



### Message from the Headteacher

I would like to start by personally thanking you all for your ongoing, and continued, support of the school.

There have been many highlights this spring term and much to celebrate. I would like to start by saying how proud we are of our Year 11 students for working extremely hard during their mock examinations and in their preparation for their GCSE examinations which start the second week after our return from the Easter holidays! Revision sessions will be taking place during the second week of the holidays and the programme has been issued to students and is also available to view on the school's website. Could I please ask Year 11 parents/carers to encourage their children to attend as many of these sessions as they are able to. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all those staff who are kindly offering up a revision session during the second week of their Easter break.

I am sure students and staff have their own favourite highlights from this term but a couple of mine would have to be the visit by Adisa, the poet, whom I had the pleasure of working with a very long time ago and it was so lovely to catch up with him again and secondly, the go-kart event for our Year 7 students whose sheer excitement and enjoyment of the day will stay with me for a long time.

We were lucky enough to hold another STEM Day on Tuesday for our Year 9 students kindly organised and supported by Mr Grover. The Small Piece Trust kindly delivered the STEM Day activity based around sustainable living. Students took part in 'The Sustainable Homes Challenge'; working in small teams to design and build a system to filter, collect, detect, and pump collected rainwater as part of an integrated system on a sustainable home as generating energy and providing clean water supplies are huge 21st century engineering challenges. They designed and built a waterproof collection tank with a built-in filter, assembled, and soldered an electronic water-detector, and made a circuit for an electric pump to detect and then pump the water that had been collected. The students had such an amazing experience and it was wonderful to receive so many lovely follow up messages from parents/carers who wrote in saying 'what a great time their child had had'. Once again, a huge thank you to Mr Grover and all those who kindly supported on Wednesday with the activities.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who kindly attended our Parent Forum last night. We welcomed the opportunity to answer questions and to provide those attending with an update on actions taken to date and those planned for the future.

Some of our Year 7 students took part in a trip to Dover Castle today organised by Miss Fraser. Thank you to Miss Fraser, Miss House and Mr Merritt for kindly supporting the trip.

Congratulations to Ms Gradwell who has been appointed Head of English.

We are sadly bidding farewell to Mr Hassan today and wish him all the very best as he moves to pastures new but are delighted to be welcoming four new members of staff to our school community after Easter: Mrs Newington, Teacher of Computer Science and Maths and also Lead Practitioner for Behaviour; Miss Dark, KS3 Lead for Maths; Miss Wright, Teacher of Music and Head of Year; and Mrs Edwards, Teacher of English.

As you will be aware, the school breaks up for the Easter holidays at the end of today. Students are expected to return punctually to school on Monday, 15 April by 8.30 am in readiness for their Form Tutor time and in full school uniform.

Finally, on behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter.

Mrs Airoll  
**Headteacher**

### Menu

<b>SWAN'S RESTAURANT</b>		<b>WEEK 1</b>			
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>	Pork Sausages Served with, Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potato Peas & Gravy	Meatballs Served with Pasta & Garlic Ciabatta	BBQ Pulled Pork Wrap Served with Pommes Noisette Potatoes & Coleslaw	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger Or Battered Fish Served with Chips
<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>	Vegetable Stew & Dumplings (Vegan)	Sweet & Sour Vegetables Served with Boiled Rice (Vegan)	Vegetable & Cheese Potato Skins Served with Coleslaw	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Garlic Ciabatta	Cheese & Onion Slice Served with Chips
<b>Extra's</b>	<b>Jacket Potato with Cheese ,Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise</b> <b>Available Monday – Thursday</b> <b>Small Pasta &amp; Sauce Available Monday - Thursday</b>				



HAPPY EASTER

## End of Term

School reopens, following the Easter holidays, on Monday, 15 April, 2024 for the summer term, and we look forward to the students returning in their full school uniform, equipped and ready to learn.

Details of our uniform can be found on the school's website [www.southchurchschool.com](http://www.southchurchschool.com)

Gentle reminder that all students are expected to be in school on time at 8.30 am ready for the start of their Form Tutor period.

We, at Southchurch High School, would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy Easter holidays.

## School Uniform

We would like to stress to you all the importance of presentation, and remind you of our rules regarding our uniform; the school's uniform guidance has been emailed to you all this week. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- **Hoodies are not allowed.** The weather is growing warmer and hopefully they will no longer have a need for extra layers. Hoodies will be confiscated if worn, and can be collected that afternoon, after school;
- Polishable school shoes must be worn;
- Students can have one small earring in each ear and a wristwatch;
- False eyelashes and eyelash extensions are not allowed under any circumstances;
- Acrylic nails are not allowed under any circumstances; and
- Facial piercings are not allowed under any circumstances. Clear studs are not acceptable.

