South Charnwood High School

'Encouraging excellence, valuing people'

Newsletter Issue 39 – Friday 20th November 2026

Headteacher's message:

Welcome to this week's newsletter as we move closer to the festive season.

I would like to begin by reflecting on our deeply moving Remembrance Day service held recently at the school. This year, we dedicated our focus to fallen police officers, and we were honoured to welcome PC James Bryan, who played The Last Post and laid a wreath in remembrance of his colleagues. I am immensely proud of our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and the profound respect they demonstrated throughout the morning.

Our Year 11 pupils have started their GCSE mock exams this week and it has been very encouraging to see how much hard work has been put in as preparation. I'm sure they will learn a lot from the experience and it will help us to identify strengths and areas that still need some development before the real exams start in May. Great start – keep going!

Inside the classroom, our Year 9 pupils have been producing some fantastic Computing coursework, developing their technical and creative skills by designing virtual bands, logos, and promotional album covers. Outside of school, I want to celebrate Billie in Year 8, who has shown wonderful commitment and discipline over the past 18 months in her boxing journey, training alongside professional boxer Paige Murney.

Following our recent update on the importance of homework, we have now published a clear escalation of sanctions for inadequate or incomplete assignments. While we will always reward excellent effort, these structured steps—ranging from informal detentions to internal suspensions—ensure our pupils remain focused and take responsibility for their own learning. We know that high quality home learning on top of excellent attitude, attendance and behaviour results in our pupil's excelling in their Year 11 exams.

For your information, to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone, we will be holding a routine invacuation/lockdown practice on Friday 4th December at 12:45pm, with assemblies taking place beforehand to explain the procedure to all year groups.

As we approach December, we are once again launching our traditional 'Reverse Advent'. Instead of opening a door for a daily treat, we are asking pupils to bring in a daily donation from our published list—such as soup, tea bags, or shower gel—to support the Hinckley Area Foodbank and help local families in need over Christmas. You can also start preparing for the school festivities by purchasing tickets for our Christmas Dinner, which will be available via ParentPay from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November.

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, we eagerly anticipate our next SCUBA business networking event on Thursday 26th November, where students and local business leaders will debate 'Planet vs. Profit'. If you are a local business person then please contact the school for further details on how you can attend. I also warmly invite you to our Musical Showcase on Wednesday 2nd December, with tickets now available to purchase.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mr Andrews

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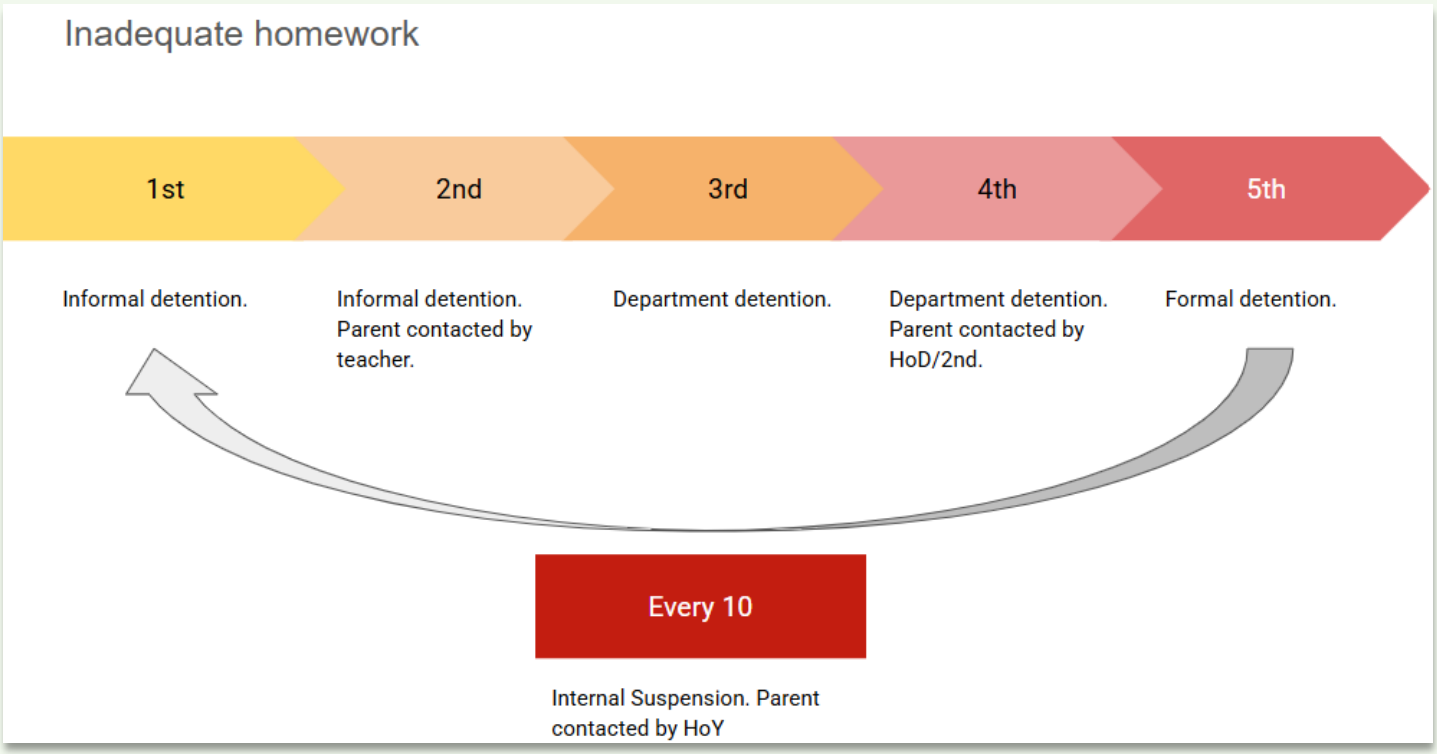
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HOMEWORK SANCTIONS

