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Lots of Opportunities



The last half term has been very purposeful and enjoyable. Students in all year groups have applied themselves diligently in lessons and large numbers of students have taken advantage of the numerous extracurricular activities at Southam College. We want all students to take advantage of these extra-curricular opportunities as it is often

a different form of learning which helps students develop into caring, kind and resilient adults.

We are always looking to extend these activities so if you feel the school could offer something additional in this area please let us know. I must once again thank all of our exceptional staff who voluntarily run these sessions.

Finally with external examinations only a matter of weeks away can I wish all students in Years 10, 11, and 13 the very best of luck with their revision. We appreciate it is difficult to get into the habit of revising, but once these habits are established

knowledge, skills and confidence grow. This in turn leads to more enjoyment of schools and brilliant results.

Go for it everyone- Carpe Diem!

Mr Samra, Head teacher



Disneyland Paris Trip



The Health and Social Care department took 20 Year 13 students to Disneyland Paris, the most magical place on earth! The purpose of the 3 day trip was to get an exclusive inside look into the Health and Social Care practices at Disneyland.

We arrived at Disneyland where we were met by Woody in the hotel lobby before attending the first seminar based on 'Meeting Individual Needs'. This focused on how ride designs, food services and medical services adapt to accommodate for all guests in the Disney parks. This was particularly enjoyable to spot adapted rides for those with physical or learning disabilities when we explored the Disney parks later that day. Students also learnt how rollercoasters put physiological strain upon the body and were given an insight into how engineers overcome G-force pressures to allow riders to remain upright for the rest of the day!

The Workshop that followed provided the students a

practical opportunity to apply their knowledge of Health and Social Care in order to create an attraction specifically for those with special requirements. One group designed a ride based on Alice in Wonderland which had touch sensory elements and the other group designed an attraction that encompassed different sound elements sensitive to those with hearing impairments. The students then had to present their attraction to the Disney management panel who were very impressed with their knowledge and engagement.

Later that evening, we were invited by Sleeping Beauty to watch the spectacular Illuminations and fireworks at the Disney castle. After a long day of lectures and exploring, it was the students turn to be Sleeping Beauty.

We had a magical time and it was a pleasure to spend time with these lovely group of students.

Miss Walker

Whitemoor Lakes Residential

On the weekend of the second week of term, 35 Year 11 students took part in the school's annual Grade 7-9 Success weekend in Staffordshire. During the event they had sessions on Ccoresubjects by Southam staff, plus the opportunity to take part in outdoor activities such as abseiling. A great weekend for all involved and a big thanks to all the staff who supported the trip.



6th Form Trip to Iceland

This half term we had the pleasure of taking 36 sixth form students from Southam College and Kington High School to Iceland.

Our trip began with a tour around the capital Reykjavik, we visited the Perlan Centre with amazing views over the city, followed by the Hallgrímskirkja Church and the concert hall on the waterfront. That evening we were lucky enough to see a glimpse of the Northern Lights, it was amazing and well deserved after almost an hour and a half in sub zero temperatures! Our weekend was packed full of Geography: waterfalls, beaches, geysers, glaciers, geothermal power stations and heated greenhouses. We all managed to adopt the Icelandic love of outdoor swimming, although staff were less keen on running and rolling in the snow. We had lots of laughs and a fantastic Icelandic guide who really was impressed by our group and organised a great quiz for our final night. We have started planning for next year's trip already!

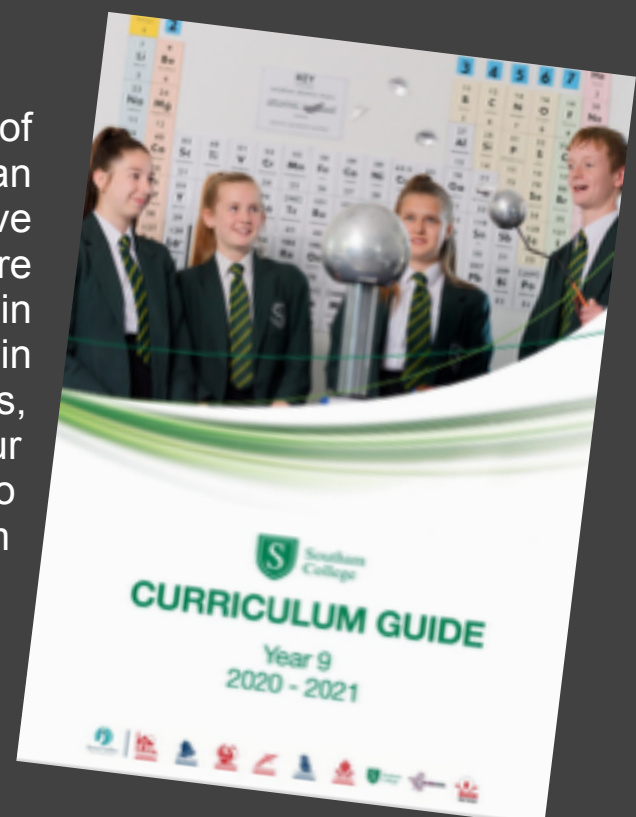
Mrs Cumberbatch



Year 8 Curriculum Choices

Year 8 students have begun the exciting journey of shaping their Year 9 curriculum. Alongside an extensive Core curriculum, students in Year 8 have the opportunity to select subjects to study in more depth in Year 9, ready to begin their qualifications in Key Stage 4. Students have been supported in making these decisions through special assemblies, our Year 8 Options evening and with the help of our Year 9 Curriculum Guide. Go to our website to access a copy of the guide in the Curriculum section.