If your child arrives to school and is not following the uniform guidance, in particular, the last three items stated in the list above then you should expect a telephone call from the school requesting that you collect your child and make the necessary arrangements to remove these items which are not part of the uniform expectations.

We are proud of the students at Southchurch High School and cannot wait to see them looking smart and ready to learn when we return in April.

## Key Dates

29 March	Good Friday <b>School Closed</b>
1 - 12 April	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
15 April	Students return to school
26 April	Year 7 Tate Modern trip
26 April	Year 9 Imperial War Museum trip
03 May	Staff training day <b>Closed to students</b>

## Lego Club

Thank you to everyone who has donated Lego for us to use in our club, because of your kind donations Mr Maxfield will be able to start this club after Easter!



## TATE MODERN

### Year 7 gallery visit!



**Friday 26th April, 2024**

We will travel to London by coach to view the exhibition *Capturing the moment* which includes some of the greatest painters and photographers, with work by Pablo Picasso, David Hockney, Andy Warhol and lots more!

The trip costs £5.  
For more details please ask Mrs Papoulia-Taylor

## TATE MODERN

### Year 8 gallery visit!



**Friday 17th May, 2024**

We will travel to London by coach to view the exhibition *Expressionists* which explores the ground-breaking work of a circle of friends and their friendship story through art. Plus lots more!

