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World Book Day, March 2023

Message from Miss Mason



2023 seems to be flying by, literally for some of our students who have been overseas on trips this term. It is enjoyable to be able to reflect on how many things fit into one term. Many year groups have completed internal examinations and their attitude and behaviour in these has been fantastic. Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 are now fully focused on the summer exam series, with some practical moderation already underway.

Following years of disruption, we have been glad to be able to

welcome parents and carers into school for curriculum events and memorable experiences. Our annual Options and Intervention Evenings have been very well attended, as was this week's Southam's Got Talent performance. Thank you to all of the students and staff that made this show possible as it was a truly uplifting evening, with talent on show from Year 7 to Sixth Form.

A highlight of the term has been the amazing effort that has gone into fundraising for this year's school charity, Dogs for Good. This week we surpassed our goal of £10,000 for the year and can now fund two puppies for training, with the summer term still to go. The 24-hour netball event was a huge part of the Spring Term progress, an inspiring group effort.

Thank you to everyone who supported events this term.

Whilst school goes on as normal, we can't forget the new build that is taking place on site, mainly as it is now an imposing purple structure. This half term the first group of staff and students were able to set foot in the new build, taking in the views from the upper floors and getting a feel of the corridors and classrooms. We saw the first of 178,000 bricks, which will cover the structure, being laid. The project remains on track and the summer term will see us making more decisions on interior finishes.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Easter break.

**Miss Mason,
Headteacher**

Spanish Exchange March 2023



On Monday 6th March, we had an early departure to Málaga, and then on to Olvera, for the return leg of the Spanish Exchange. Our students were nervous about living with a Spanish family but excited. Upon arrival the tired students were greeted by their Spanish families and off they went! On the first full day, they attended lessons at I.E.S. Zaframagón and visited the picturesque town of Olvera where we were staying. The mayor greeted us, and we even appeared on local TV talking about the Exchange experience! Throughout the course of the week, they had a wonderful time meeting their "family", trying Spanish foods and experiencing more of the culture

they've heard so much about in class. We were privileged to visit Seville where we saw the main sights including the beautiful Plaza de España. The students got to see a little bit of impromptu flamenco dancing and also saw the seating being set up around the city in preparation for Semana Santa. We heard from some local pioneering women to celebrate "El día de las mujeres" which was one long listening lesson for all. Our students did an excellent job of communicating and trying out their language skills and we're very thankful for such a warm welcome from all in the host town. Hopefully there will be some life-long friendships.

Holocaust Educational Trust

Since 1999, over 41,000 students and teachers have taken part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's groundbreaking Lessons from Auschwitz Project.

Mrs Mali was honoured to take Evie and Elliot from Year 12 on this incredible and thought provoking one-day trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland. The pupils had prepared for this challenging yet life changing experience by taking part in online seminars and assemblies connected to the Holocaust. This was a chance to learn first hand about the horrors of the Holocaust and atrocities committed by the Nazis and their collaborators during WW2.



Sixth Form Year 13 "Success Seminars" event

Year 13 were invited to an afterschool event to motivate, encourage and support students with their academic progress for their upcoming A level exams.



Students received a talk from their Head of Year, Mr Cole and had the opportunity to attend their option block subject seminar sessions which were kindly led by their A level teachers. A "Study Skills for Success" workshop was brilliantly led by the Sixth Form learning mentor Mrs Montgomerie and we also welcomed external professionals Seline and Claire from Coventry and Warwickshire MIND. Hannah Gibson who is a Psychotherapist also kindly gave up her time to attend. There was a wealth of information, advice and guidance shared about mental health and wellbeing for our students to support them during the examination season, thank you so much to our visitors! Free gifts for our students were positively received including motivational posters, pens, stress balls and fidget spinners!



Furthermore, students had the invaluable opportunity to meet, listen and read the wise words of former exemplary Sixth Form students Joe Quinney and Howie Farrell. They divulged their top tips for A Level success! We really appreciated the time and effort you shown to the event, thank you both.

Best of luck for the final weeks ahead, The Sixth Form Team



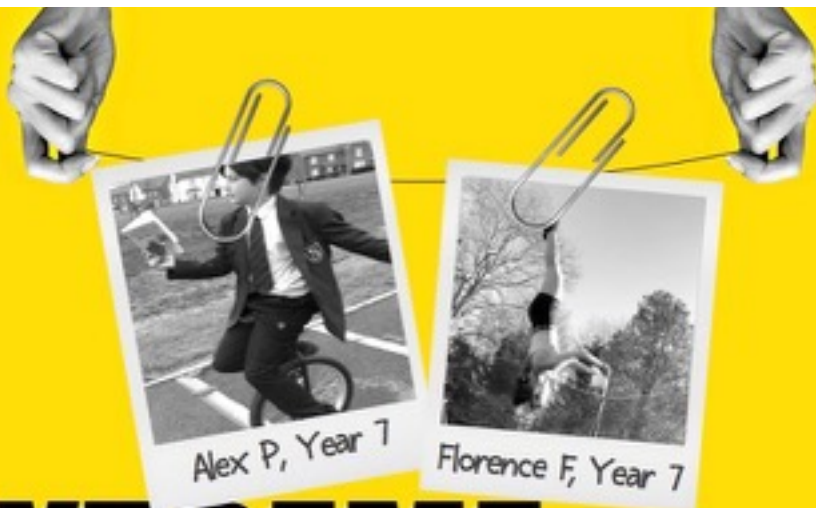
Y11 Drama chocolate hamper winner

Recently Year 11 have been tasked with learning a lot of lines by heart ahead of the Drama exam this month. Each time they met their deadline they were entered into a draw and we are delighted that Isatu was picked by the randomiser.

