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Year 11 Prom



As we come to the end of the academic year there are so many student and community achievements to reflect on, from sporting success and travels far from home to the academic progress that has been made by all year groups. I would like to take this opportunity to praise, as we finish the year, the way Southam College students embody the school values of kindness, confidence and resilience. I have the pleasure of seeing this every day and so many actions may appear to go unnoticed, in such a busy environment. I want to

highlight that staff and visitors recognise the little things that make this an enjoyable community to be part of. From a warm smile in the morning, a kind word on a busy day, helping pick up litter without being asked, to the manners shown to a bus driver when climbing aboard at the end of a busy week, students' kindness shines through. Resilience has been at the forefront for us this year with the move to the brand-new school building and all the related change this has brought. We are now at the point of enjoying watching the machines demolish our old buildings and it really is gripping to watch. It is always uplifting to look back at how students' confidence grows over a year, for some that is the confidence to use the online communication tools to reach out to staff,

for others it may be performing in front of hundreds of people at The Belgrade Theatre; each individual show of confidence is a credit to the young person.

I would like to thank staff, parents and students for supporting such a range of memorable experiences this year. With residential trips to Rome, Germany, France (Battlefields), Shropshire and Wales (Duke of Edinburgh) in the space of four weeks it is testament to the time and effort that all stakeholders are willing to put into these opportunities and we look forward to what next year will bring.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to starting a new school year together in September.

Miss Mason

Good Bye Year 11

A massive well done to the Class of 2024 Year 11 students! After a memorable five years at Southam College our Year 11 cohort have officially finished. They have been an outstanding group of young people who have been a pleasure to work with. I've had the privilege of being a tutor, teacher and Head of Year for this cohort. Every day they have inspired me with their kindness, confidence and resilience. Year 11 have faced challenges we never could have predicted and have shown remarkable fortitude in overcoming these despite their age. The entire pastoral team and I wish them the best of luck in their next steps and look forward to celebrating at prom! I have no doubt they will continue to make us all proud.

Thank you for a fabulous 5 years Year 11 and best of luck with your GCSE results! **Miss Parr**



Trip to London

Year 7 Philosophy and Ethics students visited Neasden Hindu temple and The London Central Gurdwara. They participated in murti worship, received guided tours of both places of worship and also experienced the Langar.

Students have had a great day exploring both the Hindu worldview and Sikh worldview.

Well done Year 7.

D of E

5th June - Silver DofE. Practice expedition. All the students were fantastic with their navigation and behaviour. They were all into camp on the first day by 4:30pm which is a new record. They worked really well in their teams and I hope they are looking forward to the qualifying expedition.

A big well done from Miss Dicken and Miss Brookes



Year 8 German Trip

98 students and 8 teachers visited Germany from 10th-14th June, ready to create memorable experiences with their friends to cherish a lifetime.

The itinerary included a visit to Cologne with its cathedral, chocolate museum and "Tierpark", a river cruise and swimming, and a day spent in the fabulous theme park Phantasialand, featuring hallmarks from all over the world.

Students embraced all opportunities provided and used every opportunity to develop their linguistic skills, increase their cultural capital, and make gains in resilience and independence.

They were an asset to the College.

A special thank you goes to the staff accompanying the trip!



Following the recent successful trial Southam College has purchased a subscription to ePlatform.



The ePlatform catalogue is full of bestselling, popular, fiction and non-fiction titles and offers 24/7 access to a digital and audiobook library in addition to the print library in school. There are background colour and font settings that can be customised to enable children who experience reading difficulties to enjoy reading without specialised equipment or books.

Go to www.southamcollege.eplatform.co

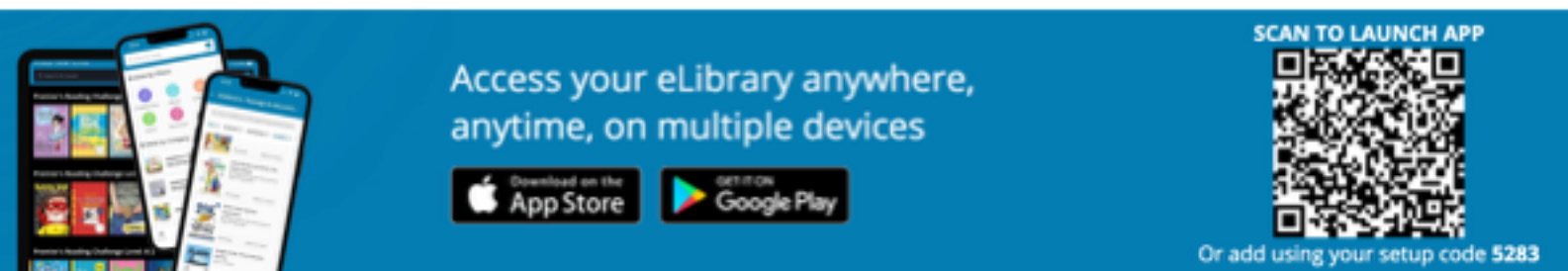
Or download the ePlatform app from your app store

Or scan the QR code and enter setup code 5283

Your username is your full school email address and the password for students is: Llibrary1

See the school website for more details.