The trip costs £5.  
For more details please ask Mrs Papoulia-Taylor



# SOUTHCHURCH HIGH CLUBS



## EVERYDAY CLUBS MONDAY-FRIDAY FOR ALL YEARS

**Breakfast Club**  
7am, all years, Canteen

**Homework Club**  
3.05pm, all years, The Hub

**Library Afterschool Club**  
3.05pm, all years, The Hub

### MONDAY

#### BEFORE SCHOOL

**Athletics – Endurance**

7.30am, all years, Field

**Dodgeball**

7.30am, all years, Sports Hall

#### LUNCHTIME

**Drop in Chess Club**

All years, The Hub

**Y7 Football MUGA**

#### AFTER SCHOOL

**Art Club** All years, A020

**Athletics – Sprinting**

All years, Field

**Basketball** Sports Hall

**Chess Club** All years, The Hub

**French Spelling Bee**

Y7, C005

**Southchurch Choir**

All years, Music room

**Sports Leaders** Y9, Field

### TUESDAY

#### BEFORE SCHOOL

**Southchurch Athletes**

7.30am, by invitation, Sports Hall

**Spinning**

7.30am, all years, Gym

#### LUNCHTIME

**Library Club** All years, The Hub

**Photography/Film Club**

All years, A136

**Y8 Football MUGA**

#### AFTER SCHOOL

**Athletics**, all years, Field

**Boys/Girls Football**

All years, Sports Field

**Cheerleading** all, Sports Hall

**PE Intervention** Y10, C000

**S.T.A.G.E – School**

**Production Club**

Cast Members, C003

### WEDNESDAY

#### BEFORE SCHOOL

**Athletics – Endurance**

7.30am, all, Sports Hall

#### BREAKTIME

**Library Club** All years, The Hub

#### LUNCHTIME

**Drop in Chess Club**

All years, The Hub

**Y9 Football MUGA**

#### AFTER SCHOOL

**Archaeology Club** (Week B)

Y7,8,9,10, A131

**Athletics – Throwing**, Field

**Badminton** All years, Sports Hall

**Chess Club** All years, The Hub

**Gardening Club** All years, Garden

**Keyboard** All, Music room

**S.T.A.G.E – School Production**

**Club** Cast Members,  
Drama Studio

### THURSDAY

#### LUNCHTIME

**Historic Castle Building**

KS3, A117

**Drop in Chess Club**

All years, The Hub

**Y10 Football MUGA**

#### AFTER SCHOOL

**Athletics**, all years, Field

**Computing**

All, Computer Room

**DoF Club** Year 9, C002

**Drama Club**

KS3, Drama Studio

**Guitar Club**

All, Music Room

**Netball** Y7, Sports Hall

**Rounders**, Field

**STEM and Science Club**  
(Week B only) Y7, 8, 9, A119

**Southchurch Newspaper**

KS3, G4

**H&S Care, Food Tech &**

**PE Intervention**, B102

### FRIDAY

#### BEFORE SCHOOL

**Southchurch Athletes**

7.30am, by invitation, Sports Hall

#### LUNCHTIME

**Carnegie Book Club**

Y9-11, G5

**Drop in Chess Club**

All years, The Hub

**Karaoke Club**

All, Drama Studio

**Maths Challenge**

All, A030

**Y11 Football MUGA**

#### AFTER SCHOOL

**S.T.A.G.E – School**

**Production Club**

Cast Members, Drama Studio

**French Spelling Bee**

Y7, C005

**Gardening Club**

All years, Garden

**Cricket**

All years, Field

## PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Cheerleading with Southend Elite and Basketball with Southend Basketball are also both free to attend!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> 07:30 – 08:15	<b>Athletics – Endurance</b> <b>Mr Blows</b>  <b>Dodgeball</b> <b>Miss Stockman</b>	<b>Spinning</b> <b>Mr Webster</b> <b>Southchurch Athletes</b> (Invitation Only) <b>Miss Waite</b>	<b>Athletics – Endurance</b> <b>Mr Blows</b>	<b>PE Meeting</b> <b>PE Staff</b>	<b>Southchurch Athletes</b> (Invitation Only) <b>Miss Waite</b>
<b>LUNCH TIME</b> 13:30 – 13:55	<b>Y7 Football</b> (MUGA)	<b>Y8 Football</b> (MUGA)	<b>Y9 Football</b> (MUGA)	<b>Y10 Football</b> (MUGA)	<b>Y11 Football</b> (MUGA)
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 15:15 – 16:15	<b>Athletics – Sprinting</b> <b>Mr Blows</b> <b>Y9 Sports Leaders</b> <b>Miss Waite</b> <b>Basketball</b> <b>Southend Basketball</b>	<b>Cheerleading</b> <b>Southend Elite</b> <b>Football</b> <b>Mr Biggie</b> <b>Mr Merritt</b> <b>Athletics</b> <b>Mr Blows</b> <b>Mr Webster</b> <b>PE Intervention</b> <b>Miss Waite</b> (C000)	<b>Athletics – Throwing</b> <b>Mr Blows</b> <b>Badminton</b> <b>Mr Biggie</b>	<b>Athletics</b> <b>Mr Webster</b> <b>Y7 Netball</b> <b>Miss Townley</b> <b>Rounders</b> <b>Miss Waite</b> <b>H&amp;S Care, Food Tech &amp; PE Intervention</b> <b>Miss Atkinson</b> (B102)	<b>Cricket</b> <b>Mr Farmer</b>



# WELL-BEING

Active April 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Commit to being more active this month, starting today	2 Spend as much time as possible outdoors today	3 Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do	4 Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water	5 Turn a regular activity into a playful game today	6 Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels	7 Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening
8 Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh	9 Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise	10 Have a day with less screen time and more movement	11 Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge	12 Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside	13 Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time	14 Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation
15 Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!)	16 Go exploring around your local area and notice new things	17 Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth	18 Try out a new exercise, activity or dance class	19 Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often	20 Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today	21 Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day
22 Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it	23 Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour	24 Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildlife-spotting	25 Have a 'no screens' night and take time to recharge yourself	26 Take an extra break in your day and walk outside for 15 minutes	27 Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil	28 Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat
29 Become an activist for a cause you really believe in	30 Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

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## Xcel Hockey Coaching Easter Camp

in conjunction with Old Southendians HC

 MONDAY 8TH APRIL, 2024

 WARNERS BRIDGE PARK

 9AM - 3PM

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME, AGES 10-14**

**OUTFIELD PLAYERS ONLY**

**£45 PER PERSON**

**CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A BOOKING**

### Year 11 Easter Half Term Revision Sessions

On the following page you will find a timetable showing the revision sessions available for Year 11 students during Easter half term. A copy of the above timetable can also be found on our website.

The sessions will run from:

- **Monday, 8 April up to and including Friday, 12 April, 2024**

Students are not required to wear school uniform, but will need to bring their usual classroom equipment (pens, pencils etc.)

There will be no facilities for purchasing food on site. Therefore, if students are in school all day, they will be required to bring a packed lunch.

