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*PGL Netball Tour, March 2018*



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## Message from Mr Samra



**This last half term has been relatively short, but my goodness have we packed a lot in!**

Year 11 and Year 13 have been working really hard and have taken a second full set of PPE (Mock) examinations. This process has provided students with extremely valuable experience of what they will face in the final examinations which will start as soon as April. It also provides staff with information about gaps in knowledge and understanding which will now

be addressed to ensure that all our students fulfil their potential. With less than 30 days to go, it is imperative that students are enhancing their work in school with effective revision at home. A lot can be achieved in these last few weeks so all students should believe in themselves and give themselves the best chance to achieve the results they are hoping for. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel we could do more to support you or your child.

As I have said in previous newsletters although academic achievement is important, school is also about providing students with memorable experiences. I am pleased to say that in the last half term students across all years been involved in:

- Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

- National Careers week.
- Netball residential.
- Science week.
- Year 11 revision residential weekend.
- Global Virtues week.
- Southam's Got Talent.
- Ski Trip

When I reflect on what is on offer to students at our school because of our dedicated staff, and the manner in which students embrace the opportunities that are offered to them I am filled with pride and gratitude. I really believe that Southam College provides a broad and balanced education which allows every individual to excel in a happy and positive environment.

Have a great Easter everyone.

**Mr Samra, Head teacher**

### School Parking

We really value your attendance at school events and understand that parking can be tricky. Our site team do everything they can to make the evenings run as smoothly as possible and we thank you in advance for your patience and kindness in supporting them during the next term.

# Science Week 2018



**Science Week:** we had a variety of activities this year. On Monday was experiments with food, including the 1st science bake off. Entries were both amazing and delicious. On Tuesday Mr Eltringham brought in some of his own pets to show students along with the schools' animals. On Wednesday the students were able to see rats, mice and even a snake being dissected as well as having a go themselves. Thursday

saw the houses battling it out in an engineering competition to make the best rocket and Friday ended with a bang with dry ice experiments including A-level physics making their own cloud chambers.

Thank you to everyone that helped out with Science Week and to everyone that got involved.

Mr Etheridge



# College Council

“I’m Max and I represent Year 7 for the College Council. Recently we have been talking about what events we could do for the schools 60th anniversary. To celebrate this huge milestone, we’ve compiled a list of fantastic ideas to do on the day ranging from enrichment experiences to small challenges. We have been aiding in talks about a new uniform development around school trousers, we would love to hear your thoughts. And finally, Southam’s Got Talent has also been a recurring topic recently- and to all of the performers- we wish you luck! The college council should be around helping on the nights selling refreshments with the PTSA. Watch this space in the future for more from us, the College Council.” **Max Cockayne, Y7 student**



## ■ SCHOOL REPORT ■

Make the news in your school



**Bilton School** and **Southam College** joined together on BBC School Report Day to create a team of budding journalists. Together, fuelled by copious amounts of cups of tea, our students produced ‘The Daily Stowe’ which featured a range of newspaper articles covering topics from local news to international political debates!

Students had to research their own news and produce engaging and trustworthy articles for their readers. They also conducted some primary research. Around school, they conducted interviews to gain student and teacher voice. Further to this, they contacted outside companies and conducted phone interviews. ‘The Daily Stowe’ is full of really interesting articles!

# Year 7

## Learning Challenge

This term our Year 7 students took part in three different challenges:

**Debating** - students were split into teams and had limited time to prepare to debate with their opposing team on a variety of topics including, perhaps most controversially, 'pizza vs. burger'!

**Story Sacks** – in their teams students were allocated a picture book about current global issues such as immigration and gender. They then created a 'story sack' – a bag of activities including a game and a quiz about the book, which would appeal to Key Stage 1 students.

**Lego Engineering** – visitors from Cummins Engineering in Daventry came in with Lego kits that students used to build an engine. Students had to problem solve as there was an intentional mistake in the instructions!

It was great to see a strong team ethos throughout the challenge and from all students.

Well done Year 7



***“A child’s life shouldn’t be about illness, hospitals and diagnosis – it should be about wonder, joy and hope.” – Make A Wish***

*The above quote is from our charity this year, Make A Wish. It encapsulates everything they stand for and all that we want to support for our charities week. We look forward to the fundraising events of Southam College’s charity week this year. From 30th of April until the 7th of May the school will be bustling with fundraising activities, everything from bake sales, sponsored silences, silly outfits and ‘marathon’ sports challenges.*

*Last year, we raised a staggering £8352.32 for Crohn’s and Colitis UK and we aim to beat that again this year.*

***Heads of Houses***



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

*"It is simply fantastic to see so many students and staff across the trust actively engaged in World Book Day. Reading is a wonderfully uplifting thing to do and develops our wider vocabulary and understanding. As Garrison Keillor says 'A book is a gift you can open again and again.' Great day and well done to everyone involved."*

**Ranjit Samra, Executive Principal**



SHARE  
A STORY

FOR 10  
MINUTES  
TODAY



**#WorldBookDay**

**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!



# Ski Trip 2018

The Year 10's had another fantastic Ski Trip to Kaprun over the February Half-term. The snow conditions were fantastic, and although the visibility was limited on a couple of days all groups made brilliant progress. We had two groups of beginners this year, but by the end of the second day they were all up on the top slopes attempting blue and some red pistes. We skied the mountain at Zell-am-See for two days, a first for recent Southam Groups. The advanced group tackled a couple of monster black runs and enjoyed the thrills and spills of the ski parks.

