

South Charnwood High School



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

Half term is upon us and as usual it has been a busy term for everybody. The school year started early as staff and pupils returned on the 25th August to collect the school's first set of GCSE exam results. The results were excellent. Maths and English results were particularly high and resulted in the school achieving a positive Progress 8 score which is the new achievement measure introduced by the Government in 2016. It was a joy to share this exciting moment with our Year 11 pupils who had worked so hard right up to the exams. The pupils then embarked on the next stage of their education in a variety of establishments in the city and the county. We congratulate them all.

Alongside the academic provision, the school has once again been involved in several charitable successes this term. The sponsored walk which took place on the 30th September raised over £4,000. "The weather was kind and the blisters are healing." This quotation is taken directly from our new Facebook page. This can be found by clicking on the link on the home page of the school website where we hope to keep parents continually informed of events at the school. At the same time as the sponsored walk the year 11s took part in a "Being Brilliant" Conference run by two educational consultants from "Decisive Element." The day was a great success - thought provoking and inspirational and the Year 11 pupils thoroughly enjoyed this new initiative. Also, the school organised a Coffee Morning in aid Macmillan and raised over £838.00 for this worthwhile cause.

As the autumnal weather arrives, can I please encourage parents/carers to ensure that contact details are fully completed, especially in the pupil planner in any cases of emergency or inclement weather.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continuing support.

Andrew Morris

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MEDICATION

If you feel your child may need paracetamol during the school day, could you please send some in with him/her to the school along with a signed and completed "Medical Form" which can be found towards the back of the pupil organiser or alternatively, from Reception. Medication will be kept in the office in a locked medicine cabinet. Medication of any kind should not be kept in the pupil's belongings.

LOST PROPERTY

Could you please ensure that your child's name is written on each item of their uniform and belongings, then if items are handed into Reception during the school day, these can be returned. We are obviously unable to return items that are not named. In instances like this, items are passed onto our Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs Sprason, who will keep lost property until the end of term.

KEEPING US INFORMED

Please ensure the school is kept up to date with any changes in personal details. Kindly write them in the Pupil Organiser and ask your child to bring the details to Reception, or alternatively e-mail the changes to:

office@southcharnwood.org quoting your child's name and tutor group.

May we urge all parents to register with **Parentmail** as this is the school's way of communicating with parents. Should we need to close the school at short notice for any reason, then this will be the way we will advise parents of the closure.

ABSENCES

If your child is ill and will be off school **PLEASE** telephone the Absence Line at school before 9.30am. (01530 242351 selecting Option 1). Thank you.

LOANED MONEY

As the school holds a small amount of petty cash, it is important that any money loaned for lunches and bus fares is repaid to Mrs Heggs at Reception the next day. £2.40 is loaned for lunch.

CHARNWOOD FAMILY OF SCHOOLS: HOLIDAY PATTERN 2016—2017.

Autumn Term:

Pupils break up: 14/10/16
Half Term: 17/10/16-21/10/16
Pupils return: 24/10/16

Pupils break up: 16/12/16
Christmas Holiday: 19/12/16-4/1/17
Pupils return: 5/1/17

Spring Term:

Pupils break up: 10/2/17
Half Term: 13/2/17-17/2/17
Pupils return: 20/2/17

Pupils break up 7/4/17
Easter Holidays: 10/4/17-21/4/17
Pupils return: 24/4/17

Summer Term:

May Day Bank Holiday: 1/5/17
Pupils break up: 26/5/17
Half Term: 29/5/17-2/6/17
Pupils return: 5/6/17

**School finishes for
Summer:** 14/7/17

HOLIDAY ABSENCE

South Charnwood High School takes its lead from the Local Authority regarding holiday absence. They have informed us that they will only issue a fine for a holiday absence of 5 days (10 registration sessions) or more. Therefore, the school only refers to the Local Authority after 5 days (10 registration sessions) of unauthorised holiday absence.

This is how we have approached such challenging scenarios presented to us since the new guidelines came into force and Governors have adopted this policy in an attempt to be consistent and fair. Should parents/carers require further clarification, please see the Government's website at: **www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview**.