Reminder: the deadline for the return of Options forms is Friday 28th February. Students should return their form to their tutor.



Charity Week 2020




What an amazing Charity Week we've had!

The students and staff should feel extremely proud of their efforts this week! It was fantastic to see so many people supporting the tutor fundraisers and we can't wait to release the total figure raised through the week!

All monies raised will go directly to DKMS - well done everybody!


Watch this space for the final figure!





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Southam
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World Book Day Lunchtime Quiz

Thursday 5th March
In the Library



So you think you know books?

Starting at 12.45pm, so please have your lunch beforehand

Limited spaces, please see Mrs Jones in the library
to sign up your team now!

Prizes for the winning team • Haps for all entries



Introducing our Heads of House



Miss Alcock - Head of Godiva

It has been an absolute pleasure to take on the role of Head of Godiva this year. As a house, Godiva show great participation and enthusiasm so it is now time to up our game and take the lead from Shakespeare. There are still lots of competitions to take place this year with plenty of HAPs to be won so let's try our best, get involved with everything and take back our deserved number one spot. Come on Godiva!

Miss MacLachlan - Head of Shakespeare

I truly believe that every student in Shakespeare house is proud to be in this house. For the past few years, we have led and delivered in the house competitions consistently. I am honoured to be your Head of House, not only do I thrive in the competition of the House System, but the enjoyment and enthusiasm from students in each competition is exciting to be a part of. Currently, we are back to back champions, three time winners is not a thing for Shakespeare, but this year I am confident, if we continue the rate we are going, that trophy is ours. You are all fantastic individuals who give 100% to everything you do. Keep being great and we will achieve greatness.



Mr Turton - Head of Webb Ellis

Being the head of Webb Ellis from September has been fantastic! My aim for this year is to continue to work with all of the Webb Ellis tutors and staff to encourage Webb Ellis students to continue to work to be the best that they can be! This involves encouraging students to continue their tradition of participation as well as supporting school events including all house events. If we all work hard to live up to this reputation, we can build upon a fantastic start to the year. You can do it Webb Ellis!!



Mrs Morten- Head of Whittle

Whittle has a history of excellent participation and I am so proud of all the students who get involved in the wide range of house activities. It is always so fantastic to see the enthusiasm that Whittle students have when it comes to completing competitions. We celebrated winning Sports Day last year and we can build on this success this year and compete against the other houses. By working together, we can be the best we can be and get back to our rightful place as the winning house!



Great News

Stowe Valley MAT

WELCOME TO LOUIS DONALD

STOWE VALLEY MAT AS TRUST SAFEGUARDING MANAGER



I join SVMAT from The Greenwood Academies Trust, where I was a Senior Leader and Designated Safeguarding Lead at Nottingham Academy. In addition I contribute to a range of national and regional child protection projects, including the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' DfE guidance, as part of the Child Protection in Education working group.

Each school in the Stowe Valley MAT is committed to keeping children safe and promoting a culture of effective safeguarding. I am looking forward to working with all our schools to understand existing safeguarding arrangements, learn about their local context, and support designated safeguarding leads and their staff with keeping children safe and promoting the wellbeing of every child and young person across our trust.

Louis Donald, Safeguarding Manager



Year 10 & 11 Trip to Poetry Live! Birmingham Town Hall

The English Department were pleased to take a group from Year 10 and 11 to hear poets from the Power & Conflict cluster read and discuss their poetry.

Poets included; Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard and Imitaz Dharker. We were also able to listen to an English Literature chief examiner explain some of the most effective ways to approach unseen poetry.

"I enjoyed listening to John Agard as his delivery was really engaging" - Jenny, Yr10.



Interested in teacher training?

Southam Teaching Alliance are proud to offer School Direct places for initial teacher training in a range of subjects.



We offer outstanding support and professional development opportunities within our school community; nurturing talent, enthusiasm and creativity in our teachers.

For more information please contact
01926 812560 or **STA@welearn365.com**

World Cancer Day - Cake Sale



A massive thank you and well done to James, Alfie and Jake who successfully organised a cake sale in honour of World Cancer Day.

They raised £56.40



Employability Skills Trophy

Congratulations to Maddy Alford who deservedly won this year's Southam College Employability Skills trophy. Maddy amazingly scored 100% in all aspects of the employability skills course including for effort and attainment in her Character and Culture lessons, full marks in her mock interview with a local employer and for her work experience placement at Compton Verney.

We would like to congratulate all of our Yr11 students that participated in the employability skills course and hope that the course helps them to find a positive destination after they leave Southam College.

