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Year 11 Prom - July 2019

## Busy, challenging, enjoyable and at times truly inspirational !



Busy, challenging, enjoyable and at times truly inspirational; this is how I would describe the events of the last 7 weeks. Students from all year groups have impressed us with their hardworking attitude and support for each other and the wider community. This was particularly evident during the school Sports Day where students encouraged each other enthusiastically,

regardless of who was winning. This collegiate spirit was also evident during wonderful events such as the school proms, school Sports Personality evening and the almost weekly Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. These experiences are just a sample of what is on offer to students of the College, indeed at the time of writing we have students in India as part of World Challenge, Uganda as part of a charity project and younger students in Spain - truly amazing.

Finally as the school year draws to an end I would like to thank everyone involved with

Southam College for their amazing contribution. I extend my heartfelt thanks to students, staff, parents, governors and members of the local community. Together you have created a wonderful 'world class' school in the heart of a small (rapidly growing) market town.

Have a great holiday, stay safe and good luck to all students receiving their examination results in August.

**Mr Samra, Head teacher**



# Go Further Week

**We constantly look for ways to enrich, engage and challenge our students.** We believe all students need challenge, even those who perform highly on a day-to-day basis.

Go Further Week is about challenging students in new ways. Over the course of the week the students participated in a range of activities from the interactive French play 'La sale des Engimes' to a Forensic Science day.

Over 400 high attaining students across years 7 to 10 were given the opportunity to stretch

and challenge themselves outside the traditional classroom setting. Year 10 and 8 enjoyed sessions with Ash Dickinson, Poet and comedian, and William Hussey renowned author of children's fiction. While Year 7 and Year 9 enjoyed Maths, Investigative Crime and Fieldwork Challenges.

The week culminated with the Big Debate where students from all four year groups developed and honed their debating skills in a final battle of wits, words and wisdom.



## Stay Safe

Students are encouraged to enjoy the summer weather over the coming months.

We would like to remind everyone of the dangers of swimming in open water, quarries are not appropriate for swimming in and pose a risk to young people and adults alike. We also remind you to be 'sun safe', further information can be found from our Art of Wellbeing Team.

Thank you.



### STAY SAFE IN THE SUN



HAT



GLASSES



WATER



SUNSCREEN



SHADE



## SPORTS DAY 2019



With temperatures climbing into the early 30s, conditions were very pleasant for spectators but not necessarily ideal for the competitors in the annual College Sports Day. Despite the tough conditions, especially for those competing in the longer distance races, the students still produced some outstanding performances. The day culminated with the very exciting news that after a very long TEN years, Whittle were announced as the overall winners of Sports Day. It was a close

competition, with only 100 points separating them from Shakespeare, who came second. A well deserved victory was accomplished through individual efforts, in particular those who took on the responsibility of filling the relay teams, and with an all round team ethos of participation. Extra congratulations go to Whittle students in Year 7 and Year 9 as they won their overall year groups and therefore had a huge impact on our overall success. Thank you as well to Whittle tutors for galvanising support and encouraging their tutees. Whittle students are renowned for their participation, hard work and commitment and this year we have been rewarded with the Sports Day Cup.

I am so proud of all students who contributed to this superb achievement.

**Mrs Morten, Head of Whittle**



# 6th Form Trip to Rome

Students had the opportunity to visit The Colosseum, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forums. From there, students jumped on the local train and visited the coast. Students loved spending time in the sea and on the beach. On Saturday, students took part in a walking tour of Rome. Our tour guide took students to visit the Trevi fountain, Spanish Steps and The Vatican. Students loved exploring the variety of rooms and the culture of Vatican. We also visited St Peter's Basilica and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Students had a fab time experiencing first-hand the Italian culture and have already spoken about doing it all again! It was a fab memorable experience including the 67000 steps we did in total! **Mrs Thomas, Head of Philosophy and Ethics**



**Pride WEEK**  
10TH JUNE TO 14TH JUNE



**LGBT+**  
SOUTHAM COLLEGE



Southam  
College

**Pride Week** took place at the start of June this year and it was great to see the rainbow flag flying again to symbolise Southam College's commitment to equality, fairness and providing a welcoming place for everybody! Students in the Equalities Society celebrated with an end of year party to recognise all of their achievements this year, which included a short film screening and signing of their Equality Society yearbooks. During tutor time, students in all year groups took part in discussions prompted by equality and Pride themed thoughts for the day; meanwhile in the library the Pride section allowed students to read stories by LGBT+ writers or featuring LGBT+ characters.

