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Incredibly successful. Half Term!

This last half-term, although short has been incredibly successful.

Students have shown great empathy towards others through their whole-hearted involvement in events during Charity Week. Students from all year groups participated in a large amount of activities, the most notable was the 24 hour netball event. In total, we raised an amazing £8352.32! Well done to all participants, and also a huge thanks to all those who sponsored our amazing students.

This last half-term has also seen the final countdown for students sitting GCSE, AS and A levels. Staff have really gone the extra mile by providing a wide range of revision and support activities and our students have shown a really mature attitude in their application during these sessions. Hopefully, we will see every student gaining the results that they hope for in August. Good luck to all of you!

In conclusion, a very positive term, with lots of people working together to create the unique and inspirational learning environment which is Southam College.

Take care and have a great half term.

Mr Samra, Headteacher

British Values Week

Building on the success of British Values Week at Southam College last year, we decided to do it all over again.

This year however took a completely different focus; this year's focus was on solidarity. As a result of last years events such as Brexit we wanted to focus on how we bring communities back together and how we can work together as one.

Throughout the week, we had a variety of events taking place, from a Bollywood dance workshop to afternoon tea for the local community. Year 7 students visited St Paul's Cathedral and Neasden Hindu Temple in London. The Music and English Department also got involved providing activities for both students and the local community. It was a fab week which clearly highlighted collaboration, celebration and co-operation. At Southam College, we really do believe, 'alone we can do so little; together we can achieve so much.'

Thank you to all those who supported or took part in British Values Week.

Mrs Thomas

24 Hour Netball

Southam College completed their first ever 24 hour sporting event. Eighty girls ranging from year 7 - 13 took part in the event which consisted of one netball match which lasted the duration of 24 hours. The first centre pass was taken at 1pm on Friday 7th April and the final pass of the game was made at 1pm on the Saturday.

The girls were placed into teams of mixed ability and age for the duration of the event - each team had allocated slots in which they had to play to ensure that the ball didn't stop moving for the full 24hours. A surprise guest team - Leamington Lions Football Club ,arrived to surprise Kacie Morby and brought a new level to the event.

The older girls were given the night shift from 8pm-8am which was where the fatigue and tiredness really started to sink in. The girls did extremely well at keeping themselves motivated, especially during the early hours of the morning where the fatigue really started to kick in. Motivational music such as 'Cotton eyed Joe' and 'Eye of the Tiger' blaring out at 4am helped the girls to keep going.

Sponsorship money is still coming in, however with all of the money we received on the day we have already raised a whopping £4,000 which is absolutely fantastic.

I would like to thank all of the staff for popping in and supporting the event in total we had approximately 25 members of staff who came along to support - a special thank you to the Technology Department who came along on Saturday morning to cook us all bacon rolls.

A huge thank you to all of the members of staff who gave up their first evening of the holidays to support a fantastic cause - Miss Warman, Miss Maclachlan, Miss Evans, Miss Smith, Miss James, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Morten as without you the event would not have been able to take place and be the success it was.

During the final 10 second count down emotions were running high and the realisation as to what the girls had just achieved was starting to sink in. I am so proud of everyone who took part in the event, it was an unbelievable physical challenge but you completed it!

Well done everyone.

Miss Warman

O’Brien Contractors support Cirdan sailing trip

Mr MacGibbon and our Year 9 students are very grateful for O'Brien Contractors generous donation to help fund our Cirdan Sailing trip in July. Our Year 9 crew were 'on deck' to receive the cheque from Mr and Miss O'Brien and are looking forward to starting our preparations in earnest for our trip. Our students have been working hard to raise funds for the trip, bag packing in Tesco, events at school and helping out with the Southam Lions Triathlon.

A Great Day For Miss Harwood

“I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that has sponsored us for our 10K run raising money for CLIC Sargent. You are such kind people that will make such a difference to a young person’s life with cancer. Race day was incredible with a fantastic atmosphere with lots of support along the way. CLIC Sargent are a great charity, Sam who works for CLIC Sargent and played a huge part in our friends life ran with us on the day, it was such an honour to be there with him, she would have been so proud. I would also really like to thank the support from all of the staff at Southam and the students that would stop me in the corridor wishing me luck and encouraging me to keep going, what an amazing school I work at!”

