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Silver Practice DofE expedition around the Clent Hills.



Southam College House Competition 2025.

Congratulations to Shakespeare who are the winners of the House competition for this year!

Well done to Miss Dicken and all the members of Shakespeare for a great effort this year.



As we come to the end of another academic year we encourage students to reflect on their individual achievements and progress. This week we have celebrated endeavour, achievement and extra curricular activities, with personal development reports and House Awards. All of this culminating in Shakespeare winning this year's house trophy, following a very competitive and close sports day. These events built on the celebrations of Year 11 and 13 Proms, having completed a busy exam season.

Year 12 have had a busy half term with Work Experience, UCAS

Conference and Next Steps Day to be prepared for their progression to training or employment after Year 13. As these students prepare for the steps after Southam College we have been welcoming our newest cohort of Year 6 students, who were fantastic on their induction days. We look forward to them joining the school in September.

I would like to congratulate students, parents and carers and staff for another incredible year of charity fundraising for Cardiac Risk in the Young, raising nearly £14000 in total. A total that has the potential to save lives for those with unknown underlying heart conditions.

As always the summer term is a hive of activity with trips and events, from residentials to trips to the theatre and universities and an extensive Duke of Edinburgh schedule. We

currently have a group of Sixth Formers in Nepal, on a once in a lifetime group experience, and can't wait to hear all about their explorations on their return

This summer marks the first full year in our new build and as each term goes on it becomes more individualised to our students and community. If you haven't yet been able to visit the new build we hope that you will be able to do this in the Autumn Term.

I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their hard work, input and support this academic year. I hope that the summer is restful and enjoyable for all.

Take care and we will see you for more learning, memorable experiences and achievements in the new school year.

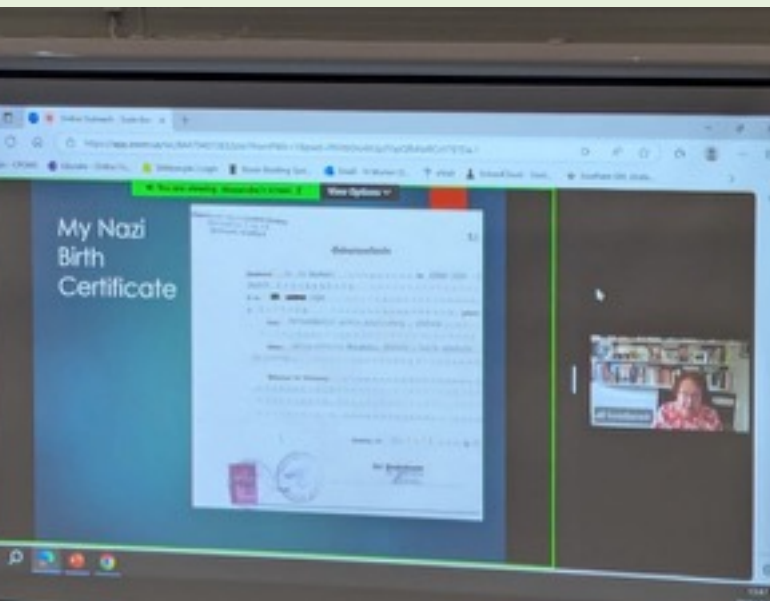
Miss Mason

Holocaust Survivor Visit



Year 9 students had the privilege of hearing the testimony of Susie Barnett who survived the Holocaust aged just 11 months when she came to Britain with her mother. Susie spoke to students about the rare fact that her siblings also managed to survive through the Kindertransport and her father had managed to escape to Shanghai.

Susie reflected upon the impact of survival and dealing with the impact of never being able to reunite with her family fully.



Ryton Pools Trip

Year 12 Biology and Science students carried out biodiversity studies at Ryton Pools. Activities included random sampling of managed and unmanaged meadows and investigating the effect of light intensity on the distribution of aquatic invertebrates. The students were also given an insight to the history and management of the country park by the very knowledgeable Rangers. Students (and staff!) enjoyed gaining practical, hands-on experience in the sunshine.



Recycled Art challenge



The Art department were inundated with entries for the Recycled Art challenge, it has been a pleasure to see such imaginative and inquisitive outcomes. Here are the winners for Southam College Art Recycle Challenge 2025

1st place: Isabella P - 9GV5

2nd place: Martha R & Ruby G -7WG1

3rd place Emily E - 8WG3

With a special shout out to Emily H of year 13 for their entry during a busy exam season.

Congratulations to all who entered.

"Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate."

Mr Phillips, Head of Art



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.

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Happy reading, happy listening!

A blue banner for the ePlatform app. On the left, there are three smartphones 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. Below the QR code, it says "Or add using your setup code 5283".

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Results Day 2025

A Level Results Day - Thurs 14th Aug, 9.00am-11.30am

GCSE Results Day - Thurs 21st Aug, 9.00am-11.30am

Results will be available for collection from the Hall and access to the site will be via the main entrance.