# The summer holidays are coming....

**The summer holidays are a time for resting, relaxing and spending time with friends and family.**

**But learning doesn't have to stop once the last bell of term has rung.**

You can help your children develop a love of learning over the school holidays – and they don't even need to know it!

Here are some fun holiday activities aimed at getting children curious, engaged and excited about learning. Not only are these fun family activities, they will also help your children prepare to return to formal education in September and to appreciate the value of learning.

## **1. Visit a museum.**

Children and teenagers can learn about art, history, culture, the environment, science and more outside of the classroom by visiting museums.

Some local free museums include: Coventry Transport Museum, Birmingham Lapworth Museum, Oxford University and Pitt Rivers Museum, Leamington Museum and Art Gallery, Rugby Museum and Art Gallery, Warwick Museum (runs workshops) and Northampton Museum and Art Gallery (houses over 12,000 pairs of shoes!).

## **2. Watch a documentary**

Spend some time together finding out more on a favourite subject by watching a documentary. This can promote curiosity and will help to make topics learnt in school become more relevant. Some child/teenage friendly documentaries include: Walking with Dinosaurs, Our Planet, The Dream Is Now, Food Inc, Chasing Ice, War on Plastic, Inside the Factory.

## **3. Make reading part of the routine.**

Help your children develop their vocabulary and language skills by dedicating part of the day to reading. This can be anything: a comic, a novel, short story, a newspaper or a non-fiction book. Alternatively, if you are taking a long car journey this summer why not put on an audio book to listen to on the way?

## **4. Go stationery shopping**

Make the most of the 'Back to School' stationery sales and stock up on equipment. Make life easier in term time by making sure your child is fully prepared for their return to school in September. They will need pens, pencils, a ruler, a maths kit, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a calculator.

## **5. Spend some time in the great outdoors.**

Visit some of the local nature reserves and see what wildlife you can find. Take photos of the birds/insects that you spot and look them up when you get home. Some local places include Ryton Pools, Brandon Marshes, Daventry Country Park and Ufton Fields.

**Most nature reserves have great cafes too!**

**Enjoy your summer holiday – see you in September!**

We've had a busy year and have donated over £8000 to the school during 18/19. Not only have we tried to support different departments with equipment that will benefit the student experience in the classroom, but we've also donated to several extra-curricular clubs too to reach as many students as we can.

We have sold refreshments and run raffles at different school events and run our own events such as the Quiz Night and Pamper Evening. We're always looking for helpers, so please feel free to contact us through our Facebook page or at southamcollegeptsa@gmail.com if you are able to help out at future events. If everyone gave up a couple of hours of their time during the school year that would be a big help to us.

**Like us on facebook or visit our page on the school website to find out more and how you can help us raise valuable funds.**



## IMPORTANT DATE

### Southam College PTSA AGM

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm in The Core

Come along and join us and see our exciting plans for 2019/20

Everybody welcome

## CAPTURE CULTURE HOUSE COMPETITION

During your summer break, capture culture from food, places, languages or even clothing by taking a photograph wherever you are.

Send your entries to [fox.a53@welearn365.com](mailto:fox.a53@welearn365.com) by Friday 30th August 2019



HAPS FOR EACH ENTRY



# Duke of Edinburgh

A really successful summer for D of E this year, with 150 students participating across the 3 levels. We were really pleased that all 14 teams passed their qualifying expedition at Bronze Level in the Cotswolds, and the 7 teams all passed their Silver in Shropshire. This year for the first time in recent memory, we have run the Gold Award with 18 students in Year 12 involved. The practice expedition in the Brecon Beacons was a big success, so fingers crossed for dry weather in Snowdonia this September! Thanks to Mrs Stevens, Mr Shaw, Mrs Farrall, Mrs Milsom and Mr Chevassut for helping out this year. Year 8 students should look out for the chance to sign up for the bronze award this September at the start of Year 9.

**Mr Bradbury, Head of Sixth Form**



# Student Voice

*Southam College Student Voice are excited about starting back in the new academic year and have talked about new initiatives and projects they would like to see launched. The small group of students meet on a termly basis and have open and honest discussions about College issues and would like to invite any student who is interested in joining to talk to their Head of Year.*

*Projects that have been discussed are increasing social covered areas, more seating on the field, more water stations around the school and to work more closely with the PTSA.*

*Watch this space to see what impact Southam College Student Voice have over the 2019/2020 academic year!*

## Results Day 2019

**A Level Results Day**  
Thursday 15th August  
9.00am - 12.00pm

**GCSE Results Day**  
Thursday 22nd August  
Y11 from 9.00am - 12.00pm  
Y10 10.00am - 12.00pm

If you are unable to collect your results yourself, you may nominate another student or family member to collect them on your behalf. They must provide written authorisation or an email from you and must bring along proof of ID.



