



# Southchurch High School

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The Southchurch Way

*A community of opportunity, learning and aspirations*

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## MAY HALF TERM

### Message from the Headteacher

What a fantastic start to the week! I do hope that you have had the opportunity to read our Ofsted report. We are incredibly proud of the outcome and delighted to be able to celebrate this achievement with our whole community.

This week's Professional Learning Journey for teaching staff focused on ensuring 100% compliance with our expectations surrounding students entering and exiting classrooms. Maintaining consistency in routines continues to support the calm, purposeful learning environment we strive for across the school.

The final two groups of Year 10 GCSE Physical Education students attended rock-climbing sessions at Rock Hub in Basildon on Monday and Wednesday as part of the practical element of their GCSE course. These sessions contribute towards the assessment of their individual sport component and provide students with the opportunity to challenge themselves physically whilst developing resilience, confidence and technique. Students were supported throughout by fully trained instructors, and sessions were filmed to support moderation and assessment purposes. It has been wonderful to hear how positively our students engaged with this opportunity. Thank you to Miss Waite for organising the sessions, alongside Mr Winyard and Mr Calder for their additional support during the visits.

We were also pleased to welcome a Challenge Partners Review this week, which provided an opportunity for professional dialogue, collaboration and reflection on the continued development of teaching and learning across the school.

Our Word of the Week for the first week back after half term will be necessary (adjective): needed in order to achieve a particular result. Please encourage your child/ren to use this word both at school and at home. Students who use the Word of the Week in school are rewarded with a Class Charts point.

Finally, I would like to thank our Year 11 students who, once again, have had an exceptionally busy week of GCSE examinations and have conducted themselves admirably both in school and in their preparation for exams.

This week, students completed examinations in Chemistry Paper 1, Media Studies, English Literature Paper 2, Computer Science, Child Development, French Papers 1 and 3, Enterprise and Marketing, English Language Paper 1, PE and Italian Papers 1 and 3.

The following examinations will take place following the half term break:

- Italian Paper 4 – Monday morning
- Polish Papers 1 and 3 – Monday afternoon
- Physics Paper 1 – Tuesday morning
- Media Studies – Tuesday afternoon
- Maths (Calculator) Paper 2 – Wednesday morning
- Geography Paper 2 – Wednesday afternoon
- History Paper 2 – Thursday morning
- French Paper 4 – Thursday afternoon
- English Language Paper 2 – Friday morning

We hope our Year 11 students are able to enjoy some well-earned downtime over the half term break, whilst remaining focused on their revision ahead of the final few weeks of GCSE examinations. As always, we wish all of our students the very best of luck.

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

Mrs Airoll  
**Headteacher**

### House Points

**HOUSE POINTS**  
W/C 01 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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## Menu

SWAN'S RESTAURANT		WEEK 1				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Main Meal</b>	Halal Chicken Korma Curry Served with Boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Homemade Beef Lasagne Served with Garlic Bread	Halal Chicken Fajita Served with Diced Potatoes & Coleslaw	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Gravy	Halal Chicken Burger In a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Homemade Coleslaw	
<b>Vegetarian Meal</b>	Vegan Vegetable Sweet & Sour Served with Boiled Rice & Spring Rolls	Vegetable Pasta Bake Served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Nuggets Served with Diced Potatoes & Coleslaw	Vegetable Sausages Served with Mashed Potatoes Peas & Gravy	Vegan Bean Burger In a Bun Served with Potato Wedges & Homemade Coleslaw	
<b>Extra's</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheese ,Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise Available Monday - Thursday Small Pasta & Sauce Available Monday - Thursday					

## Key Dates

22 May	Last day of term
25 May – 29 May	Half Term holiday
1 June	Students return to school
5 June	Battlefields trip to Ypres, Belgium
11 June	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
12 – 13 June	Year 10 Bronze D of E Expedition

## Shout-Out Southend

This is an event celebrating young people across Southend and is open to everyone – they **do not** need to have previously taken part in a Jack Petchey programme or won an award in order to attend.