Following the information in the previous Parent Newsletter highlighting the importance of homework, we will reward pupils for excellent pieces of homework and we also have a clear escalation of sanctions should pupils not complete their homework. The diagram below demonstrates our escalation of sanctions in that regard:



BILLIE'S BOXING JOURNEY

Billie, in year 8, has been dedicated to boxing for the past 18 months and has developed a real passion for the sport.

Boxing is not only a great way to keep fit but also helps build discipline, confidence and provides a positive way to clear the mind. Billie trains with professional boxer Paige Murney.

We are very proud of your commitment and enthusiasm Billie!





LEST WE FORGET

South Charnwood High School honoured its tradition of holding a deeply moving Remembrance Day service.

This year, the focus was dedicated to fallen police officers, honouring six members of the service by sharing brief stories of their dedication and sacrifice. A special thank you to PC James Bryan of the Leicestershire Police, who performed *The Last Post* and laid a wreath in remembrance of his fallen colleagues.

We are immensely proud of our pupils for their exemplary behaviour and respect throughout the service, making it a truly memorable and reflective morning for our entire school community.

Thank you to Mr Stephenson and Mr Haughan for organising the service.















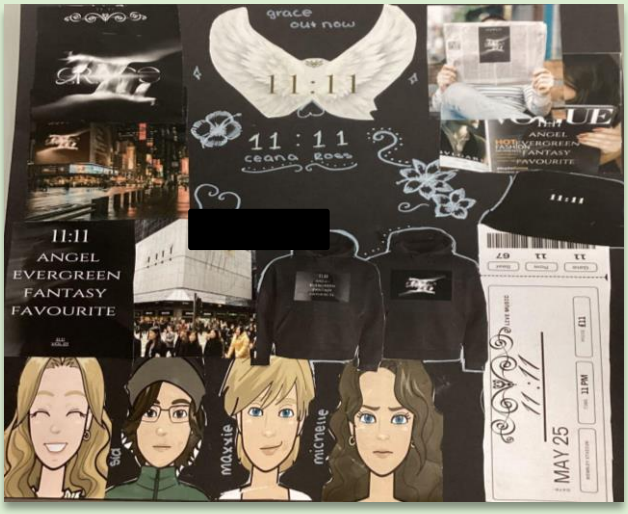


EXCELLENT COMPUTING COURSEWORK

Year 9 pupils have been developing their creativity and computing skills by creating a virtual band, looking at logo and character design coupled with promotional material and designing an album cover. Below are a few examples of the posters that 9ST created.









CHRISTMAS DINNER TICKETS

Tickets for this year's Christmas Dinner will be on sale via ParentPay from **Monday 23rd November until Friday 27th November**.

- Cost: £3.10
- Includes a main meal and either a dessert.
- Jugs of juice will also be available free of charge.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals and would like a Christmas Dinner, please ensure you still book a ticket on ParentPay so our catering team can confirm daily numbers.



All tickets MUST be ordered online via ParentPay by Friday 27th November.

Reverse Advent 2026

Let's make Christmas a little more magical!

