



Message from the Headteacher

We had a very poignant and memorable start to the week as our entire school community came together to wish our wonderful Year 11 students the very best of luck as they completed their final GCSE examination, Physics, on Monday morning. Students and staff lined the corridors and pathways to give them a truly special Southchurch send-off during our annual "Clap Out". It was a fitting way to celebrate the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout their time with us. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and look forward to celebrating their achievements later in the year.

A huge thank you must go to our PE staff for their support of students competing in the Borough Athletics Heats on Monday afternoon at Garons. Students represented the school with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship. Those who qualified then progressed to the Borough Sports Finals held today. We look forward to hearing about their performances and are keeping our fingers crossed for some medal-winning results.

This week, our Professional Learning Journey for teaching staff has focused on further developing classroom practice and ensuring that every lesson continues to provide the highest quality learning experiences for our students. Staff have engaged in collaborative training and professional discussions designed to enhance teaching and learning across the school.

Some of our talented Year 9 and Year 10 students recently took part in the Rubbish Costume Competition and had the honour of attending the prize-giving event in Purfleet on Tuesday. Their creativity, imagination and commitment to sustainability were truly impressive. Well done to Aisha, Ede, Kayla, Marta, Taye, Tia and Aaliyah, whose costumes were nothing short of spectacular—so much so that I would happily have worn some of them myself! We are incredibly proud of how they represented Southchurch. A huge thank you to Miss Derbyshire and Mrs Wallace for supporting the students throughout the project and accompanying them to the event.

Having celebrated our Year 11 students with their Clap Out on Monday, we then had the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate their time at Southchurch during their Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday afternoon. This was followed by the Year 11 versus Staff football match, which proved to be an entertaining and closely contested affair. The students ultimately emerged victorious with a 6–2 win.

While staff pride may have taken a slight knock, everyone survived the experience, albeit with a few minor injuries and some noticeably slower walking the following day!

The celebrations continued with an afternoon of inflatables, laughter and plenty of opportunities for students and staff to enjoy time together. Curly fries, chicken burgers and beef burgers were consumed at an impressive rate as everyone made the most of the occasion. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and to create lasting memories before Year 11 embark on the next stage of their journeys.

As many of you will be aware, we made a last-minute decision earlier in the week to host a World Cup-themed final period on Thursday for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. Following England's victory on Wednesday evening, the event proved extremely popular. Students were invited to attend in non-school uniform and enjoyed a range of activities celebrating the excitement of international sport. Thank you to Miss Murray for her excellent organisation and to all members of staff who helped make the event such a success.

The school was also extremely fortunate to secure tickets for Day 2 of the County Championship cricket match between Essex and Hampshire at Essex County Cricket Club in Chelmsford today. The students who attended were treated to a fantastic opportunity to experience professional county cricket firsthand. We hope they enjoyed a memorable day of sport. A huge thank you to Mr Winyard for organising the trip and to Mr Farmer for kindly accompanying and supporting our students throughout the visit.

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have completed a busy week of mock examinations, including English Literature Paper 1, Biology Paper 1, Design & Technology, Geography Paper 1, Chemistry Paper 1, French Writing and Sociology Paper 1. The maturity, focus and resilience shown by students throughout this examination period have been commendable.

Next week, students will continue their assessments with Maths Paper 1 (Non-Calculator), Geography Paper 2, History Paper 3, Physics Paper 1, Maths Paper 2 (Calculator), Construction, GCSE PE Written Paper, Hospitality Written Paper, French Listening and Reading. We wish them every success and encourage them to continue revising effectively and maintaining positive routines.

Our **Word of the Week** for next week is "**query**" (*noun*) – to ask a question when you want information or help. Please encourage your child to use this word both in and out of school. Regular use of our Word of the Week helps to strengthen students' vocabulary and supports their wider learning. Students who successfully use the word in conversation or lessons will be rewarded with a Class Charts point.