Miss Harwood

Year 7 Learning Challenges

At Southam College, we run our own Character Education Award. Universities, colleges and businesses are regularly informing us that they are looking for students not only with impressive exam grades but also the personal traits to make them successful. At the start of May, Year 7 students took part in a series of two-hour team challenges to test out their enthusiasm, communication, teamwork and leadership. The challenges included:

Primary Party: Host a group of Y1 students and organise games, parachute activities, reading and art.

Galanos House: Welcome a group of residents from Galanos Care Home and interview them about how life had changed since they were 12. Then verbal present their findings.

Town Planning: Work with Stratford Town planners to decide where 50000 new homes should go in this district. Students had to present a justification of their proposals.

Meal for a Fiver: Plan, purchase and prepare a two course meal for two for under £5.

African Dress: Design and make a dress to be sent to an African child.

Debating: Research, plan and deliver a series of arguments for a Debating

Lucy Competes at April 2017 Welsh Nationals

Lucy, of Daventry Dolphins Swimming Club, qualified to compete in the Swim Wales 'Long Course' National Championships over the Easter weekend.

- **800m Freestyle: Time 10.10.68 long course personal best (LCPB) 13th Place** (4thplace in Wales for her age group)
- **50m Butterfly: Time 32.86 18th Place** (6thplace in Wales for her age group)
- **200m Freestyle: Time 2.20.73 LCPB 17th Place** (5th place in Wales for her age group)
- **400m Freestyle: Time 4.59.15 LCPB 17th Place** (6th place in Wales for her age group)
- **100m Freestyle: Time 1.05.06 LCPB 21st Place** (7th place in Wales for her age group)
- **100m Butterfly: Time 1.16.15 LCPB 23rd Place** (12th place in Wales for her age group)
- **50m Free: Time 30.54 29th Place** (9th place in Wales for her age group)
- **50m Backstroke: Time 37.09 LCPB 44th Place** (19th place in Wales for her age group)

Lucy had a successful weekend achieving PB's in 6 out of her 8 races and is now ranked in top 10 in Wales for 7 of the events. 'The best that she can be'!

Thank you to Mrs Bostock

Southam College would like to say 'thank you' to Mrs Bostock for 30 years of dedicated service in the Science Department and as a trusted member of the Governing Body. She has seen the school change and grow over the years, as a parent and a staff member, and has been instrumental in the progress of the Science Department.

Buddhist Visit

In Philosophy and Ethics, Year 8 students had a Buddhist monk from the Forest Hermitage Centre. He spoke to students with regards to practicing the Buddhist religion. This fitted perfectly with the topic they are currently working on which is 'Codes for living.' Students were fantastic and asked some great and intriguing questions.

Thank you to The Hermitage Centre for this memorable experience!

Mrs Thomas

The Employability Skills Programme- Year 10 Mock Interviews

On Friday 12th, Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th May, Year 10 students took part in the Employability Skills programme, Mock Interviews. We welcomed many employers across several different companies to Southam College across these days. We have been very impressed by the maturity and professionalism of the students; particularly in terms of their efforts to prepare their own CV, Covering letter and the time spent planning for the potential interview questions. Some students went above and beyond to create their own challenging questions to ask the employers which really impressed the interview team! Despite some nerves at times, students still pushed themselves to have a go.

Overall there has been a fabulous all round effort with the Employability Skills topic, we are really proud of you, well done year 10. We look forward to hearing feedback from your next part of the programme, your Work Experience placement over the summer.

We could not have developed this exciting award without the combined team effort, dedication and passion from across many individuals. These include; Mr A Hughes Southam College's Careers advisor, the Life Skills Department and Mr Eadon the Deputy Head Teacher. We would like to thank Mr Glenn Robinson at Warwickshire County Council, who have helped with funding through the Skills for Employability programme. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the employers who kindly gave up their time over the days to support the year 10 students in order to help further their skills, confidence but also provide them with such a memorable experience.

Miss Campbell, Mr Hughes, Mr Eadon and the Life Skills team.

