



Southchurch High School

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The Southchurch Way

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Message from the Headteacher

I was delighted to learn that 32 of our students have achieved 'Expert Learner' this term. They will all be congratulated and rewarded following the Easter break.

Thank you to Miss Goodwin who kindly organised for our Year 11 Geography students to have a study day yesterday ahead of their GCSE examination in order for them to study the pre-release material for Geography Paper 3. It was an important opportunity for these students to familiarise themselves with the materials and engage in focused revision in preparation for their upcoming GCSE examination.

Thank you to Miss Atkinson for her organisation and kind support of the residential skiing trip that departed today for Seree Chevalier in France, returning next Friday, 11 April. A huge thank you also to Miss Stockman, Mr Winyard and Mr Calder who have also kindly agreed to give up their personal time during the Easter holidays to accompany the students. We look forward to hearing all about the wonderful memories they will have made upon their return to school after Easter!

Congratulations to Mrs Zareba who has been appointed as Head of Year 10 with effect from 22 April, as Miss Atkinson has stepped down from her Head of Year role in order to concentrate on her senior leadership responsibilities.

We are sadly saying farewell to three members of our teaching staff today namely Mr Thomas, Mrs Powell and Mrs Matthews. On behalf of the whole school community, we wish them all the very best for the future. As we bid farewell to three members of staff, I am delighted to be able to inform you that we shall be welcoming three new members of teaching staff to the Southchurch High community after Easter: Mrs Langford, Mrs Daftary and Mr Harvey.

Please note that we shall be hosting a Parent Forum on Wednesday, 30 April at 6.00 pm and a letter has been sent today which contains further details. The following evening on Thursday, 1 May we shall be hosting the Year 7 Parents' Evening and further information will be sent to all parents/carers, who have a child in Year 7, upon our return from the Easter break.

Please remember that the **school is closed to students on Tuesday, 22 April** as we shall be holding an additional training day for all staff. Students are expected to return to school on Wednesday, 23 April at 8.25 am in order to be ready to line up in their Tutor Group at 8.28 am. Any student arriving to school after this time will be marked as late.

I would like to thank all those staff who are kindly giving up their own personal time to assist with the Year 11 Easter revision sessions. If you are a parent/carer of a Year 11 student, please, please encourage them to attend as many of the revision sessions as they can. The revision timetable is available to view on this newsletter and on the school's website.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, on behalf of the whole school community, a restful Easter and to thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Airoll
Headteacher

Menu

SWAN'S RESTAURANT		WEEK 1			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	CLOSED TO STUDENTS	CLOSED TO STUDENTS	Chicken Curry Served With Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Homemade Steak Pie Served with Mashed Potatoes Peas & Gravy	Chicken Burger or Battered Fish Served with Chips
Vegetarian Meal	CLOSED TO STUDENTS	CLOSED TO STUDENTS	Vegetable Sweet & Sour Served with Boiled Rice & Spring Rolls (Vegan)	Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato, Peas & Gravy	¼lb Burger Served with Chips (Vegan)
Extra's	Jacket Potato with Cheese ,Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise Available Monday - Thursday Small Pasta & Sauce Available Monday - Thursday				

Breakfast Club

There has been a slight change to our Breakfast Club time. The session now runs daily from 7.00 am until 8.15 am.



Southend Respect Project

A group of Year 9 students were chosen to attend a 'Southend Respect Project' session delivered by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs at Layer Marney Outdoor Centre, Colchester. Monique Adewoju supported and encouraged the students during team exercises, confidence building and survival techniques.

All of our students were fantastic and we were very proud of their positive attitudes to the challenges.

One of our Year 9 students was chosen to take part in a weeklong residential trip in the Lake District, attending independently, with students from other schools!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Here are our Aspire winners from Year 9 and our Jack Petchey Award winner. Well done to all!



Aspire Magazine

ASPIRE

SOUTHCHURCH HIGH MAGAZINE

To read the latest issue and see our award winners, scan below ▼



Or visit www.southchurchschool.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Year 7 students enjoyed their reward assembly. Well done to all!