Enjoy the chocolate treats and well done!



World Book Day Competitions



EXTREME READING COMPETITION

WINNERS

Congratulations to Alex P and Florence F, winners of the 'Extreme Reading' competition for World Book Day.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, the range of reading positions and locations used by students has been truly creative and very inspiring!

After a tightly fought competition, Harvey W won the World Book Day treasure hunt, 'Reading Around The World'. Harvey completed his mission with speed, ingenuity and good humour, and thoroughly deserves his Waterstone's book voucher reward.

Writer's Workshop



Students were lucky enough to welcome author and publisher Samuel Langley-

Swain for a writer's workshop at Southam College. Sam treated students from year 7 to year 13 to stories from his writing and publishing career and then they created story boards of their own.

"This was a great opportunity; it was fun and inspiring." student comment

"I loved meeting an author and publisher, it has inspired me!" student comment



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Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.



April Book of the Month



Where the world turns
By Nicola Penfold

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On World Book Day, staff and pupils across the Trust have celebrated their love of books. As a Trust, we know the power of reading to inspire, educate and entertain and we promote this with our children and young people every day. Today we have seen our school communities bring books to life with participation in a wide range of fun-filled activities, both remembering fondly old favourites, and introducing new stories for our pupils to enjoy. Another fabulous World Book Day celebration to remember.



SHARE A STORY

Students and staff from across the Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust have been celebrating World Book Day.



Activities have included dressing up as characters, dropping everything and picking up a favourite book, taking part in quizzes and book-themed lessons. A fantastic day of reading for all!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



On March 8th we celebrated International Women's Day at Southam College. In assembly this week, students have learnt about the importance of gender equality. They have also learnt about inspirational women world leaders and the fight for women's rights and freedom in Iran. Staff have contributed to a display showing a huge range of women who inspire them.

YOUR NAME: Miss Gregory

A WOMAN WHO YOU FIND INSPIRING: Margaret Atwood

YOUR REASON: For advocating for women's autonomy.

YOUR NAME: Mrs McCabe

A WOMAN WHO YOU FIND INSPIRING: Sarina Wiegman

YOUR REASON: She has done so much to raise the profile of women's football.

YOUR NAME: Mrs. Mali

A WOMAN WHO YOU FIND INSPIRING: Princess Sophia

YOUR REASON: She was a Punjabi princess, the god-daughter of Queen Victoria & a Suffragette who fought for women's rights. An amazing woman



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PTSA Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who came along to the uniform sale. We are very grateful for all the donations and for our hardworking sales team! This sale raised over **£500** which will go back in to supporting students.

Uniform Donations

Do you have uniform that you no longer need or use?

Our next uniform sale will take place on Thursday 2nd July 7.00-8.00pm in the Core Block.

If you have any donations of uniform that you no longer need (including footwear) that is in good condition please feel free to drop this in to reception over the coming weeks.

We appreciate the fantastic support we have had for uniform sales in the past and look forward to this next event.

Careers Fair

ON Thursday 18th March Southam College held its annual Careers Fair. There were over 30 exhibitors from local Colleges and Universities, Training Providers and Employers offering advice and information on the different career pathways available to our students.

The event was well attended by students and staff and we hope that they are now more aware of the different options available to them after leaving Southam College.

Southam College would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Careers Fair for making it such a successful event.



Student Leadership at Southam College

This year we have year councils for all year groups, led by our Head Students Sophie Thurlow and Simona Ondrejкова. They are supported by the Year 12 prefects and lead the student year council meetings every half term.

The year councils are elected house Captains from each tutor group, chosen to represent the views of their peers.

It is fantastic to see students taking on leadership roles and being part of the school community. Well done to the Head Students for arranging and leading these students