If you are unable to collect your results yourself, you can nominate another student or family member to collect them on your behalf. The person collecting your results will need written authorisation from you, naming them as the person nominated to collect your results, as well as Photo ID (e.g. passport, driving licence) to identify themselves.

Certificates and Letters of Appreciation



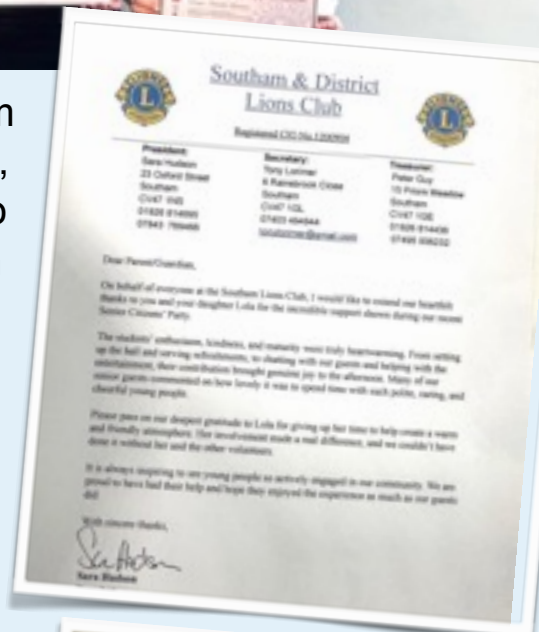
A huge well done to our Sixth Form volunteers – Emilia, Arianna, Grace, Lola, Lily, Phoebe, and Evie – who gave up their time to support within the local community at the annual Senior Citizens Party led by the Southam Lions Club.

Back in April, over 180 guests enjoyed an afternoon filled with joy, music, and laughter. Our students welcomed attendees with live music performances, joined in with dancing and singing, and supported the event by waitressing and serving afternoon tea.

A heartfelt thank you to the Southam Lions Club president, Sara for the touching gesture of writing personalised letters to our students' families and presenting a framed certificate of appreciation – a wonderful recognition of our students' kindness and commitment. We received these from Lion Ben during our society time and presented them in assembly.

Our Sixth Form students' generosity and community spirit truly reflect the values of our Sixth Form and College. This event was a beautiful example of generations coming together in celebration and care within the local community. We're incredibly proud of all Sixth Form Leaders who take part in a wealth of events- you are a true credit to the school!

Mrs Campbell-Birch



Thank a staff member day

On June 18th and 19th, Southam College celebrated 'Thank a Staff Member Day' to appreciate all staff members, including teachers, support staff, and more.

The celebration included over 175 personalized messages from parents, a staff briefing with appreciation gifts from local business Crafts by Gemma, a hot breakfast, and a raffle organized by Mrs. Gough. Year 11 students contributed handwritten notes of appreciation. Staff enjoyed a picnic on the school field, and a fun Staff Appreciation Awards video was created, inspired by student Izzy CB.

The event highlighted the community spirit and recognition of the vital contributions of all staff members, with gratitude expressed by the Senior Leadership Team for their dedication and impact on students' lives.



Sports Day 2025

On Tuesday 1st 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 - Whittle

Y8 Winners - Webb Ellis

Y9 Winners - Godiva

Y10 Winners - Godiva

The prize of overall sports day champion was a fierce battle with only 52 points separating 1st and 2nd position.

The overall winners of Sports Day 2025 were Webb Ellis

A huge congratulations to Mr Elkerton, the Head of House for Webb Ellis 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



Jamie 'Saves' the best till last



Congratulations to Jamie M. in year 11. He has just signed on for Northampton Town FC. The talented Goalkeeper, who is that good we need him in the outfield for year 11, has been captain and a 'go to' superstar throughout his time at Southam College.

We wish this lovely young man success and luck in his future no matter where it takes him. Up the Cobblers!!

Mr Elkerton



There are lots of activities happening locally over the summer holidays, further information can be found at the links below:

- [Warwickshire What's On | Warwickshire What's On](#)
- [What's On - Belgrade Theatre](#)
- [Fun Days Out in Coventry and Warwickshire | Coombe Abbey Hotel](#)
- [Warwickshire Country Parks Events - 94 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)
- [What's On - The Herbert Art Gallery & Museum](#)
- [What's On - Rugby Art Gallery & Museum - Rugby Borough Council](#)
- [What's On | Warwick Arts Centre](#)
- [Home – Coventry Outdoors](#)