Happy reading, happy listening!

A blue banner for the ePlatform app. On the left, three smartphones are shown displaying the app's interface. In the center, the text "Access your eLibrary anywhere, anytime, on multiple devices" is written in white. Below this text are two buttons: "Download on the App Store" with the Apple logo and "GET IT ON Google Play" with the Google Play logo. On the right, there is a QR code with the text "SCAN TO LAUNCH APP" above it and "Or add using your setup code 5283" below it.

Sixth Form, Driver Awareness Workshops

All Year 12 students had the opportunity to take part in a Driving Awareness workshops led by John Squires, a former Police officer and road safety specialist. John was extremely engaging and informative helping to raise awareness of the dangers of young drivers being distracted at the wheel.



Linguists Trip

50 linguists from Year 9 and Year 10 enjoyed a day trip to the University of Birmingham to celebrate their achievements in their Modern Foreign Language studies this academic year.

Students found out what life is like at university, what courses are available for those with an interest in languages and did a spot of sightseeing of “Old Joe” and “The Aston Webb building”.

The afternoon saw students participate in 2 workshops. Students promoted the Southam College values of confidence by demonstrating their Japanese skills - with amazing performances by Ella N, Felix, Faye, Finn, Daksh, Leo and James. Meanwhile Erin, Daisy, Annabelle, Joshua, Anna and Chloe took to the front of a seminar room to give examples of "txtng" in the linguistics seminar.

All students engaged incredibly well with the workshops and were a credit to the college.



Thank you to all students for their impeccable behaviour and passion for languages.

Results Day 2024

A Level Results Day - Thurs 15th Aug, 9.00am-11.30am

GCSE Results Day - Thurs 22nd Aug, Y11 9.00am-11.30am

Results will be available from the SPORTS HALL and access to the site will be via the Sports Hall car park by the Hive.

We encourage you to collect your results in person but if you are unable, you may nominate another student or family member to collect them on your behalf. Please email SOUExams@stowevalley.com providing the name of the person collecting. They must provide formal photo ID to identify themselves.

Results will NOT be available through Insight



Sixth Form Wellbeing Team Garden party at Galanos House

On Wednesday 19th June, a small group of volunteers from the Sixth Form Wellbeing Team went along to Galanos House. On arrival, we spent time together having a team picnic to celebrate international picnic day before then helping to set up for the garden party event.

We listened to live music and had a great time dancing with the residents whilst the sun was shining throughout the afternoon. We believe there are fantastic benefits to inter-generational relationships and it is always a pleasure seeing the students and residents taking the opportunity to initiate, build and strengthen connections with each other.

Well done to the students for engaging so respectfully and getting the dance floor going! Thank you to Sara C at Galanos for allowing us to be a part of the events and to both the residents and staff who are always so welcoming to us. A lovely atmosphere and memorable afternoon for all involved.

Mrs Campbell-Birch



Gold DofE

The Gold DofE practice expedition was very successful and rewarding. The students had great weather while they climbed the tallest mountain in the Brecon Beacons. We hope they are looking forward to the greater altitudes in Eryri for their qualifying expedition.

Thank a staff member day

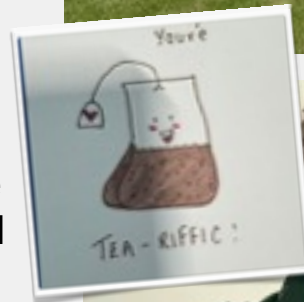


We took the time to celebrate the incredible dedication and hard work of our education community at Southam College!

We started the day with a dedicated staff briefing which included Sixth Form Wellbeing students James, Ellie, Harriet and Ellie. They kindly gave out coffee, croissants and staff 'Random Acts of Kindness' nomination uplifts. We also shared a video of students across the school who wanted to share a personal thank you.

Well done to Ellie G Year 12 who outside of school spent time making beautiful hand made cards for all departments. At lunchtime, several staff joined together on the field to enjoy a staff picnic in the sunshine whilst listening to music.

We really enjoyed our special day of celebrations across Southam College.