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**SOUTH CHARNWOOD PROUDLY
PRESENTS
"DETENTION"
WRITTEN BY
JOEL CRANFIELD**

This year our school production is going to be a very special event as our pupils will truly be taking centre stage. In addition to performing in the show, our Year 11 pupils have actually written the play themselves!! Production meetings started last year and, after finalising their initial idea, Joel Cranfield wrote the play on behalf of the rest of the team. This is an incredibly impressive achievement and typifies the creative and talented pupils we have here at South Charnwood. Our Year 10 and 11 pupils have taken on the leading roles, musical numbers have been choreographed by Ellie Foxon, Emily Goddard, Evie Robinson, Lauren Dyer and Tas Haresign. The staff band will once again be performing a musical accompaniment alongside the pupils, however, this is very much "their" show and we, as a school, could not be more proud!! We very much hope to pack the school hall to the rafters on our performance nights in celebration of this very special event. The dates for the performances are: Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November. Tickets will go on sale after half term and it would be great to see you all there.

**Toni Edwards-Beighton
Head of Drama
&
Alison Parrott
Teacher of Music**

POLITE NOTICE

**DD AUTOS
BROAD LANE**

We have had a polite request from the owner of the above garage services asking parents **NOT** to drop off their child/ children in the driveway to the garage. This is private property. The correct point for dropping off and picking up pupils to/ from school is the turning circle. Thank you.

ADT SHOP

The ADT shop is open every lunchtime from 1.00pm until 1.30pm for pupils to purchase equipment.

Items that can be purchased are:

Black Pen	15p
Pencil	15p
Outliner	30p
Coloured pencils	80p
Highlighter	20p
Pencil sharpener	15p
Pencil case	50p
A4 sketch book	£1
A4 Pollywallet	80p
A3 Pollywallet	£1.75*
A3 Project display book	£2.60
15cm rule	15p
30cm folding rule	70p
Protractor	15p
Compass	60p
Eraser	25p
8GB USB memory stick	£2.80
Recipe Book	£2.00
ADT Apron	£5.50

*ideal for presenting ADT GCSE Controlled Assessments.

SCHOOL SCARF

The scarf is made up of the school colours and has a reflective strip down each edge making it clearly visible on dark mornings and nights. Should you wish to purchase a scarf then kindly send your child with £5 (cash only) to Reception. Particularly useful for those pupils who walk and cycle to school. **Be seen and be safe!!**



FOOTBALL FOCUS
Match Reports for
South Charnwood v Winstanley
Thursday 22nd September 2016

YEAR 7
WINSTANLEY 0 : SCHS 6
League (A)

The first half of the match was fairly even but South Charnwood got the all important first goal with a clinical finish from Aidan Lockett. With Tom Foster rock solid at the back and Liam Osborne driving the team on from midfield, the boys started to play some attractive, free flowing football. Aidan Lockett completed his hat-trick and further goals were added by Isaac Rowley and Captain Liam Osborne. A tremendous performance from the whole squad.

Liam Osborne

YEAR 8
WINSTANLEY 0 : SCHS 7
League (A)

South Charnwood came out strong right from kick off with pressure being put on Winstanley. It didn't take long for the first goal to come. After that the confidence of the team grew and the goals kept coming. Winstanley's heads dropped after the first three goals, allowing us to play the game the way we wanted to. A great performance from everyone and let's keep this up for next week.

YEAR 9
WINSTANLEY 1 : SCHS 2
League (A)

In our second game of the season we travelled to Winstanley. We started well and we had lots of chances early on in the game. After lots of intense pressure our first goal came from Joe White heading home from a corner. After the start of the second half, Winstanley started better and got an equaliser, with a long ball over the top just out of the goal keeper's reach. However, we didn't let their goal flatten us and after more pressure, Sam Bailey scored to put us ahead. The game finished 2-1 to us which was a well deserved result and a great all-round team performance.

Nat Anderson.

