



Southchurch High School

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The Southchurch Way

A community of opportunity, learning and aspirations

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Message from the Headteacher

We hope you and your children enjoyed a restful half term break and that they have settled positively back into school life, especially after the recent spell of wonderful sunshine.

We are incredibly proud and delighted to share that Southchurch High School has once again received an extremely positive report following an external review by Challenge Partners, a leading national network of schools committed to improving educational outcomes through collaboration, professional development, and school-to-school support. This review took place during the final week of last term and reflects the ongoing dedication of our staff, students, and wider school community.

This week, our Professional Learning Journey for teaching staff has focused on coaching and the potential impact it can have on improving teaching practice and student outcomes, further supporting our continued commitment to high-quality teaching and learning across the school.

We were also pleased to celebrate the achievements of our Year 7 and 8 students who represented the school at the U13 Girls' Chance to Compete cricket competition held on Wednesday at Bentley Cricket Club, Brentwood. Thank you to Mr Winyard for his organisation and support of this fantastic opportunity. Events such as this allow students to experience new sports and broaden their horizons in a truly positive way.

This morning, our Year 9 and 10 students set off early for their visit to Ypres in Belgium. During their visit, they will explore significant historical sites including the Sanctuary Wood Museum and Hill 62 trenches, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Langemark German Cemetery, and the Menin Gate Memorial, as well as enjoying visits to a local chocolate shop and hypermarket. This promises to be a memorable and enriching experience for all involved. We are very grateful to Miss Langdon for her excellent organisation of the trip, and to Miss Cass and Mr Alexander for generously giving their time to support the visit.

Our Word of the Week for next week is '**observe**' (verb): to carefully watch the way something happens or the way someone does something. Please encourage your child to use this word both in and out of school. Encouraging your child to use this word will help to reinforce their vocabulary development and wider learning. Students who use the Word of the Week are rewarded with a Class Charts point.

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our Year 11 students, who have once again demonstrated resilience and determination throughout a very busy week of GCSE examinations.

They have conducted themselves exceptionally well in both their exams and their preparation, and we are extremely proud of their focus and maturity during this important period.

This week, students completed examinations in Italian Paper 4, Polish Papers 1 and 3, Physics Paper 1, Media Studies, Maths (Calculator) Paper 2, Geography Paper 2, History Paper 2, French Paper 4, and English Language Paper 2.

Next week's examinations are as follows:

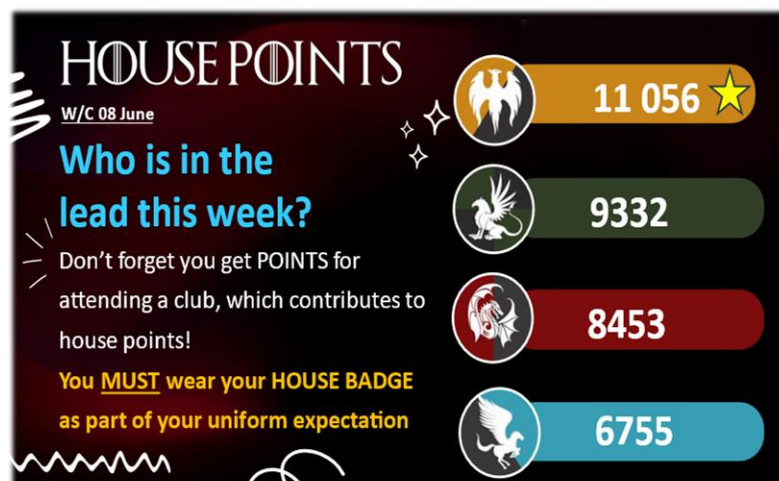
- Biology Paper 2 – Monday morning
- Construction / Sport & Coaching Principles / Spanish Papers 1 & 3 – Tuesday morning
- History Paper 3 – Tuesday afternoon
- Maths (Calculator) Paper 3 – Wednesday morning
- Design & Technology / Greek Reading Paper 3 – Wednesday afternoon
- Geography Paper 3 – Thursday morning
- Chemistry Paper 2 – Friday morning
- Hospitality & Catering / Polish Paper 4 – Friday afternoon

We are also looking forward to hosting our **Festival on the Field** on Friday 26 June, from 3.30–5.30 pm. We warmly invite students, parents/carers, families, and members of our local community to join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of celebration and togetherness.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

Mrs Airoll
Headteacher

House Points



World Environment Day

Today is World Environment Day and we marked the day by launching a new recycling station!

We gave away FREE wild flowers to take home and plant.

We also held a quiz, word search activities and a raffle to win some prizes! There will still be a chance to enter the raffle next week.

