyers and sports-persons.....  
... Jimmi (the Head Boy) and I came to Shene School to learn and we have learnt. We came to Shene School to grow as young people and we have become young adults. We came to Shene School to be challenged and tested and it was here we realised our dreams. So when you go home tonight close your eyes and make a wish - because here at Shene School anything can happen'.***

**Mona Adams  
Community Governor  
July 2009**

## YEAR 7 NEWS

All Year 7 parents are invited to meet the Year 7 tutors on **Tuesday 29 September 2009 4.30—6.30** in the Palewell Building. Further details will follow nearer this date.

**Mrs. Roach  
Head of Year 7**

## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

The **Year 6 Open Evening** for the September 2010 Year 7 intake will take place on **Wednesday 23 September from 6.15 pm—9.00 pm**. The Headteacher's speech will be at 6.45 pm in Park Hall.

## YEAR 6 OPEN MORNINGS

Tours begin at 9.30 am on the following days:

Tuesday 29 September 2009  
Tuesday 6 October 2009  
Tuesday 13 October 2009  
Tuesday 20 October 2009

Wednesday 29 September 2009  
Wednesday 7 October 2009  
Wednesday 14 October 2009  
Wednesday 20 October 2009

Please phone the school to reserve a place—020 8876 8891

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