



Southchurch High School

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The Southchurch Way

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Message from the Headteacher

This week our Year 11 students sat their English Literature and Media GCSE examinations on Monday; on Tuesday their French Listening, Reading & Understanding, Business Studies and Film Studies; Wednesday their History and Computer Science; Thursday their Maths Non-Calculator; and then on Friday, their Chemistry and Geography examinations. Next week sees our Year 11 students sitting the following GCSE examinations: Monday, English Literature Paper 2 in the morning followed by Sports Science and Media Studies Paper 2 in the afternoon; Tuesday, Enterprise & Marketing in the morning followed by Child Development and Computer Science Paper 2 in the afternoon; Wednesday they will sit their Physics Paper 1 in the morning; Thursday, English Language Paper 1 in the morning followed by Film Studies Paper 2 in the afternoon and then on Friday the French Writing examination in the morning.

I had the pleasure, on Monday, of attending The Jack Petchey Awards Evening which was held at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff to celebrate the success of local students, including the following from Southchurch: Macie, Archie, Jack, Morgan, Katie-Marie, Joshua, Bobbie, Zane and Grace. Our congratulations to all these students; as a school community we are extremely proud of them all! Ms Smith, Careers Advisor, was also a worthy recipient of a Leaders Award and we extend our congratulations to her also on behalf of the whole school community. I would also like to thank Chloe and Summer for an absolutely amazing rendition of 'Slipping Through My Fingers,' an Abba song from the Mamma Mia movie; a couple of stars in the making!

A group of Year 8 and 9 students travelled to London by train for a 'mudlarking' trip by the River Thames on what turned out to be, thankfully, a lovely dry day, thank goodness! For those of you who have not heard of the term 'mudlarking', it is the act of searching the riverbed for historical treasures. Students searched the River Thames foreshore at low tide for objects that would not have been touched for hundreds of years. Thank you to Miss Murray for kindly arranging and accompanying the students together with Mrs Winter and Mr Airoll.

Unfortunately, due to the possibility of inclement weather forecast at the beginning of the week a decision was made to postpone the U13 girls 'Chance to Compete' competition at the Orsett & Thurrock cricket club which was due to take place on Wednesday. The event has been rescheduled for next Thursday, 23 May.

On Wednesday evening we hosted a Year 10 Parents' Revision Evening. As our Year 10 students enter the last twelve months of their time at Southchurch High School and ahead of sitting their GCSE examinations, we feel it is important that we start to look at how we can support our Year 10 parents/carers and their children to maximise their full potential in their examinations next summer. We are planning a series of sessions designed to inform these students and their parents/carers on effective ways of revising in preparation for their end of year assessments. Thank you to all those parents/carers and our Year 10 students who kindly attended the revision evening and to all the staff and students who assisted.

Yesterday afternoon, Thursday, myself and the Senior Leadership Team continued our meetings with the parents/carers of students who will be joining the school in September. It has been lovely to have the opportunity to meet our prospective students ahead of their transition day at the school on 5 July and we look forward to hosting a couple more afternoons, for those who have been unable to make these scheduled meetings, after the half term break.

Today, Friday, Mrs Taylor has very kindly organised a trip to the Tate Modern for some of our Year 8 students and we also have some of our Year 9 students assisting at a primary schools' event at Garons which has been kindly organised by Miss Waite.

Today at lunchtime, the whole school community were invited to take part in the 'Empower Half Hour' challenge in support of the Mental Health Foundation's Mental Health Awareness Week. Students and staff took part in a 'walk and talk together' around our running track during the second break. Thank you to all those who were able to take part today; it was a pleasure to witness!

Mrs Airoll
Headteacher

Key Dates

23 May	Year 8 Curriculum Evening 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm
24 May	Last day of term
27 - 31 May	Half Term Holiday
3 June	Students return to school
7 June	Southchurch Pride Event
13 - 14 June	Year 10 Classic trip to Oxford
21 June	Year 9 Mersea trip

Menu

SWAN'S RESTAURANT WEEK 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Chicken Curry Served with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Homemade Steak Pie Served with Mashed Potato & Garden Peas	Chicken Fajita Served with Diced Potatoes & Coleslaw	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Burger or Battered Fish Served with Chips
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Chilli Con Carne Served with Boiled Rice & Tortillas (Vegan)	Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Ciabatta (Vegetarian)	Vegetable Ciabatta Pizza Served with Diced Potatoes & Coleslaw (Vegetarian)	Meatless Sausages Served with Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables & Gravy (Vegan)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll Served With Chips (Vegan)
Extra's	Jacket Potato with Cheese ,Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise Available Monday - Thursday Small Pasta & Sauce Available Monday - Thursday				

Lost Property

Lost property items for this week:

Nike drawstring bag with PE Kit

Adidas drawstring bag with PE Kit

Plain black drawstring bag with PE Kit

Grey and black holdall with Adidas trainers

Iceland Carrier bag with size 8 school shoes

If you child has misplaced any of these items, please send them to the main office as soon as possible.