## Well-being Surgery

**SOUTHCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL**

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE | 11:30-1PM | THE HANGOUT VENUE

# Well-being Surgery

4 WEEKS TO GO DON'T MISS OUT!

JOIN US FOR TEA, COFFEE & CONVERSATION

- Meet your SSAs, the SEND Team, the Family Liaison Officer, Attendance Officer, Careers and the Southchurch SLT team
- Access reduced-cost school equipment and uniform
- Get help and support with finances and budgeting
- Find information about food support and local resources, plus **FREE ready meals for those who need it**
- Get help with referrals

Younger children welcome - there will be a play area and juice/snacks.

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# SHOUT-OUT SOUTHEND!

## YOUTH IMPACT CELEBRATION



SPEECHES, PERFORMANCES, VIDEOS, REFRESHMENTS, GIFTS AND PRIZES TO BE WON  
SPECIAL GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE



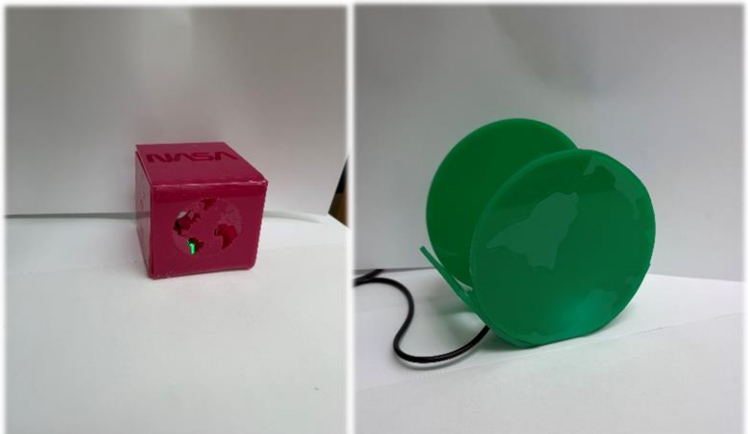
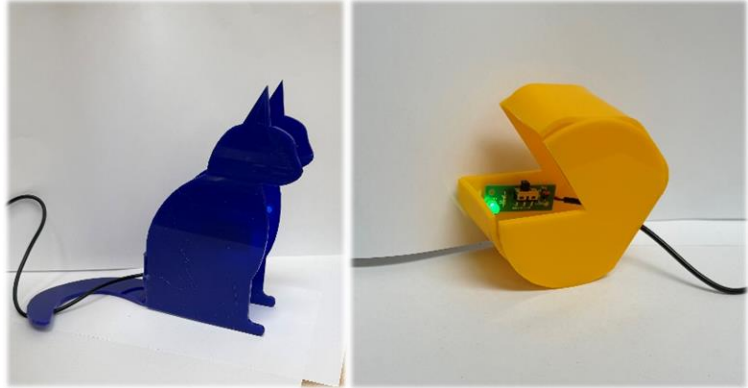
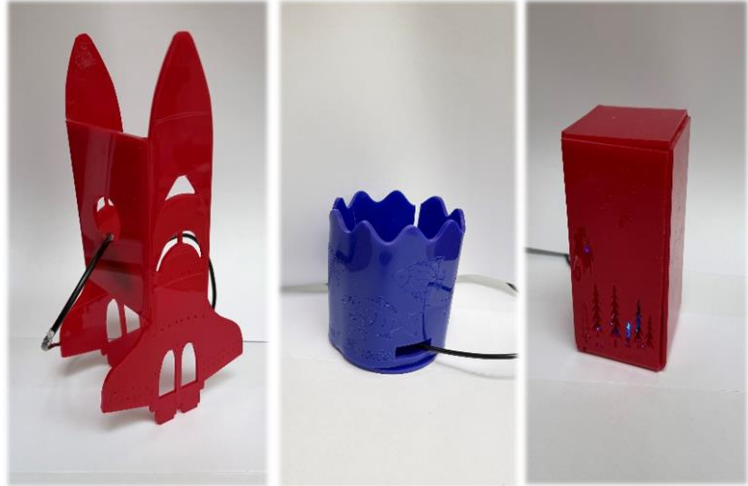
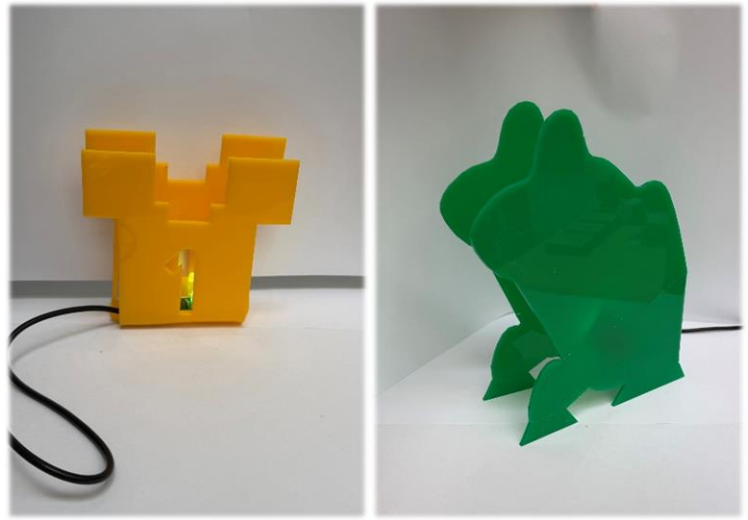