Off the slopes we enjoyed trips into Zell-am-See for hot chocolate and shopping, and the Ski show in Kaprun. However, after such active days on the slopes, most were happy to relax at the hotel, where our fabulous PGL rep kept them all entertained with quizzes and bingo.

Many thanks to all the students who went for their great behaviour and company on the trip and of course to the staff who gave up their holiday to make this memorable trip possible.

Mr MacGibbon



## England Rugby Player

Leanne Riley, an ex student of Southam College, visited the School on Wednesday 14th March, to talk about her journey to becoming a Harlequins and International Rugby player. Leanne has 20 caps for England currently and is playing in the Women's Six Nations Tournament. On Friday 16th March, Leanne will be playing at the Ricoh arena against Ireland!

She delivered an inspiring assembly to year 9 students about her success!

Thank you for coming in and good luck for your upcoming fixtures!

## Macbeth Trip

On Tuesday 20th March, Year 10 and Year 11 students went to watch the production of Macbeth at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, starring Christopher Eccleston. It was a fantastic performance enjoyed by all with an interesting twist at the end. We want to thank all students for their excellent behaviour and conduct on the trip, they were a pleasure to take!

We hope the experience will support our key stage 4 students in their GCSE English Literature exams.



# Youngest Woman - Clipper Yacht Race



## Let's help Sophie reach her £25,000 goal!

**In 2019-20 I will be the youngest woman to ever circumnavigate the globe on the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.**

Not only am I doing this as a massive personal challenge but I aim to inspire young women across the globe to become more active and take a different, more adventurous route in life.

The Clipper race, which has been running every other year since 1996, is world renowned and has a massive media coverage. On this trip I will be spending 11 months on board a 70 foot yacht along with about 20 other novice sailors. We will be racing against 11 other boats in each of the 8 legs of the race. Along with this at each of

the stopovers I will be promoting my cause, inspiring thousands of people from many countries.

Any donation small or large will make a huge difference to enable me to take part in this life changing trip. Even if you are unable to sponsor please share this page, I will be tremendously grateful. I am also looking for large companies to help fund the trip in return for worldwide advertisement. If you know anyone who may be interested please contact me through email: [sophie220801@gmail.com](mailto:sophie220801@gmail.com)

***Thanks so much for your support,  
Sophie***

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**You can donate at . . .**

**<https://www.gofundme.com/youngestwoman-clipperyachtrace>**



## PGL Netball Tour

Having had a strong start to their league this year the year 8's headed into the tournament positive but nervous about the weekend ahead. The team consisted of Rosie Dillon (C), Jess Carro, Holly Yates, Bailey Parry, Charis Drain, Abbie Bourton, Tully Peacocke, Ruby Irving, Megan Free and Mary Stewart. They started off really strong, winning their games with ease. However, they came across tough competition from Cowbridge School meaning that going into Sunday's matches they had 3 wins and one loss. Sunday morning meant that the team had to win their games to ensure a place in the semi-final...amazing teamwork and consistency meant the team made it! However, they were to meet Cowbridge again. The team were positive and worked hard to defend and attack against strong opposition. Although a loss at the end the team played brilliantly and did themselves proud in their first tournament. Overall 3rd place! Jess Carro was nominated as the player of the tournament for her versatility and commitment to every ball in every game. Well done to all.



**The year 9 team** this year consisted of Olivia Constable (C), Katy Black, Rose Hill, Charley Furey, Erin Jones, Sarah Costa, Issie Fairhurst, Bo Crump, Alex Lyle, Ellie Cumberbatch and Charlotte Wain. The team is extremely strong this year and going into the weekend were positive about their chances of winning. After the first 3 matches the team had 3 clear wins. Going into the fourth the team lost their heads and ended up losing 11-8, therefore into Sunday the team had to perform to make it into the semi-finals! As a team they performed amazing, working for each other and supporting each other throughout, 2

more wins put us into the semis against an easier opposition! However, the semi-final wasn't easy and we only just won 5-4! Going into the final the team were nervous and knew they had tough competition against Priors Field School. A strong start meant that we finished the first half only 6-4 down. Although the team played brilliantly and stayed positive the final score of 10-6 meant that the team finished 2nd. An amazing tournament for the whole team, Charlotte Wain was nominated as the player of the tournament. Looking forward to next year where hopefully they can yet again improve on their final placing! Well done to all of you, you all proved you deserve your place in the team – the best school netball I've seen you all play! **Thank you, Miss MacLachlan.**