SEND News

On Wednesday, some of our students with SEN went on a trip to the Southend Campus of the University of Essex. While the students were there, they had the opportunity to look around The Forum, lecture rooms and student accommodation as well as take part in a forensic science taster session. In the taster session the students completed a finger printing activity and a logic activity where they had to break the code to unlock the secret message.

During the visit, the students also had talks on what courses the university offered and completed activities during this session. Finally, the students had the opportunity to visit the Student Union and taste the delights of their canteen.

This visit was run by 'Make Happen' who are an organisation that offer help and support on the realities of going to university to study a degree or a degree apprenticeship. They are also offering mentoring opportunities over a period of six weeks to give students the opportunity to talk through their career aspirations and what they might like to do in the future.

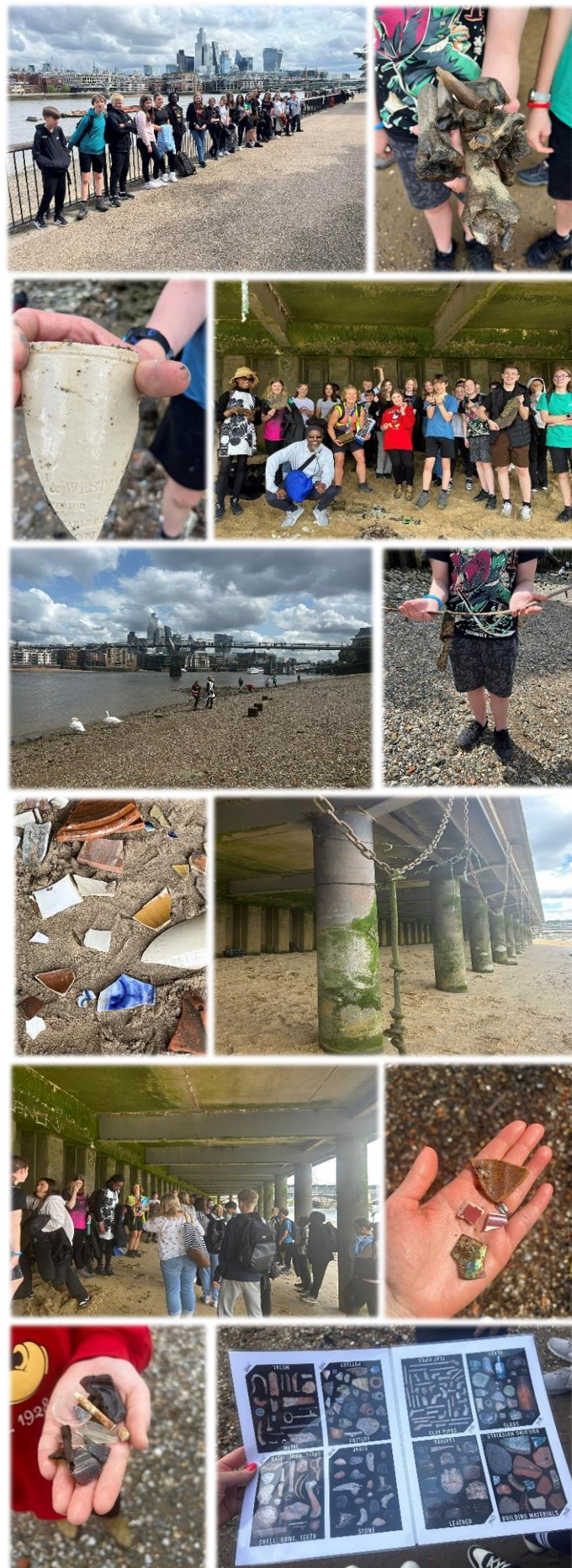
This has been a fantastic opportunity for some of our students with SEN and we know they have really enjoyed the mentoring, as well as the university visit.

Mudlarking Trip

On Wednesday, students from year 8 and 9 visited London to experience Mudlarking on the Thames!

They searched the foreshore looking for artefacts and found pottery, clay pipes, WW2 bomb glass, pieces of ships and lots of bones!

They all had a fantastic time!



"If you think you can, you can"

On Monday some of our students went to the Palace Theatre to receive their Jack Petchey awards.

We are so unbelievably proud of our students, Bobbi, Morgan, Katie-Marie, Macie, Archie, Joshua, Jack, Zane and Grace. Also, our very own Ms Smith, who received the Jack Petchey Leader Award.

Also, special thanks go to Chloe and Summer for entertaining everyone with their beautiful voices!