Stove Valley MAT Arts Festival

Over 400 talented students from schools in Warwickshire and Primary and Secondary schools within the Stowe Valley MAT performed brilliantly at our Arts Festival held at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry. Well done to each and everyone of you.



Sports Day 2024

On our reserve date of Friday 12th July, we witnessed some fantastic sporting action!

An action-packed day with javelin, shot put, high jump, long jump, discus, tug of war and a full track programme including hurdles saw the 4 houses battle it out to get their name on the Sports Day Trophy.

The results:

Y7 Winners - Webb Ellis

Y8 Winners - Whittle

Y9 Winners - Godiva

Y10 Winners - Webb Ellis

The prize of overall sports day champion was a fierce battle with only 37 points separating 1st and 2nd position.

The overall winners of Sports Day 2024 were Godiva!

A huge congratulations to Mr Jeffries, the Head of House for Godiva and all the students on winning the trophy!

It was fantastic to see the whole school celebrating and participating in the day and we are so proud of the students' behaviour and attitude!

Well done everybody!

Mr Turton and the PE department



Well done Ruby

A massive well done to Ruby for being selected for the European Junior Dressage Championships to be held in July in Belgium. This will be Ruby's 5th consecutive European Championship. Ruby has been outstanding at balancing dressage and her GCSEs- well done!



Southam College PE Dept

Sports Personality of the Year

Southam College



The PE department would like to congratulate all the 2024 winners and thank all the students for their commitment and dedication to extra-curricular activities this year. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their support. The following students deserve a special mention for their outstanding achievements this year:

Female Sports Personality of the year - Rosa

Male Sports Personality of the year - Jack

Team of the Year - U16 Girls Football

Mr Savage Outstanding effort award - Charlotte

Jake Brain Spirit of Rugby award - Cory

Ian Clarke Trampolining award - Fran

We hope all the students have a fantastic summer and we look forward to next year.

The PE Department



Be the best you can be!

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

HELPLINES AND TEXTLINES

If you are worried about your mental health, or are concerned about another person, there are a wealth of support lines which you can call or text to explore these concerns with a supportive adult.



SAMARITANS

Call 116 123.
Calls are free and lines are open 24/7



CALM

Campaign Against Living Miserably

Call 0800 58 58 58 to access the Suicide Prevention Helpline. Lines are open daily from 5pm until midnight.



NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HELPLINE

Call 0800 689 5652. Lines are open daily from 6pm until midnight.



SHOUT

Text SHOUT any time to 85258 to start a conversation about mental health



THE MIX

For mental health support for under 25s text THEMIX to 85258



PAPYRUS

To access the Papyrus Hopeline for suicide prevention, call 0800 068 41 41 or text 8824



SANELINE

Call 0300 304 7000. Lines are open for adults and children aged 16 and above 4pm-10pm, 365 days a year



SWITCHBOARD

Call 0800 0119 100 to contact the national LGBTQIA+ support line. Lines are open 10am-10pm every day.



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SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION

Remember to

STOP, LOOK & LISTEN

BEWARE OF VEHICLES



- ✓ Always remember to look both ways and double check before crossing.
- ✓ Where possible always cross using a zebra crossing, pelican crossing or School Crossing Patrol Person.
- ✓ Remember to be alert when crossing, come off any devices and do not be distracted by peers.



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ALWAYS BE ALERT

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 law states a leave of absence may only be granted by a school if an application is made in advance and if it considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Schools must judge each application individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind each request.

A leave of absence is granted entirely at the school's discretion. Generally, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance.

Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school.

When making an application for Leave of Absence 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. The school may also request further information on the application and supporting documentation where appropriate.

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 is expected 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. 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.

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'.

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council. Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices and in the first instance, as an alternative to prosecution proceedings.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2023-24

It is important to note, 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 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.

Leave of Absence taken in the academic year 2024-25

The law relating to Penalty Notices is due to change with effect from 1 September 2024. Therefore Penalty Notices issued for Leave of Absences taken after this date will be issued in accordance with the updated legislation.

- 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 – 4 in total).
 - First Leave of Absence offence: The Penalty Notice amount of £160 to be paid within 28 days, this is reduced to £80 each child if paid within 21 days.
 - Second Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): The amount of £160 paid within 28 days. No reduced amount.
- Payment plans will not be offered and/or payments received outside of the 28 day period will not be accepted. Where a penalty notice expires unpaid the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider criminal prosecution.
- Third Leave of Absence offence within a 3 year period (from the date of issue of the first penalty notice): A penalty notices will be not be issued and the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal prosecution proceedings under s444 of Education Act 1996.

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