Key Dates



07 - 21 Apr	Easter Holiday HAPPY EASTER
22 Apr	School closed to students Staff training
23 Apr	Students return to school
30 Apr	Parent Forum 6.00 pm
01 May	Year 7 Parents' Evening

French

Year 9 celebrated April Fool's Day with the French tradition of "poison d'avril" which consists of pranking someone by sticking a paper fish to their back - Mrs Blas was caught out!



The Hangout Venue

This is a fantastic local venture and we are very proud to support it! They are a family run social enterprise and committed to reinvesting at least 50% of their surplus profit. Their whole purpose is to enhance the lives of children and families, by providing a wonderful space for everyone to hang out, and for children to gently stretch their boundaries with the reassurance of their adults close by!

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APRIL 7 - 10

10AM - 3PM

PAID SPACES



AGE 7 UPWARDS

THEFUTUREOFSPORT@ICLOUD.COM
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WWW.THEFUTUREOFSPORT.CO.UK

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KDS-Santo.com
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Easter Half Term Year 11 Revision Sessions

Please find below 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, 7 April up to and including Friday, 11 April, 2025.**

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

Please note a snack will be provided for the students, free of charge during break time from 11.00-11.30 am additionally, 'pizza' will be available for lunch at 1.00 pm providing the student is attending the morning sessions and on site at 9.30 am.

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
- **1.00 pm - lunch**

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.

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Year 11 Easter Half Term Revision Sessions
Monday, 7 April up to and including Friday, 11 April, 2025

TIME	MONDAY 7.4.2025	TUESDAY 8.4.2025	WEDNESDAY 9.4.2025	THURSDAY 10.4.2025	FRIDAY 11.4.2025
9.30-11.00	History Miss Fraser Room: A126 9.30-11.00 am	Science <i>Biology - 11N1</i> Mr Dunn Room A017 9.30-11.00 am	Science <i>Chemistry – 11N1</i> Mr Dunn Room A017 9.30-11.00 am	Science <i>Physics – 11N1</i> Mr Dunn Room A017 9.30-11.00 am	Mathematics Mr Farmer G Block 9.30-11.00 am
	Geography Miss Goodwin Room A135 9.30-11.00 am	Science <i>Biology</i> Mr Naidoo Room A116 9.30-11.00 am	Science <i>Chemistry</i> Mr Naidoo Room A116 9.30-11.00 am	Science <i>Higher Tier Combined Set 3</i> Miss Marley Room A119 9.30-11.00 am	Mathematics Mr Carter G Block 9.30-11.00 am
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11.30-1.00	Geography Miss Goodwin Room A135 11.30-1.00 pm	Science <i>Biology - 11S2</i> Mr Dunn Room A017 11.30-1.00 pm	Science <i>Chemistry – 11S2</i> Mr Dunn Room A017 11.30-1.00 pm	Science <i>Physics – 11S2</i> Mr Dunn Room A017 11.30-1.00 pm	Mathematics Mr Farmer G Block 11.30-1.00 pm
	History Miss Fraser Room: A126 11.30-1.00 pm	Science <i>Foundation Tier Combined Set 3</i> Miss Marley Room A119 11.30-1.00 pm	Science <i>Foundation Tier Combined Set 3</i> Miss Marley Room A119 11.30-1.00 pm	Science <i>Foundation Tier Combined Set 3</i> Miss Marley Room A119 11.30-1.00 pm	Mathematics Mr Carter G Block 11.30-1.00 pm
SLT Assistance	LGO	INA	PDU	PDU/INA	AFA

Library Corner



Word of the Week:

Neologism

Noun

Meaning: Can refer either to a new word or expression or to a new meaning of an existing word.

This week's theme is: **New Life**

Key date: **Easter | 20th April**

Did you know?

- 815 new species were identified by the Natural History Museum in 2023.
- The worlds population grows by 73 million each year.
- New-born lambs and their mothers can find each other easily because every sheep has a different bleat.
- On average one new star is born in the Milky Way each year.
- 500 million Cadburys Crème Eggs are made each year (not new life, but they were worth a mention!)

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	4				6			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

- Birth
- Chocolate
- Ducklings
- Easter
- Flowers
- Growth
- Holidays
- Lambs
- Spring
- Sunshine

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

LIBRARY INITIATIVES

HAPPY EASTER!