NETBALL NEWS
Match Reports for
Winstanley v South Charnwood
Thursday 22nd September 2016

YEAR 7
WINSTANLEY 1 : SCHS 9
League (A)

The girls were very nervous before their first game and after watching the Year 8 game, they were worried. The girls started slowly but soon found their feet and took control of the game. Some strong shooting from Lucy and Ellie saw us take the lead early on. After a change around at half time the girls came out a little too slowly and allowed Winstanley to score. This got our heads back in the game and we scored a few more goals to give us a comfortable 9-1 win in our very first game together. Next time we need to work on sticking to our players and getting in front of defenders when we have the ball.

Miss Jones.

YEAR 8
WINSTANLEY 5 : SCHS 2
League (A)

On Thursday we played a match against Winstanley and unfortunately we lost 5-2. In the first half, Isabelle Masserella scored a great goal and in the second half Stacie Woolerton got our second. At the end of the match our spirits were dampened but we held our heads high and we are all excited for our next match. In our next match we need to work on getting in front of defenders when we have the ball and making sure we are moving into space.

Olivia Keates

YEAR 9
WINSTANLEY 9 : SCHS 11
League (A)

We played really well and made sure we got into space to be able to keep possession of the ball. Our footwork was good as we didn't get pulled up on it. Our defence were good at making sure they couldn't shoot. In the first quarter we were winning 4-3 and managed to stop them from scoring a few times. In the second quarter it was 6-6 and the third quarter was 8-8. In the final quarter we really stepped up and took control of the game, scoring 3 more goals and only conceding 1.

In our next game we need to concentrate on good, strong chest passes to stop the ball being intercepted by the other team.

Maisy Gardner

RUGBY REVIEW

Our first rugby action of Year 9 was the Hinckley Tournament. The event brought together schools from the area to compete against each other for the preliminary round of the county cup. The tournament was a great experience and the team is now looking forward to the season ahead.

The first game saw us win comfortably 10-0 against Market Bosworth with Jack Thurman, Oscar Allen and Ben Enrmann all playing very well and setting a high standard for South Charnwood. Try scorers were Freddie Lee and Oscar Allen.

The second game against Hinckley Academy was a tougher challenge and we failed to secure a victory even though winger Ryan Lawrence put in a good shift.

The third game was dominated by South Charnwood with a strong victory against St. Martins. The 10-0 score line reflected our dominance in what was a physically aggressive game. Try scorers were Jack Thurman and Freddie Lee.

The fourth and final match of the afternoon saw us finish on a really high note with another victory against Brookvale. Noteworthy performances in this match came from Kian Houlihan and Josh Shaw. Try scorers were Freddie Lee, Kian Houlihan and Oscar Allen.

There was only one place available in the group to progress so our second position was not quite enough to progress to the final. However, winning three out of four games shows that the Year 9 rugby team will be a force to be reckoned with in the upcoming season and we will not be an easy team to beat. Our second place in the tournament should see us through to the plate competition. We are looking forward to the challenge.

Nat Anderson

SPONSORED WALK 2016

This year's sponsored walk was on Friday 30th September. It was a dry sunny day and an ideal opportunity for pupils and staff to enjoy a 14 mile walk to Old John at Bradgate Park, via some of the County's wonderful countryside. Years 7 & 8 set off from school first under the supervision of the school's three Duke of Edinburgh leaders: Miss Newman, Miss Coney and Mr Pithers. Some pupils thought it would be a good idea to decorate their faces and they all looked brilliant. Years 9 & 10, under the supervision of Miss Biddle, took a slightly different route out of school by leaving via the bus park, turning right down Broad Lane then taking a right turn before the goat farm and heading towards the school's sports field where they completed one circuit before heading out on the same route as the earlier years. Mr Morris was "walk sweeper" at the very back of the group, making sure there were no stragglers! The walk continued from school through some lovely woodland which is public footpaths for all to enjoy. Approximately an hour into the walk the pupils and staff arrived into Markfield and they then made their way along Chitterman Way (being urged on by staff and volunteer marshals.) They then crossed Leicester Road and again picked up the Leicestershire County Council's yellow sign public footpath route, through more wonderful countryside. They then walked up Sharpley Hill and met with their friends to have lunch in the surroundings of Old John. Once refuelled off they went again, doing one circuit of Bradgate Park, finally finishing up where they started, many heading straight for the water station! Time was then had, for those who still had some energy left, for a couple of games of softball and frisbee, which was hurled at some speed, the pupils making good use of the vast space at Bradgate.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer walkers and marshals who gave up their most valuable time to help out on the sponsored walk, it is very much appreciated.



