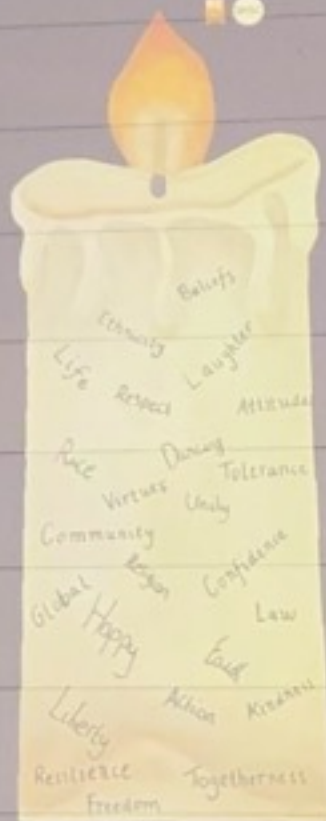


SUPPORTING
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL
2024



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Southam College commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day 2024





New build ready for Easter 2024

A busy term



I would like to thank students, staff and parents for all of their hard work and support over this half term. Teaching and learning, examinations, trips, extra-curricular and clubs continue to be part of day to day life at school and as always I am delighted by students engagement with all of these aspects of college life.

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students are working hard on preparations for their summer exams, with Sixth Form PPEs completed and Year 11 starting their final Pre-Public Exams after half term. Students have been providing useful feedback

on how we, as adults, can best support them and their involvement in revision sessions has been fantastic, with support for controlled assessment and revision continuing over the half term break.

Alongside day-to-day school life we are also busy making plans for the move to the New Build, Heads of Department have been for a tour of the building this half term and much of the building is now painted and has flooring is in. The large spaces on the ground floor (e.g. Library, Canteen, Hall, Gym, Fitness Studio and Study Room) are reflective of the size of the school and are some of the final rooms to be decorated. We are starting to put together FAQs for students, to be shared over the coming weeks and we hope to get photos and videos to you before Easter. Please continue to look out for communications on farewell events for the original school building and fundraising for the

move to the New Build. Whilst the build of DfE funded we do need to provide much of the internal furniture.

The last week has been a great example of the opportunities that are available for students at Southam College, from our Sixth Form students travelling to Iceland and Paris as well as taking part in the Big Sleep Out, Years 7, 9 and 10 taking trips to the theatre, Year 10 head off on the Ski Trip, 125 Year 9 students spending the weekend preparing for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and the whole school raising awareness of Children's Mental Health Week. I know that students will go into half term tired from their experiences but that these are precious memories which we hope will live on with students, past their time in school.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Half Term.

Miss Mason, Headteacher

Thank You

Thank you to all staff, students and parents/carers who supported Southam College's shoe box collection at Christmas. Migrant Help UK have recognised all shoe boxes created have gone on to make a difference to the lives of refugees and migrants.



Southam College's Global Virtues and Cultural Ambassadors have taken part in a live broadcast of Peter Lantos account of The Holocaust.

Peter spoke to students regarding his experience of the concentration camps and the experience his family faced during the historical event.

Our students listened and asked great questions which highlighted this year's theme of, 'fragility of freedom.'



£5840 raised towards our **£10,000** goal



Southam College Alumni request



Southam College would like to inspire current students by informing them of what previous Southam College students have gone on to achieve after leaving education.

Southam College are currently putting together a regular careers bulletin which will include a Southam College Alumni section.

If you would like to be included on the Southam College Alumni section, please forward onto me a paragraph of what you are currently doing, your journey since leaving Southam College and any advice you would give students to follow their career dreams.

Please could you include a photograph of yourself to be included in the bulletin, it could be an action shot, in your uniform or a portrait picture.

I look forward to receiving your inspiring career stories.

You can contact me directly. Adny Hughes email hughes.a@stowevalley.com.

Attendance

The Department of Education has a new campaign "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts". From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. Please help us to support the students here at Southam College.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
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COUNTS.**

Connect Drop in

If you have any questions or would like support regarding your child's attendance, you are now able to book online appointments with

Mr Richter, Attendance Lead at Southam every Tuesday 11.30-12.30 via

<https://southamcollege.schoolcloud.co.uk>



Well done to Ameila for her community spirit completing a litter pick around her local area. Ameilia is part of a group of students working towards their Green Edge Award recognising environmental sustainability.

Well done!