Our Student Leadership Head Student candidates have now recorded short videos answering three key questions about their vision for the school and why they would like to represent the student body. Students across the school will have the opportunity to watch these videos and cast their votes over the coming week. I am very much looking forward to announcing the successful candidates on Friday 26 June. Our new Head Students will officially begin their tenure on 29 June, and we are excited to see the positive impact they will have on our school community.

Finally, a gentle reminder that we very much hope to see you at our **Festival on the Field** on Friday 26 June from **3.30pm to 6.00pm**. Students, parents, carers, families and members of our local community are warmly invited to join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of celebration, entertainment and togetherness. Events such as these are a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the relationships that make Southchurch such a special community, and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

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

Mrs Airoll
Headteacher

Goodbye Year 11

We said 'goodbye' to the wonderful Year 11 this week!

On Tuesday afternoon we had a reflective and celebratory assembly with lots of prizes, followed by food and shirt signing, then outside for students Vs staff football match and inflatables in the sun!

It was a fantastic send off for our deserving Year 11 students and they will be missed!

We would like to wish them well for their bright futures, and cannot wait to see them on results day.



Menu

SWAN'S RESTAURANT		WEEK 2			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Halal Sweet & Sour Chicken Served with Boiled Rice & Spring Rolls	Homemade Steak Pie Served with Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Gravy	Roasted Halal Chicken Thighs Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese Served with Garlic Bread	Beef Burger In a Bun Or Halal BBQ Chicken Wings Served with Potato Wedges & Homemade Coleslaw
Vegetarian Meal	Vegan Vegetable Curry Served with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Cheese & Onion Slice Served with Mashed Potatoes & Peas or Baked Beans	Vegetable Cottage Pie Served with Vegetables & Gravy	Vegetable Pizza Served with Garlic Bread	Vegan 1/4lb Burger In a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Homemade Coleslaw
Jacket Potato with Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise Available Monday – Thursday Small Pasta & Sauce Available Monday - Thursday					

Key Dates

24 June	Year 6 Transition Interviews 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
26 June	Festival on the Field 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
01 July	Vaccination catch-up session
03 July	Year 6 Transition Day
08 July Date change	Students finish school at 2.00 pm Open Evening 5.30 pm -8.00 pm
09 July Date change	Students start school at 11.00 am

House Points

HOUSE POINTS

W/C 22 June

Who is in the lead this week?

Don't forget you get POINTS for attending a club, which contributes to house points!

You MUST wear your HOUSE BADGE as part of your uniform expectation

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Do kind things for others

If you want to feel good, doing good is a great place to start! Helping others and being kind not only contributes to the happiness of others, it can also help us to feel happier ourselves! Studies have shown that when we do kind things it literally gives our brain a boost, activating its 'reward centre' and that feels good. It can take our minds off our own worries too.

Every act of kindness counts

From small acts like a friendly smile, a few kind words, helping with bags, offering up our seat, to regular volunteering - there are lots of different ways we can be kind.

Reflection: What's an act of kindness you could do today?

Create Kindness Ripples

Studies have shown that when we do something kind both the recipient and other people who witness that kind act are more likely to be kind themselves. So, our kindnesses are amplified, contributing to a happier world.

Reflection: Who can you thank for what they give to you?

Everyone needs kindness

Our acts of kindness might be for strangers, family, friends, colleagues or neighbours. There are always ways to be kind.

Reflection: Who do you help and who helps you?

Ask for help when you need it

Reflection: What is something you'd like help with? Who can you ask?

SECH SUMMER CAMP

Join us this summer for **fun, food and fantastic activities!**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DODGEBALL 28TH JULY – 31ST JULY	ART 4TH AUGUST – 7TH AUGUST	T-SHIRT DESIGN 11TH AUGUST – 14TH AUGUST	HEALTHY LIVING & FOOD 18TH AUGUST – 21ST AUGUST
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SESSION TIMES: 11:00AM – 3:00PM

£3 PER CHILD PER DAY

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

PAINTING	CRAFTS	BASKETBALL	OUTDOOR GAMES	FOOD & NUTRITION
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OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE Ages 8–16

LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED Healthy and tasty options every day

FRIENDLY & SAFE ENVIRONMENT A place to learn, have fun and make new friends

LOCATION: North Road Burial Ground, Westcliff On Sea, Essex SS0 7AH

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ethan in Year 11, who completed his 2nd Triathlon at the weekend in Windsor!