This year, as per South Charnwood tradition, we're turning the usual Christmas advent on its head. Instead of receiving a little gift each day, we are spreading some festive kindness by giving a gift instead!

All we ask, is that each day you bring in a different item to donate: see the items needed below.

Simply hand your donation to your form tutor, who will pass everything on to Mr Stephenson. Once we've collected all our goodies, they'll be donated to the Hinckley Area Foodbank, a local charity supporting families and individuals who might find it difficult to afford food at Christmas.

So, keep your eyes peeled each day to see what's on the list, then ask your parents if you can have a little rummage through the kitchen cupboards!

Remember, there's no pressure to bring something in every day. Whether you donate one item or ten, every little bit helps to make someone's Christmas brighter!



Invacuation/Lockdown Practice – Friday 4th December

All schools are expected to practice an invacuation/lockdown procedure drill (similar to a fire drill) to ensure that we have a safe and secure learning environment for our pupils.

We will be explaining this procedure to Year 7-10 pupils in their assembly next week and Year 11 pupils on Monday 30th November.

Invacuation procedures are used in response to an internal or external incident which could be a threat to the safety of pupils and staff in our school.

Invacuation procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations. For example:

1. A reported incident, disturbance in the local community
2. A warning being received regarding a local risk of air pollution (smoke plume, gas cloud etc.)
3. An intruder on site.
4. A major fire in the vicinity of the school
5. The close proximity of an unaccompanied animal on the field (e.g. horse, cows).

Our procedures aim to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff.

For your information, we will be holding an invacuation practice at 12.45pm on Friday 4th December and will send a message to parents & carers once the invacuation practice has finished.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.



THURSDAY
26TH NOVEMBER
4.00 – 6 PM

SCUBA
NETWORKING EVENT

Planet vs. Profit: Will you join the conversation?

Today's youth aren't just looking for jobs; they're seeking purpose. They want to work for organisations that balance business growth with responsibility for our planet.

On 26th November at South Charnwood High School, our next SCUBA roundtable brings local business leaders and passionate students together to debate Planet vs. Profit and explore why ethical organisations attract young talent.

We're delighted to welcome key note speakers Emma Chouhan and Gavin Fletcher from East Midlands Freeport, who will share their environmental plans for future-proofing the Freeport. Along side them ex South Charnwood pupil, Amy Langton from Dyson Farming, will give a short presentation on the green initiatives driving more sustainable agriculture.

We're calling on local business leaders to join the conversation, collaborate with our SCUBA students and discover what matters to your future workforce.

SOUTH CHARNWOOD UNITED BUSINESS ALLIANCE

SOUTH CHARNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

BROAD LANE
MARKFIELD
LE67 9TB

BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET BY VISITING:

WWW.SOUTHCHARNWOOD.LEICS.SCH.UK/OUR-SCHOOL/SCUBA

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EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT

Leicestershire SEND Hub

Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire SEND Reform Plan

An information session for Parents and Carers

Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire SEND Hub are holding two parent carer information sessions on the Local SEND Reform Plan. There will be opportunities to hear what Leicestershire are doing and opportunities to ask further questions on the plan moving forward.