Well done to you all on your wonderful achievements!



SOUTHCHURCH
HIGH SCHOOL

Year 8 Curriculum Evening

Thursday, 23 May, 2024

6.00 to 7.00 pm

Year 8 Parents/Carers and students are invited to attend an evening designed to inform you about the journey that your child will embark upon over the next three years at Southchurch High School.

Please email info@southchurchschool.com if you would like to attend.

Please include your child's name and how many people you would like to attend. Refreshments will be available from 5.45 pm in the cafeteria.



We would like to invite you to the Year 8 Curriculum Evening which will be taking place on Thursday, 23 May, 2024 at 6.00 pm.

As your child continues their journey at Southchurch High School, we feel it is important to explain to parents/carers their role in supporting their child and how we support your child during their time at school.

Your Year 8 child and any younger siblings are also welcome to attend with you. Students may attend in non-school uniform.

The evening will start with a welcome message from Mrs Airoll, Headteacher.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team and Mrs Pearman, Head of Year 8, will then address parents/carers as follows:

Mrs Miller, Deputy Headteacher: introduction to Quality of Education.

Mr Dunn, Assistant Headteacher: curriculum pathways on offer to students.

Mrs Pearman, Head of Year 8.

Mr Grover, Assistant Headteacher, Data: assessment calendar for students.

Mrs Adams, Assistant Headteacher, Teaching & Learning/Reading: reading and its importance in accessing the curriculum and measures that the school takes to support students.

Miss Murray, Deputy Headteacher: expectations regarding mobile phones; social media; mental health and how to keep your child safe.

Your role as parents/carers is fundamental to your child in supporting them to achieve their very best during their secondary school life at Southchurch High School.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday and request that you confirm your attendance, together with how many will be attending in your party, by emailing info@southchurchschool.com in order to provide us with numbers attending and therefore ensuring sufficient provision for refreshments.

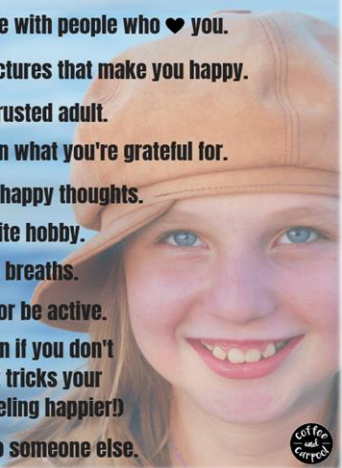
WELL-BEING

Remember to take some time out for yourself, it is important to check in and reset your own wellbeing levels.

Do things that make you feel happy and calm, whatever they might be. We need to look after ourselves before we can help others.

Simple Things Kids Can Do to Feel Happier

1. Go Outside & Get Fresh Air
2. Make a Get Happy Playlist and Listen to it
3. Spend time with people who ♥ you.
4. Look at pictures that make you happy.
5. Talk to a trusted adult.
6. Write down what you're grateful for.
7. Think of 3 happy thoughts.
8. Do a favorite hobby.
9. Take deep breaths.
10. Exercise or be active.
11. Smile even if you don't feel like it (it tricks your brain into feeling happier!)
12. Be kind to someone else.



Hamlet Court Road Art Trail

Hamlet Court Road in Westcliff has its very own Art Trail this month!

It will start on Monday 20 May 2024 and run until Sunday 26 May 2024.

We have two of our creative teachers exhibiting their work. Mrs Beene's work will be exhibited at New West Café and Mrs Taylor's will be at SoSewByZoe.

Hamlet Court Road

HAMLET COURT ROAD ART TRAIL

20TH - 26TH MAY 2024

In Conjunction with **in Harmony FESTIVAL**

Anne Seaman at 197. Westcliff Wools
Sarah Jane Morris at 137. Olives by the sea

Kelly Papoulia at 85. SoSewByZoe
Amy Fahmy at 81. Margaret Raymond
Laura Jordan at 77. Eliza Boutique
Hayley Zincraft at 73. Vapour Central
Coral Cornwell at 71. Maderia Cafe

Becky at 184. Buy Back Essex
Julie Ford at 182. Love and Kisses
Katie Bee Art at 180. New West Café and Restaurant
Diane East. 174. Athena Carpets

Lucy at 164. Hair At Sixteen

Edigumi Arts at 142. Cats Protection
Milly at 139. Mind
-5 Collective at 138-140. Havens Community Hub
Jan at 130. Scher and Ward
Key Dowling at 132. Sopa Thai
Holly Giles at 128. Westcliff Drinks Co

Please share your photos
 #her_lovehamletcourtrail
 Hamlet Court Road in Harmony

Tina Robertson at 126. Amarios
Simon Luton at 124. Kosheric
Annabel Barry at 118. Aaron Lyons Goldsmith
Estella at 112. Halo

Jack Cooper at #50. Rag N' Bone
NetPark at #48. The Classic Cap Co
Shauna Blanchfield - Stairwell Mural - stairs between station road & Hamlet Court Road

Canewdon Road

Holly Giles at 59a. Lainey B's
Coral Cornwell at 59b. Taisons
NetPark at 59c. Salon Tinted
NetPark at 59d
Made You Look Flowers



Essex Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

For more information or to book an appointment please call **0300 790 0597**

Has your child missed their routine school vaccinations?