In addition, please be aware in guideline with our safeguarding procedures, students will only be able to enter and depart via the main entrance to the school, at the times listed below:

- 9.00 – 11.00 am
- **11.00 – 11.30 am - break**
- 11.30 – 1.00 pm

If you have any questions regarding the above sessions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01702 900777 or via email; [info@southchurchschool.com](mailto:info@southchurchschool.com)

**Year 11 Easter Half Term Revision Sessions**

Monday, 8 April up to and including Friday, 12 April, 2024

TIME	MONDAY 8.4.2024	TUESDAY 9.4.2024	WEDNESDAY 10.4.2024	THURSDAY 11.4.2024	FRIDAY 12.4.2024
9.00-11.00	<b>Science</b> Biology, Chemistry, Physics Foundation Room A119 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>English</b> Writing for purpose; Language Paper 2 Room C004 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>PE</b> Room C002 <b>9.00-11.00am</b> (selected Year 11 students)	<b>Science</b> Chemistry Foundation Room A117 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>French</b> French Foundation Room C005 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>
	<b>Hospitality</b> Coursework Room B102 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>PE</b> Room C002 <b>9.00-11.00am</b> (selected Year 11 students)	<b>Enterprise &amp; Marketing</b> R069 Assignment Work Room B102 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>Science</b> Physics Room A116 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>	<b>French</b> French Higher Room C016 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>
	<b>Health and Social Care</b> Coursework Room C000 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>				<b>Mathematics</b> Room A025 <b>9.00-11.00 am</b>
11.30-1.00	<b>Geography</b> Room A135 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b>	<b>PE</b> Room C002 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b> (selected Year 11 students)	<b>PE</b> Room C002 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b> (selected Year 11 students)	<b>Science</b> Chemistry Foundation Room A117 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b>	
		<b>English</b> Literature 'An Inspector Calls' Room C004 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b>	<b>Enterprise &amp; Marketing</b> R069 Assignment Work Room B102 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b>	<b>History</b> Room A126 <b>11.30-1.00 pm</b>	



# Library Corner



Word of the week:

*Rejuvenate*

Verb

Meaning: To restore to an original or state or to make young or youthful.

This week's theme is: EASTER

Key date: 31 March

Did you know?

- The Easter egg tradition is around 2,000 years old.
- 8 million Easter lily plants are grown each year.
- A survey in Europe found that Italians are among the top spenders during Easter, with an average expenditure of 131 euros per person.
- It is estimated that the average Swiss person consumes 2.8kg of chocolate per year, most of it during the Easter holiday.

1	3		6		7		8
	4	5	1		3		6
			2	9	3	1	4
	1	8	4	6		2	
5	6		3		2		
4	9	2		1			
6	8				7		4 2
					1		3
	2	3	9	4		5	8

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	E T A N E V U J E R S L B
Christians	O W O D F T T E O H S J H
Cross	F P W P K R A H E T Y V P
Daffodils	R A W E P I R R H D A G U
Easter	F W F D P I F S B A D E D
Eggs	D I S P R I N G J E I P O
Holidays	L X E P R E T S A E L B C
Life	S S L I D O F F A D O E K
Rejuvenate	H S U V D V H T R N H N C
Spring	E L O C H R I S T I A N S
	W G Z R H M J F Q F S H X
	F D G T C C R U E O L X O
	L E W S C O D B K B D J G

## LIBRARY INITIATIVES

Congratulations!



Congratulations to all students who have gained a certificate & prize this term for reading and completing quizzes on Accelerated Reader!  
**ZERB ARE OUR WINNERS THIS TERM FOR MOST WORDS READ IN THEIR FORM WELL DONE!**



Chess Champions



We have 5 new winners for our chess championships this term.

Well done to all our fantastic chess players!

Prizes and certificates have been given to individual students.

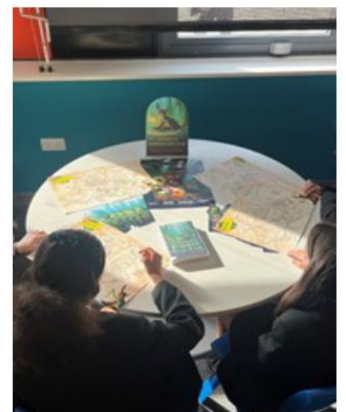
Chess runs everyday during all of our opening hours!  
If you decide to play a competitive game, the winners are put onto our Chess Champions leader board.

Happy Easter

Miss Watson and Ms Strover wish you an Egg-cellent Easter break!!

## 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.





SOUTHCHURCH HIGH

# CAREERS

NEWS & UPDATES

March 2024



## Year 10 Work Experience - for students who have not yet found a place

**Parents/Carers** - I would appreciate your help in using the Easter holiday to see if your child can find somewhere suitable to undertake their work experience.

Upon our return to school after the Easter holidays, I will be in contact with all students who have not yet found anywhere to see what I can do to help.



## Year 8 'Take your Child to Work Day'

It is not too late to submit the form if you have been able to secure a placement for your child. Alternatively, please can you let me know if your child is NOT able to take part by emailing me.

For any queries re the above please email:  
[asmith@southchurchschool.com](mailto:asmith@southchurchschool.com)