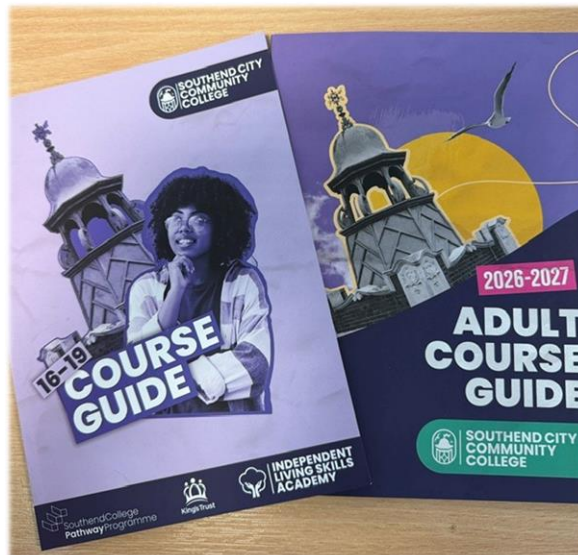


Southend City Community College

We were delighted to be invited and to attend the official launch of the new brand identity for **Southend City Community College**.

The college continues to offer valuable opportunities for learners, including vocational pathways, specialist support programmes, and routes into further education, training, and employment.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership and supporting students to achieve their goals as the college embarks on this new chapter.



Festival on the Field

A date for your diary! Please come along to our Festival on the Field on Friday 26 June.



SOUTHCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL
Presents

The Festival on the Field!

SOUTHCHURCH BLVD, SS2 4XA

26TH JUNE, 2026

FROM 3:30-6PM

FREE ENTRY!

Stalls REFRESHMENTS
POCKET MONEY STALLS
FAIRGROUND GAMES
INFLATABLES
RAFFLE

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO DONATE A PRIZE CONTACT:
LWINTER@SOUTHCHURCHSCHOOL.COM**

SEND

Southend SEND Information Day



Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF) and the SEND Local Offer Team are pleased to announce the second Southend SEND Information Day on Tuesday 16 June 2026.

This is a free event for the Southend SEND community. It is open to parents, carers or family members of children or young people with SEND.

- Venue: Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6ER
- Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

You can pre-register for the event:

[Event details | SEND Information Day 16 June 2026 | Livewell Southend](#)

Southend SEND Information Day
An event for parent carers and professionals

Join us!
Discover stalls, talks, teams and services.

Tuesday 16 June 2026
9.30am to 2.30pm

Southend Civic Centre,
Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER

Pre-register for the event, or drop-in on the day!
www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDInformationDay

Scan here for more information

Logos for Southend-on-Sea City Council and other partners.

WELL-BEING

BBC Springwatch is a wonderful way to learn more about nature. You can also watch live cameras on various bird's nests on the days that the programme runs.

Engaging with nature has been scientifically proven to help with Mental Health and Wellbeing.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007qgm3>



The NHS recommends The MIX charity which gives support to young people in many areas of their lives. Please use the link below to visit their website for more details.

The Mix is the UK's leading support service for young people. Here to help you take on any challenge you're facing - from mental health to money, from homelessness to finding a job, from break-ups to drugs. Talk to them via the online community, on social, through the free, confidential helpline or our counselling service.

<https://www.themix.org.uk/get-support>



Useful helpline details

Childline 0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/>

Samaritans 116 123

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/find-help/i-need-urgent-help/>

Shout Text YM to 85258



Library Corner



Word of the Week:

Necessary

Adjective

Meaning: Needed in order to achieve a particular result.

This week's theme is: World Environment Day

Key date: 5th June

Did you know?

- Between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause around 250,000 additional deaths around the world per year.
- Two-thirds of extreme weather events in the past 20 years were influenced by humans.
- Average wildlife populations have dropped by 60 per cent in just over 40 years.

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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

- Change
- Climate
- Environment
- Extreme
- Global
- Population
- Rising
- Sea
- Weather
- Wildlife

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 K Y T F I B X F D E L T A N X
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LIBRARY INITIATIVES

Welcome to the Library

Miss Watson and Ms Strover would like to remind you that the library is open everyday during break & lunch and Monday-Thursday after school. The Library is a calm, quiet place to come and sit and read in one of our comfy reading areas or to enjoy boardgames; such as chess and scrabble.



Chess Champions



Do you want to learn a new skill? Improve your logic, concentration and problem solving? Then learn how to play chess! Chess runs everyday during all of our opening hours. If you decide to play a competitive game, the winners are added onto our Chess Champions leader board!

After School Club: Monday-Thursday

The Library is open to all students after school to enjoy the same activities that we have running at break & lunch.

Students have access to the computers for study or coursework. These activities run until 4.15pm

Please note that we are closed after school on Fridays.

Important Information

Accelerated Reader

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 login details.

Teams Page

Remember to check the library teams page for updates and announcements, news articles and Accelerated Reader leader board information.