## Trip to Germany

*On 2-6th July 46 students and 5 teachers set of on their journey to Cologne in Germany. A fantastic time was had whilst discovering the history and shops of Cologne, making gains in town vocabulary as well as our knowledge of Christianity. Students thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the zoo and excelled in their quiz expanding their GCSE vocabulary without realising. Thursday entailed a boat cruise, views of the beautiful Lorelei statue and we were glad to cool down going for a swim in the Tauris Bad. In the theme park Phantasieland students explored foods and customs of the world. Students were keen to use their German in shops, ordering their Spaghetti-Eis in the Eiscafé and around towns. They were an absolute asset to the school and did themselves proud by developing responsibility and independence. All in all a fantastic experience! Thank you to the staff for all their help and to the Year 8 students for being brilliant and having excellent attitudes.*



## Year 11 Prom 2019

With the sun shining, bright blue skies and Summer temperatures, Year 11 ventured out for our last outing as a year group. A great turnout of over 200 students and staff arrived at Dallas Burston Polo Club in a variety of ways from limousines, old fashioned cars, caravans and a tractor. Everybody looked amazing and from the photos you will see just how well Year 11 brush up! The Polo Ground put on an excellent show for us and I was very proud to have my Year group back together for one last send off. A truly fantastic evening to round off what has been an amazing few years. Well done everybody and have a lovely Summer! **Mr MacGibbon**



In their final match ever for Southam College the year 10 Rounders team headed to Kenilworth. We started batting and with some excellent fielding from Kenilworth, only managed to score 2 Rounders. As we began fielding we worked effectively as a team to stop the full rounder, but strong batting from Kenilworth meant they scored a lot of half Rounders, leaving the first innings 2 - 4 1/2 to Kenilworth.

The second innings was more positive for us batting with some big hits and risks from the team, leaving us with 4 1/2 (6 1/2 total). Our fielding was gaining in strength and we got 4 opposition out and kept them to a score of only 4 Rounders (8 1/2 total).

As we started the third and final innings the team felt confident and were excited as they began their batting strong. Excellent hits from K.Black and P.Lummis gave Southam some full Rounders, whilst the rest of the team pressured well to score plenty of half Rounders. Southam finished their batting with a total score of 14 Rounders!

Into our last fielding stint, we showed some outstanding skill. Amazing catches from O.Constable, C.Placinta, A.Lovett, C.Wain and K.Black and consistent and fast bowling from A.Lovett meant that the opposition were slowly depleting. A.Lyle kept her cool and stopped several fast and far Kenilworth hits whilst B.Crump covered the left side of the field brilliantly. With only 2 batters left and 6 balls remaining the team managed to stump Kenilworth and finish the game side out before all the balls had been played.

**Final score: Southam: 14 Kenilworth: 10**

Overall, a fantastic match with positive energy. The team and all of the girls that have taken part in Rounders fixtures this season should be extremely proud of themselves.

Having coached the team since year 7, I am not only proud but thrilled to have been able to see the team and individuals develop in skill and confidence over the past 4 years. Thank you to all of you, you are all amazing!

*Miss MacLachlan*



**Huge congratulations** to Year 7 Spencer who recently won the Project one Honda challenge cup at PFI in Lincolnshire. It was for the competitor who had accumulated the most points over the last 3 meetings.

Spencer is looking for any local businesses who might be interested in sponsoring him.

**Please get in touch by email [k.brougham@aol.co.uk](mailto:k.brougham@aol.co.uk)**



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**Mr Turton**  
**P.E. Teacher**



Outside of teaching Mr Turton regularly plays football for Rugby Borough FC. He has played since the age of 4 and has played in various competitions including the FA Youth Cup, FA vase and the early rounds of the FA Cup. Most recently, he played in the Coventry Charity Cup final at the Ricoh Arena helping his team to a 2-1 victory scoring 2 goals. Mr Turton wants to see the Southam College school football teams become even more successful and has entered a number of English Schools Competitions for the new season!

NEW MEMBERS  
WANTED



EVERY WEDNESDAY

3.45 - 4.45 IN G2



# E.C.O. Club



*Interested in the environment, wildlife and conservation?*

Do you care about enviromantal Issues?  
Are you interested in making a positive change?

We are looking for proactive, passionate students to lead the way in shaping a greener future for Southam College

*Please see Mrs Belcher (Eco Club) and Mrs Savage (Amnesty group) for more details*