The Royal Windsor Triathlon has a stunning course that encompasses some fantastic sights.

It started with a swim in the River Thames, triathletes then rode a bike route through the streets of Windsor, passing Windsor Castle, and out into the surrounding countryside. To complete their challenge, participants ran into Windsor Great Park and along the spectacular Long Walk.

Ethan completed the 750m swim in 12 minutes, the 20km bike ride in 50 mins and ran the 5k in 23 mins!

What an amazing achievement, well done Ethan!



A huge congratulations to Miss Clark who has recently passed her teaching training at Southchurch High School - what a fantastic achievement!

Miss Clark's hard work and dedication has truly paid off. We look forward to Miss Clark taking up post as Teacher of Health and Social Care.



We'd also like to congratulate Leo in year 8 who took part in a karate competition at the weekend.

He won gold in Para Kata and bronze in Slam Man!

Well done Leo, what a great achievement!



Rubbish Costume Competition Prize Giving Event

Seven students from Years 9 and 10 represented the school at the Rubbish Costume Competition Prize Giving Event at High House Production Park on Wednesday 17 June.

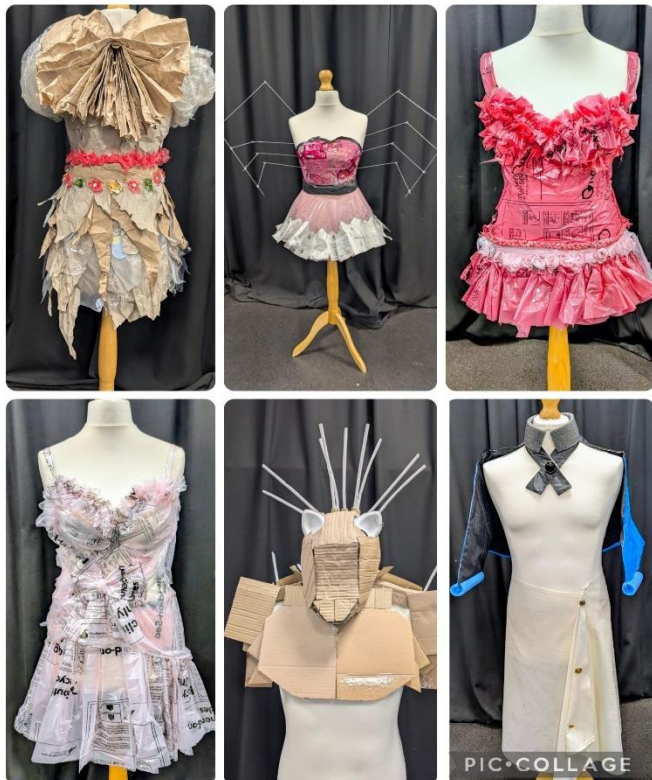
The competition, run by University Centre South Essex, challenged students to create a costume from recycled and unwanted materials, alongside a written character analysis and environmental research summary. Competing against students from schools across the local area, our students demonstrated fantastic creativity, imagination and commitment. Our seven entrants worked hard over several weeks to develop their ideas and transform everyday waste materials into impressive costume designs.

As part of the prize-giving event, students had the opportunity to tour the costume stores and studios at High House Production Park, where costumes for The Royal Opera House are created and stored. They were also able to handle and try on costumes, take part in a careers workshop, and visit the final exhibition of the BA (Hons.) Costume Construction degree course, where they spoke to university students about their work and creative journeys.

We are delighted to share that **Kayla received the award for the Most Sustainable Costume**, while **Aaliyah received a Judges' Commendation** for their outstanding character analysis.

Teacher commendations were also awarded to Taye for their willingness to step outside their comfort zone and fully embrace the challenge of the competition, **and Marta** for consistently showcasing their creativity, skills and commitment.