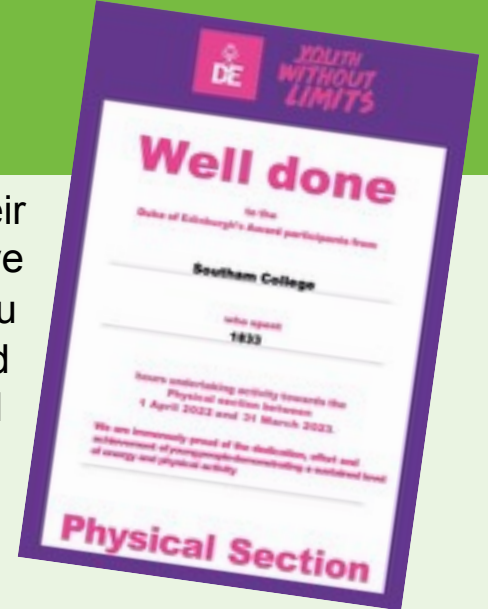
Mrs Bradbury



Dof E

Congratulations to the Southam DofE students for their remarkable dedication to accumulating an impressive number of hours of physical activity. Each one of you has not only contributed to fostering a healthy heart and a happy mind but has also achieved a well-deserved award.

The DofE team are proud of the effort you have demonstrated throughout this journey. Well done!



Southam College would like to thank our Global Virtues and Cultural ambassadors for commemorating the Holocaust through our whole school display.

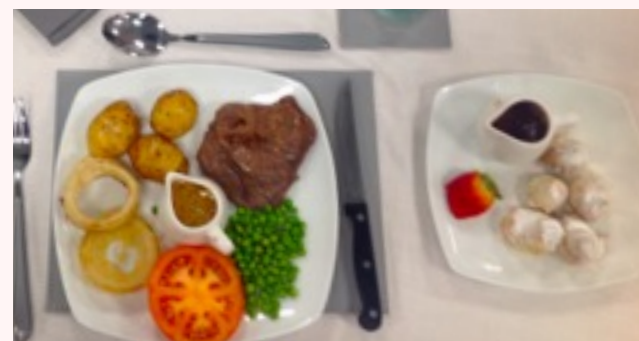
Rotary Young Chef Competition

This year, nine students took part in the Rotary Young Chef competition. Tasked with producing and presenting a two course meal for two people in 90 minutes our enthusiastic chefs were soon busy cooking their chosen dishes. With supervision from our Food team and under the sharp eyes of the judges, some lovely dishes were soon being plated up ready for the judging to begin.

Well done to all students who took part and to Alfie F. who was announced as the winner, Gracie C. runner-up and Evie a close third.

Good luck to Gracie who is representing Southam College and Southam 2000 Rotary Club in the next round of the competition.

Mrs James and the Food Team.



HOUSE COMPETITION

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Winners

A huge thank you to all that entered the **Holocaust Memorial competition**, your flame designs were very creative and respectful. Congratulations to the overall winner Bo S who produced a superb flame and used a powerful quote.

Well done to the runners up, in second place Alexandra for her colourful design and third place to Samuel for his collage with a great message.

Winner: Bo S 13WH13
2nd: Alexandra A 7WG1
3rd: Samuel B 7SE1



Introducing our Heads of House



Mr Jeffries - Head of Godiva

I am really excited and proud to become the Head of Godiva and leaving 2023 at the top of the house leaderboard is a great achievement and sets us up for a brilliant 2024. This year, I hope all students of Godiva step out of their comfort zone whilst demonstrating courage and bravery to face all challenges head on and overcome them in all parts of school life. Each and every student in Godiva has a huge responsibility and needs to be aware of the vital part they play. In our house, we all represent a building block and with each others support, enthusiasm and positivity we will be unbeatable. Success is determined by willingness and determination not scores on a leaderboard, although as a competitor, it would be fantastic to be crowned champions in 2024! Let's go Godiva!

Miss Dicken - Head of Shakespeare

As the new Head of Shakespeare, I have a unique opportunity to lead the team towards new heights. One way to achieve this is by encouraging you to tackle new opportunities, take on new projects or exploring new areas of expertise. By doing so, the Shakespeare team can expand on our successes. Of course, none of this can be accomplished without a strong sense of teamwork. We must foster an environment where collaboration is encouraged and celebrated. We must thrive to conquer, build on our efforts and participate in activities to make us victorious.