Christine, Sponsored Walk Co-Ordinator



**NEW!!
OFFICIAL SOUTH
CHARNWOOD HIGH
SCHOOL FACEBOOK
PAGE**

The school now has an official Facebook page to highlight the many successes of our pupils and the fantastic work that is produced. The link can be found on the home page of the school website. Please feel free to "like" the page and "share" our success with family and friends.

Simon Andrews, Deputy Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

We were very pleased that the overall attendance for 2015-2016 was 95.2%. We hope this continues for this year! Up to now, our attendance stands at 96.4% so keep it up! Your support for good attendance is much appreciated.

There have been many studies proving that good attendance (94%+) is vital to support pupils to achieve their full academic potential. If attendance falls to 90% this equates to **4 weeks absence from school!**

All pupils who achieve 100% attendance during the autumn term will be put into a draw. Two pupils from each year will receive a Christmas Selection box! The winner's names will be put in the next newsletter.

Year 11 parents: It is VITAL your son or daughter attends school each day due to their forthcoming GCSE mock and summer exams. Thank you.

SPONSORED WALK DONATIONS

If you have not already done so, may I kindly ask that your donations are sent into school after half term. Once all donations have been received the school Pupil Voice Team will meet to choose donations to the pupil's chosen charities. Thank you.

Christine

Library News

I am delighted to introduce you to a brand new library system, which you can access from home and which has some great fun features that I know you will love:

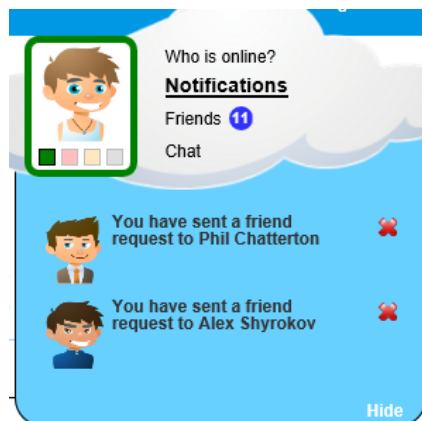


Just have a look at some of the amazing things you can do from home or in school:

Create a Profile

To get yourself started create your own *Profile* - you can even create your own *Avatar* and add your favourite books to *My Likes*.

Chat to Friends from school who are on line at the same time as you.



Can't find a good book?

If you don't know what to read next, take a look at the *Who Next* section or *Meet the Authors*. You can see what books they have written and even watch videos of the authors talking about their books!

Who Next..?

And the best bit... win yourself £5 !!



Each half term the pupil who writes the best book review on the Reading Cloud will receive £5. All book reviews submitted between now and the next deadline, 9 December will automatically be entered into the competition and there is no limit to the number of reviews that you can write. You can even upload a video review if you prefer! The winner will be announced in the week before Christmas. If you need any tips on how to write a good review, pop in to the Library to see Mrs Skidmore.



See Mrs Skidmore now for your log-in. The sooner you get started the sooner you'll be chatting to your friends, writing reviews and winning prizes!

Library News

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Welcome to our new Pupil Librarians:

Nat Anderson

Jack Blunt

Oliwia Szuster

who are all doing a brilliant job at Break and Lunchtimes in the Library. They have joined our existing team of experienced Pupil Librarians who are all working hard towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. Keep up the good work!



Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!!!

It will be competition time in the library after the half term break. We will have a spooky Halloween competition for you to get your teeth into: a Non-Fiction competition to tie in with national Non-Fiction Day in November; and of course, something Christmassy for the festive season. So make sure you're a regular visitor to the library, so that you don't miss out on the great prizes!