Sports News

Warwickshire Girls' Football County Cup Final

On Monday 8th May the U14 girls cup football team headed to Rugby Juniors FC ground to defend their county cup title. The team consisting of Kacie Morby (C), Maria Timms (VC), Poppy Lummis, Sarah Costa, Niamh Purnell, Ellie Cumberbatch, Abbie Bourton, Georgie Eversden, Olivia Constable, Emily Lovett, Ana Lovett and Lana Wilson Shrubbs. The team knew that the opposition – Avon Valley would be tough due to their strength and previous match reports.

Maria opened the scoring after three minutes firing the ball into the back of net! Another two more from Maria meant that the opposition were flustered and unable to cope with the attack of Southam! Sarah, Ellie, Abbie and Georgia worked well alongside Maria passing the ball between each other, outwitting the Avon Valley defence. The keeper was quick on her feet but another turn over from Kacie meant that the ball travelled fast up pitch to Maria who managed to score yet another goal!! Sarah kept fighting alongside the rest of the team consistently setting up goals and providing support in the centre!

Georgia ran circles around the midfield of Avon Valley constantly probing and adding pressure causing Avon Valley to make mistakes. Ellie worked hard at centre mid dribbling around the players and with the support of Niamh on the right and with Olivia, Ana, Emily and Lana supporting in defence, Ellie was in prime position for a shot on goal! She scored!!! Southam were up 5-0! Southam remained calm and in control working as a team to maintain their formation. Avon Valley attempted to break the Southam defence and got through a couple of times, however, Kacie fought hard, maintaining the Southam line and taking control, attacking the ball. A long ball from Niamh allowed Abbie to dribble into the box giving another goal to Southam! 6-0!

Poppy took control in goal and supported the team throughout, this helped the Southam defence attack Avon Valley and another breakthrough from Maria allowed two more goals for Southam! Full time 8-0!

Miss MacLachlan and Mr Ginger are extremely proud of the efforts and commitment of every player in the team. Each member has played amaziingly throughout all of the rounds and the final. Each student did Southam College proud and with great determination and skill they pulled together as a team and proved why they deserved to maintain the county cup title! Looking forward to next year!

West Midlands Orienteering

Severn Valley Country Park,13th May - Congratulations to everyone who took part in the West Midlands Orienteering Championships last weekend. It is always difficult competing at a new venue, but all our students gave it a good go! Performance of the Day went to Joe Quinney who finished a very creditable 3rd, and the award for persistence goes to Sam Lambert, who misread the map for the first control and ended up running an extra 3 km, but still finished in 10th. Well done to all our other competitors as well, Ffion Bough, Edward Bale, Charlie Parsons, Jacob Watson and Alice Parsons.

Mr MacGibbon

Year 9 and 10 Town Championships

May 17th - The Year 9 and 10 Athletics team competed at the Town Championships at a cold and wet Edmondscote, with the hope of getting selected for the County Schools Championships 10th June.

It was a tough event which saw the Southam teams battle against the rest of the Central Warwickshire Schools.

Performances of the day came from Jacob May in the 100m, Sam Enston in the 200m, Georgina Hurt in the 800m, Cerys James in the Discus, Aoife Williams in the 300m and Ruby Cole in the 300m.

Considering the weather the athletes performed well and put in a lot of effort.

Well done all, Miss Warman, Mr MacGibbon and Mr Eaton.

Year 10 secure 3rd at Rounders Tournament

May 20th - The year 10 rounders team had their inter area rounders tournament last week. First match started positively beating Kenilworth 7 1/2 to 6, showing some exceptional batting tactics.

Second game came against Campion, unfortunately the girls batting wasn't as consistent in this game and saw them take a draw 4 1/2 all. Third game came against Myton a team we struggle against, unfortunately our luck didn't change and Myton beat us.

Fourth game was against the leaders Kenilworth, Jess Griffin and Amy Carro had exceptional bats scoring 4 1/2 in this game. The girls fielded the best all day with Naomi Nicholas on 2nd getting 3 girls out in a short period of time. It came down to the final 2 balls and Kingsley managed to sneak to 5 rounders.

Final game against Aylesford saw the girls relax and enjoy their batting seeing most girls scoring in this game. Southam scored 7 1/2 and limited Aylesford to 5 rounders.

A great evening, well done girls! Miss Warman

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME
UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. 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 are 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.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 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. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

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.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service 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

Southam College