## Year 9 PSHE

This week, our Year 9 PSHE students were learning all about first aid.

They completed a CPR practical assessment, learning how to respond in an emergency situation.

Our Year 9 students thoroughly enjoyed it and worked extremely hard on the 2 minute chest compressions.

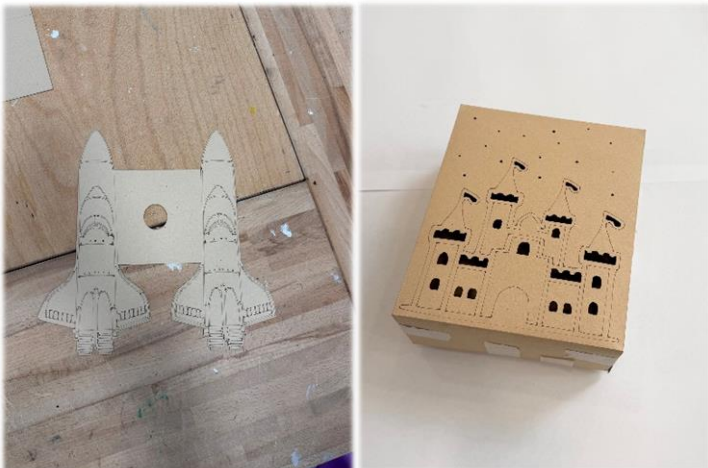


## Year 10 DT

Our Year 10 DT students have been working hard on their recent project.

They were tasked to design and create a novelty lamp for a variety of clients including fantasy reader, sports enthusiast, ocean lover and retro gamer.

Our students have worked fantastically creating card models, CAD designs and final working products!





## Half Term Challenge

On Saturday 30 May at Gunners Park, Shoeburyness, our very own Mr Summers and Ms Goodine will be joining Southend Parkrun to help runners smash their 5K personal bests!

They're not just pacing... they're throwing down a challenge to all students:

- Beat Mr Summers (29 min pacer) and earn 10 Class Charts points!
- Beat Ms Goodine (24 min pacer) and earn 15 Class Charts points!

Whether you're chasing your first sub-30 5K or aiming for a lightning-fast PB, this is your chance to race your teachers, represent your house, and show what Southchurch spirit really looks like!

Arrival: 8.45am

Run: 9.00am

See Ms Goodine or Mr Summers for details

See you at the start line! 🚩



## Ofsted Report

We are so happy and proud of the Ofsted outcome; the Ofsted report has now been published on the Ofsted website!



## Knife Crime Awareness Week

It's **Knife Crime Awareness Week** and our students took part in activities at breaktime designing posters.