Thank you to everyone who visited the library this term, took Accelerated Reader quizzes and played Chess. Rewards were given out this week for your achievements. We are currently on 27 million Accelerated Reader words—make sure you quiz on all of the books you read for your chance to win prizes!

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!

Important Information

- 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. Please take care of the books.
- 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.





Below is a list of things you could try to bring you joy, have a look and try some out!

1. **Connect with someone close** I don't mean your normal connecting. I mean really reach out and talk to them about what you're feeling, your life direction and anything that comes to mind. You know, the deep stuff.
2. **Reflect on your life** Take a step back, look at your life from afar or from someone else's perspective. This exercise can be very eye opening. It will work even better if you write your thoughts down when you reflect.
3. **Stop being hard on yourself** You already have it hard. Stop putting too much pressure on yourself and sit back every now and then. This doesn't mean you shouldn't strive for more, but give yourself some room to breathe.
4. **Write it down** Writing your thoughts down helps you see it from a different angle. It's also a metaphoric way to let your thoughts out and release them or put them down on paper to solidify them.
5. **Music inspires** Listen to some music. It will bring out different emotions in you. You might get inspired. But at least it will keep you relaxed for a moment.
6. **Binge watch a tv show** Watch the whole season. Then get back to your normal life.
7. **Spend time with pets** If you don't have one, go see a friend's one, an animal shelter or even a pet cafe. Doing this not only eases the mind but it is also therapeutic.
8. **Take a walk** What better way to exercise and clear your mind than by taking a walk. Especially if you walk in nature. Somewhere with a good trail and view. Also take this time to appreciate the beauty in this world!

Executive function is like the manager of the brain - it helps you plan, organise, and get things done. There are seven skills that are classed as executive function skills and this week we will be focusing on the skill of planning. This is the part of executive functioning that helps you to ensure that everything gets done. This is really important for academic and personal success.

By having a plan of how we are going to do things we are able to ensure that everything is completed and we are able to achieve to the best of our ability. Sometimes it is tempting to think I'll just do things when I get to them, but this might mean we prioritise the wrong things, or even forget about certain tasks.

Here are some tips for our students:

1. **Setting goals:** this is a really important step in planning as it helps us to know what we want to achieve at the end of it
2. **Make a to-do list:** this helps us to see all of the jobs that need doing. From here we are able to decide what are the most important tasks and work out how long they may take us
3. **Break tasks down:** breaking tasks in to manageable steps means that you are more likely to complete the task fully
4. **Routine:** Having a routine can help us to plan when we will do things as we know what to expect and when
5. **Organisation:** using a planner, diary or app can help you to plan when things should happen

Planning can sometimes make it feel like there is a lot to do, however by planning we are able to understand what we need to achieve.

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





SOUTHCHURCH HIGH

CAREERS

NEWS & UPDATES

April 2025

Unifrog Pre-16 webinars

28 - 29 April 2025



Aimed at students who are **undecided on what to do in the future**, Unifrog have got a webinar that might help. Students who join will have the chance to learn about **different post-school options** like university and apprenticeships, and get inspired about their future! They will also be running a **parent session** for those who want to learn more about supporting their children through their decisions. Use this link to register: [Unifrog Webinars](#)

Virtual Work Experience

Encourage your child to take part in some **virtual work experience** over the Easter holiday so they can get ahead of the game! Some fantastic opportunities available from **Springpod** and **Speakers for Schools** – use these links to search and register: [SPRINGPOD](#) and [SPEAKERS FOR SCHOOLS](#)



Choices Magazine – the parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical qualifications. In April's edition discover top tips for aspiring apprentices from a top apprentice, explore the process of becoming an apprentice from a parent's perspective, learn about the benefits of Higher Technical Qualifications and much more!

The April edition can be downloaded [here](#)



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IMPACT

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As a charity, we are focused on ensuring educators and young people have great experiences and free access to our services to ensure a level playing field and meaningful outcomes.



SUPPORTED

We recognise that you will have many questions. This is why we will work closely with you to ensure you're supported every step of the way under a structured and impactful programme.