COMING SOON!



The next **BOOK FAIR** will be held at lunchtimes in school from 9 – 14 November. There will be a wide choice of books to buy as well as **posters**, **stationery** and **bookmarks**. The school earns commission from book sales, which helps us to keep library stocks up to date, so stock up on all your Christmas presents and help the library too!

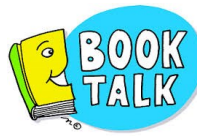
CHRISTMAS

FILMS

The library will be converted into a cinema again for one week in December. Films to be shown will be announced at the end of November and seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You'll need to be quick as these events are always popular!



NEW Lunch Book Clubs



New book clubs will be starting at lunchtimes after the half term break. We will meet every fortnight to

choose books for the group to read.

There will also be lots of fun activities following each book. If you are interested in joining us, sign up with Mrs Skidmore.

Tony Lee books now available in the Library!



Year 7s and 8s had a great day with our visiting author, Tony Lee who is most famous for writing graphic novels. As the day was such a success, the Library has bought lots of his books - so make sure you pop in after the half term holiday and beat the rush!

Suggestions

Don't forget to put your suggestions about how the Library can improve into the box on Mrs Skidmore's desk. The best suggestions will win a prize.



Summer Reading Challenge

This was a great success again this year - if you took part, remember to come and find yourself on the Summer Reading Challenge Wall of Fame!

VLeBOOKS

Don't forget our exciting new e-Book library is now up and running and User Guides are available from the Library.

You can access the e-Book library through the LIBRARY page of the school website:

<http://www.southcharnwood.leics.sch.uk/vision/library>

Simply click on the VLeBooks logo and log in. The **User Guide** is also available on this page, which gives you full instructions on how to log-in and use

GCSE Books

The following revision guides and textbooks are available to buy from the Library
(cash only please).

Current Year 10

Subject	Title	ISBN	School Price
Media Studies (GCSE)	WJEC GCSE Media Studies Student Book	9780435404215	£19.30
English (GCSE)	A Christmas Carol	9781906101381	£6.50
	Blood Brothers	9780413767707	£7.80
	Romeo & Juliet	9781841461229	£2.75
	Pocket Revision Guide	9781906248352	£2.50
Maths (GCSE)	Maths Revision Guide (Higher)	9781447988090	£2.60
	Maths Revision Guide (Foundation)	9781447988045	£2.60
Science (GCSE)	Combined Science: Biology Complete Revision & Practice	9781782945864	£4.00
	Combined Science: Chemistry Complete Revision & Practice	9781782945871	£4.00
	Combined Science: Physics Complete Revision & Practice	9781782945888	£4.00
	Triple Science (GCSE)	Biology: Complete Revision & Practice	9781782945833
	Chemistry: Complete Revision & Practice	9781782945840	£5.50
	Physics: Complete Revision & Practice	9781782945857	£5.50
Revision Planner		9781447967828	£4.00

Current Year 11

Subject	Title	ISBN	School Price
Media Studies (GCSE)	WJEC GCSE Media Studies Student Book	9780435404215	£19.30
English (GCSE)	A Christmas Carol	9781906101381	£6.50
	Blood Brothers	9780413767707	£7.80
	Romeo & Juliet	9781841461229	£2.75
	Pocket Revision Guide	9781906248352	£2.50
History (GCSE)	Edexcel GCSE: The Making of the Modern World Revision Guide (with online edition)	9781292097121	£2.60
	Edexcel Modern World History Revision	9781471831720	£6.00
	Geography (GCSE)	AQA Revision Guide	9781447940852
Dance (GCSE)	AQA Dance	9781408504192	£15.80
Maths (GCSE)	Maths Revision Guide (Higher)	9781447988090	£2.60
	Maths Revision Guide(Foundation)	9781447988045	£2.60
Science (GCSE)	Core: Complete Revision & Practice	9781847626653	£5.50
	Additional: Complete Revision & Practice	9781847628688	£5.50
Revision Planner		9781447967828	£4.00