Mr Elkerton - Head of Webb Ellis

Well , well, Webb Ellis! After a brilliant trip last year and a very close second we have battled hard this term, We have some great results in the sports in year 9 and year 8. I was most pleased with our commitment to the charity drive - well done to all of you that have contributed, whether it be buying, selling or organising events. We have Valentines day coming up - have you bought a loved one a rose or a cookie? We have also Southam's GOT Talent this term. I look forward to see what we have on show. Keep up the fight and get us back in the lead! Remember to enter individual House events as that's where the points are!!

Mrs Turton and Mrs Morten- Head of Whittle *Don't Wait for Opportunity, Create it.*

This year we want Whittle students to take every opportunity that is offered to them. Whether this is through academic competitions, physical challenges or social situations. We think it is imperative that students make the most of their time at Southam College and challenge themselves to allow them to develop and flourish into the best students they possibly can be. Last year our team work, determination and enthusiasm carried us to victory and we can only hope that the saying "two heads are better than one" is true and we take Whittle to victory again.



Reading Lists

Does your child struggle to find something to read? Here are some suggestions from our school librarian. Remember, a reading book is part of the school equipment. All of these texts are available to borrow in the library.

Year 7

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

by Joan Aitkin

Artichoke Hearts

by Sita Brahmachari

Artemis Fowl

by Eoin Colfer

Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

The Seeing Stone

by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Mockingbird

by Kathryn Erskine

The Graveyard Book

by Neil Gaiman

A Wrinkle in Time

by Madeleine L'Engle

The Dog Runner

by Bren MacDibble

The Island at the End of Everything

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Here Lies Arthur

by Philip Reeve

Five Children on the Western Front

by Kate Saunders

Year 8

Wranglestone

by Darren Charlton

The Bubble Wrap Boy

by Phil Earle

Tulip Touch

by Anne Fine

The Bone Sparrow

by Zana Fraillon

Bone Talk

by Candy Gourlay

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

by Mark Haddon

The Supreme Lie

by Geraldine McCaughrean

Mortal Engines

by Philip Reeve

How I Live Now

by Meg Rosoff

Midwinter Blood

by Marcus Sedgwick

Salt to the Sea

by Ruta Sepetys

Chinese Cinderella

by Adeline Yen Mah

Year 9

Children of Blood and Bone

by Tomi Adeyemi

The Various

by Steve Augarde

Lionheart Girl

by Yaba Badoe

Maggot Moon

by Sally Gardner

Coram Boy

by Jamila Gavin

Lord of the Flies

by William Golding

The Lie Tree

by Frances Hardinge

Monkey Wars

by Richard Kurti

Buffalo Soldier

by Tanya Landman

Eight Pieces of Silva

by Patrice Lawrence

The Deathless Girls

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Call

by Peadar O'Guilin

Happy reading

How we communicate with parents/carers

INFORMATION

We recognise that effective home-school communication is key to supporting our students during their time with us. We therefore use a range of platforms and communication tools to achieve this objective and work closely with our families:



ClassCharts App

For attendance, timetable, home learning, positive/negative behaviour, announcements and to communicate directly with class teachers



Our website

For all statutory information about the College, our curriculum, policies and systems and our calendar



The Year Blogs

For information relevant to individual year groups (e.g. Year 7 residential, Year 11 PPEs or Year 10 mock interviews etc)



Email

For termly progress reports and letters - please ensure we hold up to date emails for all linked parents/carers



Social Media (Facebook/Twitter)

For sharing information about past and upcoming events in school, reminders about key calendar dates, images from enrichment activities and from our students' many different achievements and successes



ParentPay

To access food and drink in school and to collect consent and payments for trips, non-uniform days and other events



SchoolCloud

<https://southamcollege.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Our online platform to book virtual appointments for parents evenings, attendance drop-ins and SENCO parent meetings.

YEAR 12 AND YEAR 13

BIG SLEEPOUT

Friday 9th February 2024

Supporting local homeless and vulnerable people

You can donate **HERE**



All donations will go to supporting **The Helping Hands** charity
Students will need warm clothes and sleeping bags
Please see Mrs Thomas for further details

The cost to take part is £12.00.

Please ensure we receive this by the deadline of Friday 26th January, to reserve your place.

NEW!



Southam
College

HOUSE T SHIRTS

£8 each in various sizes
Please pay via parent pay



They will also be available in the HAPS shop

Students are allowed to wear them for house competitions and on sport's day

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.