We are running catch-up clinics in your area. Find your nearest clinic below:

- **Braintree Clinic, CM7 3HP**
Saturday 18 May, 10.30am - 3pm
- **Dunmow Clinic, CM6 1BH**
Tuesday 21 May, 3pm - 4.30pm
- **Galleywood Youth Centre, CM8 2UX**
Thursday 30 May, 10am - 3pm
- **Hermit Youth Centre, CM15 8AG**
Tuesday 28 May, 10am - 3pm
- **Leigh Primary Care Centre, SS9 3NG**
Saturday 11 May, 10am - 2pm
Thursday 30 May, 10am - 2pm
- **Livewell Hub Braintree, CM7 3HP**
Saturday 18 May, 10.30am - 3pm
- **Northlands Park, SS13 1QX**
Wednesday 29 May, 10am - 3pm
- **Rochford drive through, SS4 1RB**
Saturday 18 May, 10am - 2pm
- **Saffron Walden Community Hospital, CM11 3HY**
Thursday 30 May, 10am - 3pm
- **Springfield Green, CM1 7HZ**
Saturday 11 May, 10am - 3pm
- **Thameside House, RM16 2PX**
Saturday 18 May, 10am - 3pm
Friday 31 May, 10am - 3pm
- **The Lodge, SS11 7XX**
Tuesday 28 May, 10am - 3pm
- **Witham Health Centre, CM8 2UX**
Wednesday 30 May, 10am - 3pm

Do you have questions about these vaccinations?

Visit the NHS website vaccination page:
www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

HPV** (from Year 8)
DTP & Meningitis ACWY (from Year 9)

**Eligible boys born after 01/09/2006



20TH - 26TH MAY 2024

DISCOVER LOCAL ARTISTS

HAMLET COURT ROAD ART TRAIL

DISCOVER LOCAL SHOPS

In Conjunction with **in Harmony FESTIVAL**

Library Corner



Word of the week:

COHESIVE

Adjective

Meaning: Sticks together and forms something closely united.

This week's theme is: Gender

Key date: International Day Against Homophobia

Did you know?

- In 1951, Roberta Cowell became the first transgender woman to have gender reassignment surgery in Britain.
- In 1975, the first Gender Identity Clinic at Charing Cross Hospital in London provided gender-affirming healthcare.
- In 2007, Nepal recognised "metis", people who are assigned male at birth but who take on a feminine appearance, as a third gender. Over 80 countries have implemented legal gender recognition policies allowing transgender individuals to change their gender marker on official documents.

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4	8					7	1	9
	7	1				2		
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	3					1		
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Fill the puzzle so that every row across, every column down and every 9 by 9 box contains the numbers 1-9

Find the word in the puzzle. Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other

Celebrate
Equality
Gender
Identity
Individual
Pride
Transgender

P Y O I F R C Y W Q H J A
R R U P E P E T D N M W V
Z Q I D D D L I H E L Q T
U G N D Q K E T E E W U O
F E Q Z E M B N W Z I L Z
G T N G P G R E S E G I X
K G A O Q S A D B H B D Y
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T R A N I S G E N D E R Q G
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W V V E S C M N J E K D F

LIBRARY INITIATIVES

GOOD LUCK!



Good luck to all our year 11 students

with your GCSE Exams!

Library Club: Open Until 4pm

A calm, quiet place to come and sit and read on our comfy beanbags or to enjoy a game of Chess, Othello or Scrabble.

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer at your local library during the summer holidays? If you are 14 and over you can volunteer to help at the Summer Reading Challenge. Please collect a form from the Main/KS4 Library. All applications need to be in by Friday 14 June.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024 in libraries in Southmead during the summer holidays.

NECESSARY: Age 14 or over!

All for an application to be at your local library or request form: libraryvolunteers@southmead.gov.uk

Event dates: Tuesday 18th June

Please apply to ensure you fit library criteria.

Important Library News

- Please remember to bring your overdue books back to the library. Student librarians come to form rooms once a week to give you an opportunity to renew or hand books in.
- Remember to quiz each book you finish on Accelerated Reader to add to your word count. There are prizes for all students who climb our ladder and reach the word count goals. See the librarians for your log-in details.