17th November 2026

6.30pm-8pm

Online

Book Here

23rd November 2026

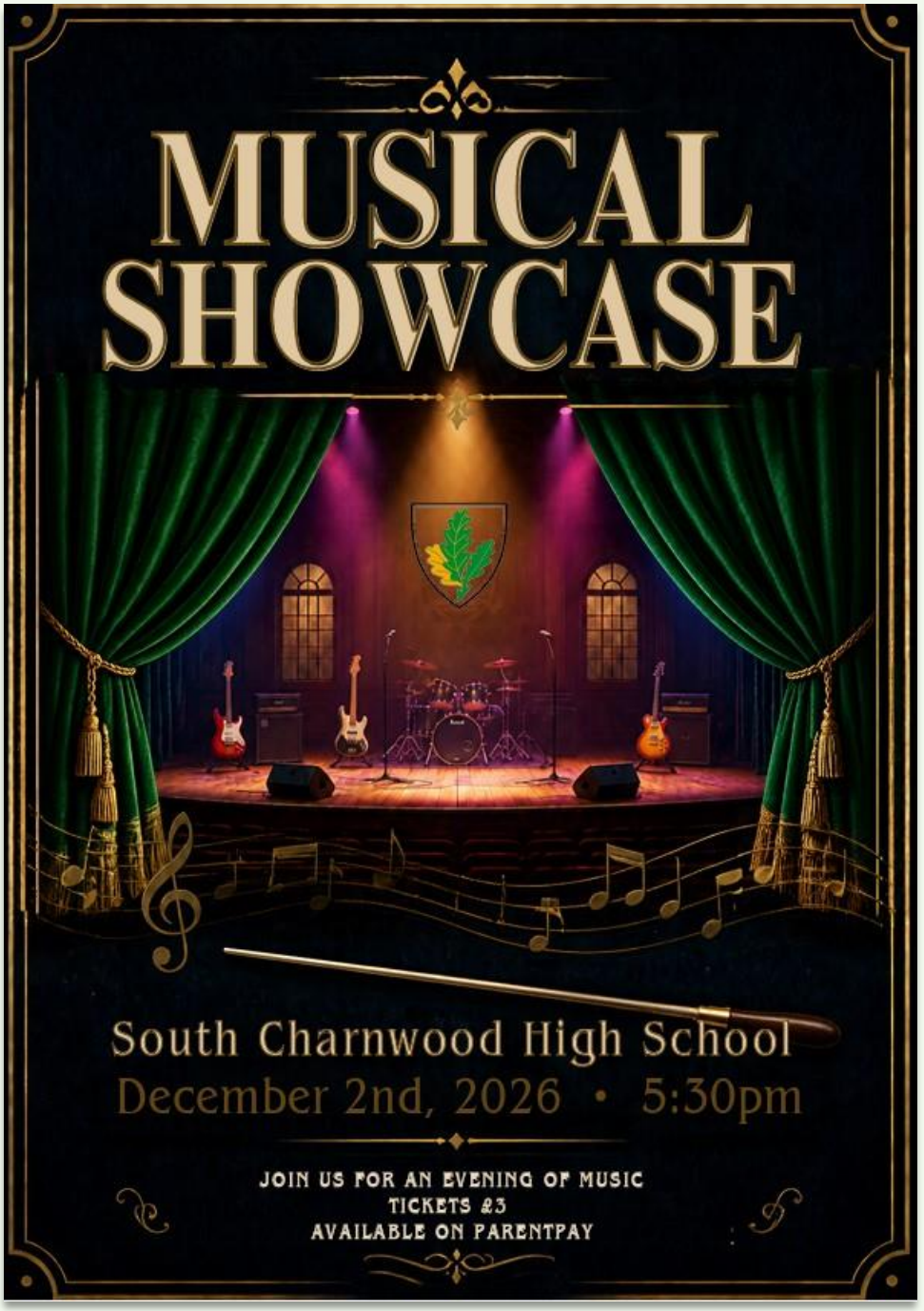
11am-12.30pm

Online

Book Here



MUSICAL SHOWCASE



South Charnwood High School

December 2nd, 2026 • 5:30pm

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC
TICKETS £3
AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY

Teen Health

We would like to remind you of a service based in school called Teen Health.

Teen Health work with young people aged 11-19 on three key areas:

- Mental and emotional wellbeing (self-esteem, body image, resilience etc.)
- Healthy relationships (friendships, bullying, violence etc.)
- Risky behaviours (substance and alcohol misuse).

Our allocated worker, Lisa Preston, will be at South Charnwood High School every Wednesday delivering workshops, 1-1s and lunchtime drop-ins.

Anyone can refer including the young person, parent or school. (Please note that Teen Health require consent primarily from the young person to work with them.)

You can find more information and the referral form here.

Leicester Young Carers

The Leicestershire Young Carers Team would like to make you aware of a new confidential text support service available to Young Carers aged 13 - 18. It is called SIDEKICK and is run by the charity Action for Children. All the information about the service can be found here.

This service is a great opportunity for Young Carers to access support in a quick, confidential and anonymous way.

Future Newsletters – Pupil Achievements Outside School

We know our pupils are talented in all sorts of ways, not just in the classroom! We'd love to celebrate their successes and achievements outside of school too.

Has your child been **excelling at a sport, performing on stage, volunteering, raising money for charity, helping others or making a difference in their community?** We want to hear about it!

Send your news (and, if possible, a photo) to **media@southcharnwood.org** and you could see their achievement celebrated in a future newsletter!

Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 26th November, SCUBA network meeting
- Friday 27th November, Deadline to order your child a Christmas Dinner (see above)
- 7th – 11th December, Year 10 Trip to Seville
- Friday 18th December, £1 donation (cash only), Christmas Jumper Day (worn with uniform)
- Friday 18th December, school closes for pupils at 1.15pm
- Tuesday 5th January 2027, school opens to all pupils