***Mrs Cooper (Head of Character & Culture)
and Mr Hughes (Careers Leader)***

Lessons From Auschwitz Project

Milly Koch and Alex Thompson from Year 12 have been chosen to participate in the Lessons From Auschwitz Project, which is organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust. Along with Mrs Meredith, they spent some time at a seminar last weekend - meeting a Holocaust survivor and preparing for their trip to Poland. They have now attended a one day trip to Poland, visiting Oświęcim to see what life was like in the town during the early 20th century and then onto the camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. They had the opportunity to hear about the lives of people who were deported to the camps and to see the sites for themselves. Our students were part of a large group from across the Midlands, participating in a three part course across two weeks in order to further their knowledge of the Holocaust and its impact.

Southam College **Employability Skills Award**



Sports News

Year 8 Football

7 a side Tournament

6th February - The Year 8 Football team took part in the 7 a side inter-schools football tournament at Myton. The 7 min matches were played at a high intensity, frenetic pace with chances at a premium, making it difficult to breakdown the stubborn defences of some teams. We started well with a 1-0 victory against Aylesford and well taken goal from Harry L., but we saw how difficult it was going to be in our next game against a deep and resolute Campion defence drawing 0-0.

Often the games came down to one moment of class or a defensive mistake. We profited from and were guilty at times of both, winning 1-0 against Henley and drawing a tough and hard fought game against Kenilworth. The team came into the tournament with hopes of going one better than their second place last year, but as some results didn't go their way, they had to chase their remaining fixtures leaving our goal vulnerable. With stand in Keeper Joe C doing his best to keep out the opposition's attacks and rotating our players, their efforts didn't quite get the results we had hoped, but the team couldn't be faulted for their endeavour.

Well done to all the team, Happy Birthday to captain Noah M, and hopefully next year we'll be able to learn from our experiences at this tournament.



Basketball Club

It has been great to see so many students from Yr 7, 8 & 9 enjoying and progressing within Basketball this year. Receiving expert coaching from the inspirational and impressive Sixth-former Ryan A. The group have taken part in a number of attacking and defensive drills, shooting games and small sided matches.

We are all looking forward to the new Sportshall and the chance to progress our basketball even further. Well done again to you all.



Rugby

5th February -The College 1st XV took on Warwick school this afternoon and came home with a convincing 66-5 victory.

The win was built on strong running, destructive work on the floor and dominant defence.

Tries were scored by Ben Hickey (3), Alex Kidd (2), Will Chapman, Ethan Trundle, Gil Pearce and Joe Cummings.

Man of Match was unanimously awarded to Josh Lee, for his ball carrying and outstanding play across the park.

Training continues every Thursday.

**Well done gents,
Mr Lowdon**

Second place for Southam in the Sports Hall Athletics

4th February - First of the indoor athletics events took place today with the year 8 event hosted at Myton.

The energy was good and all students performed extremely well and represented the school brilliantly.

The day started with a fantastic win on the track in the girls obstacle relay with a truly amazing anchor leg by Isabel M to secure the win. The boys had an equally positive start with a second place just pipped by Myton.



The track events saw the Southam team secure vital points with wins in the 2 lap race for both Charlie S and Isabel M. A strong performance by Izzy C-B saw her finish 2nd in her 2 lap race. The 4 lap race saw more success with a fantastic run from Alice C seeing her lead from the whistle. Abbey G-S finished off the individual races with a 2nd place in the 6lap.

The final events on the track were the 4x2 lap relays. The Southam team consisting of Alice C, Holly F, Izzy C-B and Isabel M cruised to victory after some outstanding running from the off. The boys team of Dom, Charlie F, Charlie S and Archie L had a much harder race and they had to battle for 3rd place.

Successes also happened in the field with strong performances from Will H and Zoe S in the shot and Scarlett S in the vertical jump.

All in all everyone should be extremely proud of their performances, especially after finishing in a fantastic 2nd place.

Well done,

Mrs Turton, Mr MacGibbon and Miss Hancocks



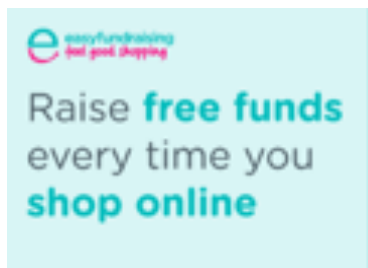
PTSA Update

Successful PTSA Quiz

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us recently at the Annual Southam College PTSA Quiz. We had a record number of teams and made an amazing £1300. Thank you to the winning teams who donated back their prize money - much appreciated. Special thanks to The Red Lion, Hunningham, The Crown Inn, Stockton, Jacqueline the Florist, Goodeclean Window Cleaners, The Entertainer Toy Shop, Leamington, Hotel Chocolat, Leamington for donating raffle prizes and Napton Village Stores for their continued support.



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Southam College PTSA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. We currently only have 86 supporters signed up with a school of more than 1600 pupils so please sign up and support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/southamptsa/> or download the app.



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Thank you.**

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded **6651** half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 602 on the previous year.



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