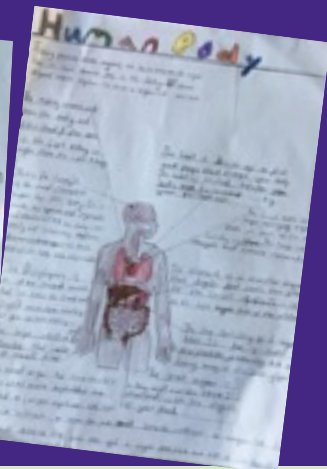
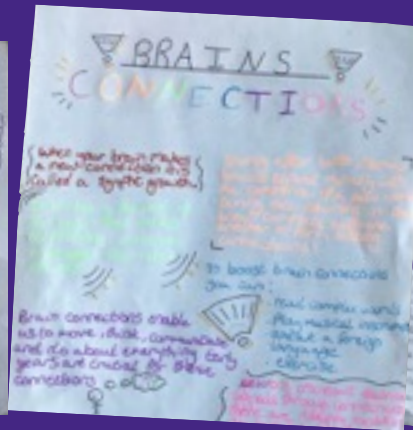
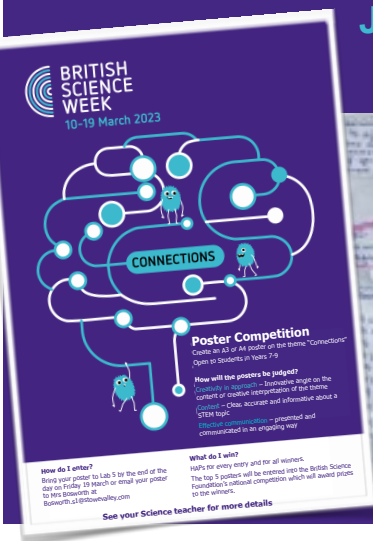


Science Week Poster Competition Winners!

Well done to everyone who entered the British Science Week Poster Competition. Students were asked to make a poster on the theme "Connections".

Congratulations to our winners!

Joint First: Emily F 7SE1 and Adrian J 7WE2 Third: Lily D 9WH6



Year 12 Geography trip



On the 20th-22nd March, 34 Year 12 Geographers went to the Cranedale Centre in North Yorkshire. The trip involved fieldwork study for their NEA and AS exam.

On day one, they observed landforms of glacial deposition and Periglacial environments.

On day two, students carried out a variety of qualitative and quantitative fieldwork techniques, to explore the changing character of Scarborough.

Their evening classes introduced them to the history of Scarborough and the methods they would be using. They also analysed and evaluated their data, including the use of emotional mapping on ArcGIS.

On the final day, we visited Dalby Forest to study the theories of water and carbon cycling. This included quantifying the carbon content of plants, trees and rivers discharge measurements.

Year 12 conducted themselves brilliantly on the trip, receiving multiple compliments for their polite and courteous manner from the centre staff. **Well done Y12, we couldn't be prouder!**

Gold D of E

On the 18th March, 21 Year 12 students visited the Shropshire Hills to recap their navigation skills, preparing them for their practice and qualifying expeditions, in the summer term. They covered, locating their position on a map, identifying features, finding directions and using bearings. All students worked fantastically in their group and showed enthusiasm throughout the day. The instructors praised the students for their knowledge and they have great confidence in their abilities for future expeditions.



Sports News

Year 10 Netball

A huge congratulations to the Year 10 netball team for making it through to the finals for the second year running.

Playing Kings High School is always a challenge, the girls know they have to perform at their very best and have confidence that they can win. This belief grew with each quarter as the girls got stronger and stronger. Unfortunately, the gap was too big and the final result was 30 goals to 20. As always, I am incredibly proud of them all.

Well done to Sandra, Chloe, Tyra, Izzy, Keri, Sofia, Lily, Darcie, Esmee and Grace

Mrs Herbage



Year 9 Football

Southam v Princethorpe

The year 9s took a short trip to Princethorpe as they looked to bounce back after they suffered a tough loss against Kenilworth last week. The year 9s started well and clearly full of confidence as they created some good chances early on but failed to convert. Princethorpe took the lead after a composed finish by their number 9. Southam were battling up the slope in the first half and managed to gain a goal back via a deflected strike by Ethan who claims it was going in anyway. Southam went into the break level at 1-1 and confident as they were going to be kicking downhill in the second half. Southam

played some much better football in the second period, but Princethorpe always looked dangerous going forward. With 10 minutes to go a lovely reverse through ball from Jamie set Alex through on goal which he managed to slot effortlessly into the bottom left corner. Southam managed to hold out for a 2-1 win in a brilliant comeback.

Some outstanding performances from Frankie (had to leave before the end so not in the team photo) in goal who made some top saves and some brave claims and Jack who defended brilliantly all game, but everyone played their part!

We still have several GCSE and A Level certificates from past students 2016 onwards. Please contact school via southamcollege@stowevalley.com to arrange collection if you think we may have yours. Certificates between 2016-2020 will be confidentially destroyed if not collected before July 21st 2023.

If you require a certificate after this date, you will need to contact the exam boards directly (approx. cost of £50 per certificate).



Save the Date



Festival of SPORT

**Saturday 24th June
3.00–5.30pm**

Southam College Playing Fields

**Come and see all the amazing sports
clubs and activities in Southam and
surrounding areas.**

**Watch them in action, have a go
and see if it's for you!**

**There will be a licensed bar, food
stalls, a grand raffle**



Activities include Rugby, Football, Gymnastics, Dance and many more!

Any questions please email
southamcollegeptsa@gmail.com



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). 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.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not grant any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** 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. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

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.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

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

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. 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 School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.