We are incredibly proud of all seven students for embracing this creative challenge and representing the school so positively. Their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable, and they were a credit to the school.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award 2026

On Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June, 42 adventurous students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition. 40 of the students were in Year 10 but we would also like to recognise and congratulate the 2 Year 9 students who worked with Year 10 to complete the expedition section of the award.

With their bags packed, they set off from school and walked the 14km route to Belchamps, navigating and working as a team throughout.

On arrival, they pitched their tents and cooked a well-deserved dinner on their Trangia cooking stoves. Students cooked everything from chicken and bacon pasta, to steak and noodles and everything in between. They were very creative! We then enjoyed some games and marshmallows by the fire before going to bed.

The next morning, they were up early, ate breakfast, took the site down and went on their second day of walking.

Although tiring, the accomplishment of completing the expedition brings them all one step closer to finishing the award that is so coveted by employers and colleges.

I would personally like to thank the staff that assisted and say a huge congratulations to the students, who were amazing and did themselves and the school proud. They showed resilience when blisters and tiredness threatened their mood and worked together to pull each other through.

Well done to Southchurch DofE!

Mrs Langdon, Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator





HAF Summer Bookings are open NOW!

We're thrilled to announce the return of our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme this summer, packed with exciting activities for eligible children! The programme runs from Monday, 20 July to Friday, 28 August 2026.

Eligible families will be able to book up to a maximum of 16 sessions and only attend one club per day.

Bookings will open from Wednesday 17 June 2026.

Book here:

<https://www.eequ.org/southendhafprogramme>

The Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families feel a bit less squeezed this summer.

The new scheme includes reduced VAT on days out, including tickets at attractions like soft play, adventure centres and theme parks, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas, and children's meals in restaurants. Children aged 5 to 15 in England will also be able to travel free on local bus services throughout August.

For further information about the scheme visit [Summer Savings](#).

This is in addition to further support available to families, with more information available at [Cost of Living Help](#).

Text a school nurse directly to talk about health or emotional wellbeing:

IF YOU'RE 11-19 YEARS OLD TEXT
07520 649895

PARENT/CARER OF 5-19 YEARS OLD TEXT
07507 331884

ChatHealth

Young People scan this QR Code to find support



Parents scan this QR Code to find support



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Free Summer Holiday Fun for 11-15 Year Olds

New Sessions

FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS*
@ SOUTHEND CIVIC CENTRE
VICTORIA AVE, SS2 6ER
9:15 - 3:30
TUESDAY 28TH JULY
WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY
**or children who are 10 and transitioning to secondary school*



health4life@southend.gov.uk www.livewellsouthend.com

11-15 year olds are invited to our FREE 2 day Health4Life programme - a fun, inclusive, and engaging way to explore what it means to lead a healthy lifestyle!

Through hands on food prep sessions with a local chef, exciting games and trips to Indirock, MyYogiTribe and Brazilarte, they will learn:



KEEP YOUR BODY HEALTHY



MAKE GOOD NUTRITIONAL CHOICES





LOOK AFTER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING

PORTION SIZES

'Every small change can lead to great results'



BODY POSITIVITY

It's been very helpful educating us on the amount of sugar in foods, portion sizes and good choices

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Sign up form

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th July
9:15am - 3:30pm
@ Southend Civic Centre



Library Corner



Word of the Week:

Promote

Verb

Definition: To advance something, encourage growth, or advertise a product.

Goodbye to our Y11's

A huge congratulations and a heartfelt goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students. You have been a fabulous year group of readers, contributing an incredible 25 million words on Accelerated Reader. Keep reading, keep exploring new worlds, and keep embracing new opportunities. We wish you every success in the future—you will be amazing!

A note to our current year 9's—if you have already had your 14th birthday, you can now begin using the 'Older Readers' section of the library.

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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

- Apprenticeships
- College
- Congratulations
- Emotions
- Goodbye
- Friendships
- Futures
- Luck
- New
- Summer

A F E W H V E Z X P W U I H B
 T G R Y E N G M S X B J M S D
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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.