Hairdressing and Construction Workshops

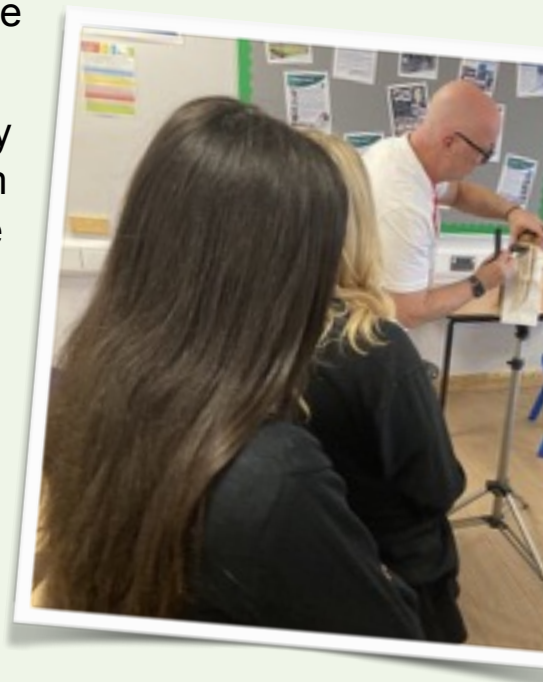
Some of our students from Yr 8-10 participated in some Hairdressing and construction workshops at school.

The hairdressing workshops were lead by leading Rugby Hairdresser Stephen Fordham, who took time out from his busy schedule to talk some of our girls through the fine arts of hair dying. His tutorials were excellent and the students fully engaged with the sessions, producing some top quality work.

Our Construction workshops were lead by Mr West from Moreton Morrell College. He talked some of our students through the different sectors of the construction industry and possible routes into construction courses.

Many thanks to both of our contributors and the students who participated so well. We will hope to arrange some more sessions in the near future to aid their personal development.

Mr MacGibbon



Tuesday 17th June

CULTURAL DAY

What a fantastic day we've had celebrating Cultural Day! We've welcomed guests from diverse backgrounds, including Zimbabwe, India, Jamaica, China, and the Sikh community.

"Unity in Diversity"

Isn't just some fancy phrase—it's about how amazing it is when we all come together, bring our own vibes, and learn from each other's cultures and backgrounds. It's about being proud of who we are while respecting where others come from.



Our students engaged in various workshops, learning how to put on a turban, exploring Sikh history through VR, and even getting hands-on with cultural instruments like the dhol and steel pans. The delicious array of food from all these cultures has been a treat for everyone! A heartfelt thank you to all who participated and made this day so special!



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WCC - Year 12 Employer Video Filming
July 2025

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This week Daisy, Julia, Keira and Zara (Yr12 Media students) have been out interviewing and filming local employers to find out about the school leaver opportunities that they offer. The students visited Niko Ltd, Morgan Sindall infrastructure, Storm Geomatics, JLR and Lisi Aerospace. The project was funded by the Warwickshire County Council Future Careers Fund.

The students worked with Miss Bullivant on how to use the digital cameras and microphone, they were in charge of all the camera angles and filming locations both in and outside of buildings.

The employers were impressed with the professionalism of our students and how smoothly the filming went. The students are currently editing the employer videos and we will have them available for use in Character and Culture lessons and on the school website for September.

Mr Hughes (Careers)

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Year 12 'Next Steps' Programme
July 2025

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Higher Education Exhibition Trip to the NEC, Birmingham 2025

On Monday 23rd June, Year 12 students attended the Higher Education Exhibition at the NEC Birmingham as part of our Sixth Form 'Next Steps' programme. The event allowed students to explore a wide range of university and employer stalls, speak with UCAS experts, and gather advice on higher education, apprenticeships, and careers.

Students collected prospectuses, resources, and free gifts, gaining valuable insight into their post-18 options. Thank you to the staff who supported the trip, and well done to Year 12 for representing the college with maturity and enthusiasm.

This visit is part of a wider programme, including work experience placements this week and an upcoming Next Steps Preparation Day, featuring workshops on university applications, student finance, and budgeting. As a Sixth Form, we remain committed to supporting students in making informed and ambitious decisions about their future destinations. the school!

Mrs. Campbell-Birch
Head of Sixth Form

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Character Education • Leadership & Enrichment • Pastoral Programme



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Engineering Development Trust Midlands Celebration
June 2025

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Congratulations to our three amazing Year 8 students who attended the **Engineering Development Trust Midlands Celebration** day at Birmingham University on Wednesday and were awarded a prize for 'Most Innovative Project'.

Oscar, Samuel and Sidh enjoyed a day of presenting their mental health app design project to and networking with other students, a tour of Birmingham University and getting to interact with some real life robots.

Miss Prosser



Be the best you can be!

Year 13 Leavers' Prom 2025

On Saturday 5th July, our Year 13 students marked the end of their Southam College journey with a truly memorable evening at Skylark. The event was beautifully organised by our Head Students, Abby and Persia. It was a fitting finale to celebrate the end of seven years of hard work and friendship as a student at Southam College. We hope you look back on these days with sentimentality in years to come.



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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MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



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.