## Teacher Training



**SOUTHCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL**

# TRAIN TO TEACH WITH US



At **Southchurch High School**, we partner with **BTSA** and **TES Institute** to deliver innovative and supportive post-graduate teacher training in a range of subject areas. If you have any further questions, please contact our Teacher Training Lead at: [lhawkins@southchurchschool.com](mailto:lhawkins@southchurchschool.com) or visit [www.btssa.uk](http://www.btssa.uk)

Can you inspire the next generation?



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# Year 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

## Year 11 May Half Term Revision Sessions Tuesday, 26 May up to and including Friday, 29 May, 2026

TIME	Tuesday 26 May	Wednesday 27 May	Thursday 28 May	Friday 29 May
9.00-11.00	Science: Combined Science Miss Marley Room: A119 9.00-11.00 am	PE/Sports Coaching Mr Calder Room: B102 9.00-11.00 am	History: Paper 2 Miss House Room: A130 9.00-11.00 am	
		Science: Combined Paper 2 Mr Druce Room: A116 9.00-11.00 am		
11.00-11.20 am: BREAK				
11.30-1.00	Science: Triple Biology Miss Marley Room: A119 11.30-1.00 pm	PE/Sports Coaching Miss Atkinson Room: B102 9.00-11.00 am		English: Paper 2 Mrs Kar Room: A029 11.00-1.00 pm



Joyful June 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

1 Decide to look for what's good every day this month

2 Say positive things in your conversations with others

3 Re-frame a worry and try to find a helpful way to think about it

4 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it

5 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down

6 Get out into green space and feel the joy that nature brings

7 Do something healthy which makes you feel good

8 Find joy in music: sing, play, dance, listen or share

9 Ask a friend what made them happy recently

10 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them

11 Eat good food that makes you happy and really savour it

12 Write a gratitude letter to thank someone

13 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side

14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you

15 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it

16 Speak to others in a warm and friendly way

17 Take time to notice things that you find beautiful

18 Look for something good in a difficult situation

19 Get outside and find the joy in being active

20 Rediscover and enjoy a fun childhood activity

21 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement

22 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh

23 Create a playlist of uplifting songs to listen to

24 Bring to mind a favourite memory you feel grateful for

25 Show your appreciation to people who are helping others

26 Make time to do something playful, just for the fun of it

27 Be kind to you. Do something that brings you joy

28 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people

29 Share a friendly smile with people you see today

30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to it)



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



# Library Corner



## Word of the Week:

**MAXIMISE**

Verb

Meaning: To make something as great in amount, size or importance.

This week's theme is: Knife Crime Awareness week

Key date: May

Did you know?

- Last year the UK government announced tough new measure to tackle knife crime, including fines for social media platforms that promote violence.
- It is against the law to carry a knife in a public place, unless it is a manual folding blade less than 3 inches long
- Research suggests that social skills training, mentoring programmes, early intervention and reducing knife supply can cut knife crime figures.

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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

Brave	S	J	X	W	P	D	S	E	D	T	E	O	
Considerate	L	U	W	R	E	H	S	M	C	O	Q	T	B
Empathy	C	Y	O	A	H	E	J	F	N	K	I	A	J
Generous	B	K	C	R	N	K	L	Q	E	A	P	R	C
Happy	Q	E	K	D	E	Z	A	E	I	I	T	E	E
Kindness	M	R	N	O	V	N	M	P	T	N	I	D	P
Patience	B	I	M	X	T	R	E	H	A	U	S	I	A
Peace	K	W	Y	P	P	A	H	G	P	B	T	S	G
Strong	C	C	B	E	M	P	A	T	H	Y	R	N	H
Thankful	A	E	W	R	Q	W	J	Z	R	F	O	O	E
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# LIBRARY INITIATIVES

## Welcome to the Library

Congratulations to all students who achieved their reading targets this term, and special recognition goes to those who demonstrated exceptional commitment through regular quizzing and consistently high scores.

The library has been especially busy with students recommending books to one another and challenging themselves with more ambitious reading choices.

We encourage all students to keep reading over the break whether revisiting a favourite series or discovering something new and we look forward to celebrating even more reading success next term.



## 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

- 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