**The year 10s** were extremely nervous heading into the tournament with only 7 players – Cerys James (C), Carmen Ellis Greenway, Lily Fraser Pope, Cara Andrews, Alice Dillon, Ruby Cole and Madison Smith. Having no subs meant that everyone needed to be on their game and play consistently for the whole weekend! The team had an amazing Saturday, winning all of their games convincingly – one game they won 17-0! Going into Sunday they couldn't let their heads drop as they had tough competition from Cowbridge and Priors Field. After a loss in their first Sunday game, the girls continued to push hard and won their last pool match. Into the semi-finals they were up against Cowbridge, a well drilled team who had more height than all of ours put together! However, the team played amazing and worked continuously till the end. Tears started during the team talk at the end and

although a loss the team had had a fantastic weekend of success! Another 3rd place standing for Southam College. Player of the tournament went to Cerys James for her consistent hard work and control of the game. **Thank you for making it so special, Miss Evans.**

**The year 11 team** were thrilled to go on the Netball Trip again, having been twice before they knew how good the competition was and the level of performance needed to do well. Consisting of Amy Carro (C), Marie Pavey, Jodie Stevens, Katie Cummings, Alice Coles, Clarice Ellis Greenway, Jodie Rigg and Nomie Nicholas the girls went into the competition expecting some tough opposition. They started off the tournament strong, some wins and some close losses but each player worked hard to support each other and work hard for the ball. Amazing attacking and defending meant that they made it into the semi-finals! Although against Priors Field the team played their hearts out, a close loss with lots of positives to take away. Individually they are all very strong netballers and their commitment to club netball is evident. Naturally the stresses and work load of year 11 results in a lack of commitment to school netball as much as they would like. Therefore, considering they haven't played together for a long period of time you would never have noticed this in any of their matches over the weekend as they worked together and for each other. Player of the tournament went to Amy Carro. Thank you for all of your hard work in the last 5 years we will miss you all next year! **Well done, Mrs Herbage & Mrs Turton.**



# Sports News



## Year 8 and Year 9 Netball

**March 23rd** - The year 8 & 9 netball teams went to Kingsley for a tournament - their last games of the season. Both teams had strong opposition but managed to make it into the semi finals with ease! The year 8 team played Myton and won 6-3!

They then had Kingsley in the final, tough competition...although a close game Kingsley stole the lead 5-3 meaning Southam year 8s came 2nd overall!

The year 9 team made it to the final against Champion and after a close 1-0 lead at half time, finished the game 6-1! A first and second placing for the teams highlights their hard work at training this year as well as their commitment to playing for the school.

**Well done everyone! Miss MacLachlan & Mrs Smith.**



# SPORT RELIEF

**March 21st** - We celebrated Sport Relief by holding a Fun Mile Challenge where pupils had to complete a mile in any way they choose, they could skip, cartwheel or hula hoop!

We had a fantastic turn out and there were some imaginative ways of completing the mile. There was even one student who completed the mile on her Rollerskates!

**It was a fantastic event celebrating Sport Relief.**



## National Cross-Country Championships

**March 25th** - A Massive congratulations to Year 7 Madeleine Jacks who finished in a fantastic 34th in the National Cross-country Championships at Prestwold Hall. She ran a very gutsy race and was the first Warwickshire runner home.

Well done, Madeleine and looking forward to a great Track season.

**Mr MacGibbon**

## English Schools Cross-Country Championships 2018, Leeds

**March 18th** - Congratulations to Elspeth Unitt and Alex Ibbs, who braved the arctic conditions at Temple Newsam Park in Leeds competing for Warwickshire in the English School Cross-Country Championships.

It is a great achievement just to get to these championships, where so many of our Great British Olympians have 'cut their teeth' as juniors, but few will have run in conditions as cold and challenging as these.

Both Elspeth and Alex ran with great courage and bravery, a credit to the school. Congratulations and I hope you've managed to warm up!

Mr MacGibbon



## U14 Girls Football Semi-Final

**March 19th** - The U14 girls team played Stratford in the semi-final of the cup. Stratford has lots of shots in the first half but Poppy Lummis saved them all! Great attacking from Abbie Bourton, Sarah Costa and Georgia Eversden put pressure on the Stratford defence. Lana Wilson-Shrubbs, Esha Sance, Ellie Cumberbatch and Niamh Purnell kept the ball moving forward in midfield, whilst Olivia Constable, Emily Lovett, Ana Lovett, Ellie Gregory and Lucy Parsons played well in defence clearing the ball for the Southam attack! Amazing play from all meant that Abbie Bourton could fire in 2 amazing shots in the last 5 minutes. A 2-0 win for Southam puts the team in the final. Well done everyone!

Thank you for Shauna O'Neill and Kacie Morby for doing the lines. Miss MacLachlan & Mr Ginger





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# ★ Charity Week ★

★ 30 APRIL TO 7 MAY ★

  
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