

# SSSC NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 1 2025



It has been a fantastic start to 2025 at SSSC. International residential, various educational trips, cultural opportunities and pupils embodying the SSSC ethos of “Enjoy, Achieve and Exceed”

### TERM DATES

#### Spring 1 2025

We break up for half term on Friday 14th February 2025 and return Monday 24th February 2025

#### Spring 2 2025

Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025

#### Dates for your diary

Parent/Carer Consultation

Evening - 11th March (3pm - 5pm)

Gym & Dance Display - 1st April

Nurture Production - 3rd April

### INTERNATIONAL SKI RESIDENTIAL

Pupils from Swanwick School and Sports College took part in an international ski trip to Samoens, a village in the French Alps. Accompanied by staff from SSSC we set off on Saturday 25th January from Birmingham airport to Geneva. From there we took a taxi transfer to their chalet for the week. Pupils enjoyed learning to ski everyday with their ski instructors.

During the week we visited the French Market, tasted a variety of crepes, enjoyed the luxury of the chalets hot tub, visited the stunning village of Samoens during the evening to see the beautiful lights and to visit the delicious bakery.

All pupils did exceptionally well with their skiing and on the last day they all went to the top of the Chariande Express which is 2100m high and successfully skied down in very difficult conditions experiencing the phenomenal views of the Grand Massif.

Memories and experiences that will last a life time were made by pupils and staff.



## CHRISTMAS AT SSSC

On Wednesday 18th December 2024 the pupils from SSSC showed their incredible talent in “SSSC’s Got Talent.” We had singing, dancing, comedians, football tricks, choirs and many more wonderful performances. The pupils worked so hard and performed in front of a very large audience. Well done to everyone who took part! After the wonderful show, the audience, staff and pupils enjoyed themselves at our annual Christmas Fayre. The stalls were produced and arranged by the pupils. A massive £641.70 was raised! Thank you to everybody who helped and supported the Christmas Fayre.

## FRIENDS OF SWANWICK VALENTINE MUSIC QUIZ



On Wednesday 12th February the “Friends of Swanwick” held a Valentine Music Quiz with pizza and pudding hosted by our very own Mr Parry. The event was well attended with over 50 people including parents, carers, staff and pupils. We had a great evening with lots of fun, dancing and singing! Thank you to everybody who donated, supported and attended the evening. It was a very successful fundraising event towards our Trim Trail.

## WELL-BEING INTER HOUSE

All pupils have successfully taken part in a well-being inter house challenge! Staff provided activities to help pupils to relax, unwind and also asked them work together as a team. Pupils got moving, talking and even designed their own smiley face biscuits! We took part in yoga, balancing, building, games and art. Well done to all Houses, especially our winning Teams with full marks Venus and Mars! Both teams demonstrated excellent teamwork and commitment to well-being! Our next inter house activity will be in Spring 2 term and will be themed all things STEM!



# NURTURE FRUIT & VEGETABLE STALL VISIT

During Life Skills, our Nurture classes enjoyed a visit to the local Fruit and Vegetable stall to pay for everyday items. They enjoyed interacting with the stall owner, asking for the costs of different foods and waiting for change. They also found out about where produce came from and the different jobs involved getting it from Farm to Fork to support their career learning sessions. Excellent opportunity and wonderful behaviour shown by all.



## YEAR 9 ART GALLERY TRIP

Year 9 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the art gallery ArtCore in Derby. They viewed the current exhibition which explored themes around what we call home. They took part in two workshops, firstly using a letterpress machine to create their own typography and an embossing machine. The pupils created some personal and beautiful work which will go towards their current Arts Award.



## DERBY FAITH TRAIL

Pupils from Year 11 visited the Open Centre in Derby as part of their RE qualification and took part in a faith trail. They had the opportunity to go inside a Mosque, Hindu temple and Sikh Gurdwara and met representatives from each of the 3 religious faiths who spoke about key traditions, beliefs and items that were important to them and their religion. The pupils were also given the opportunity to taste some sweet and savoury food within the Hindu temple and Sikh Gurdwara.

## TABLE CRICKET

Pupils from mixed year groups attended Derbyshire County Cricket ground to take part in a table cricket tournament. It was much enjoyed by all and we finished joint 1st.

Pupils had to use a table tennis type bat and his squash ball style balls with a mini cricket bat. you could score runs by hitting certain areas of the table. Pupils also defended using plastic plates to shield the score lines and learnt how to bowl using a small ramp. highlight of the day was a tour around the stadium after lunch. Pupils are excited to return to the event next year and represent SSSC. Well done to all involved!



## NEWS FROM OUR PREFECTS

This half term we have continued with our lunch time and break times clubs. We now have library duties, sport responsibilities and complete Anti-bullying walks.

Some of the Prefects were lucky enough to go on the ski residential, to France where we learnt to ski, stayed in a beautiful chalet and enjoyed French food. We are very grateful for this experience.

## NURTURE 4 GARDEN CENTRE VISIT

As part of Nurture's topic Farm to Fork, Nurture 4 visited Derby Garden Centre to select and buy a range of herbs to grow from seed. We plan to then use these in food technology sessions. Our young people showed excellent manners whilst out, speaking to members of the garden centre team and asking relevant questions about how to care for their chosen plants.



## WHATS NEXT FESTIVAL

Year 10 explored their Post-16 options at the What's Next careers fayre. They were able to speak to representatives from different colleges and discuss the courses and opportunities that are available.



## ENTERPRISE DAY

On Thursday 23rd January our whole school took part in an enterprise project. Each class was tasked with working together to design a completely unique pizza design and topping. They had to put their ideas forward and discuss the merits of each idea before choosing the design that they wanted to then make an advertisement for in the next task. For the advertisement pupils had to work together and divide the jobs between them to make an advert. We had script writers, producers, computer programmers, actors and artistic designers each having an input into the final advert. The winning class was Year 8 Blue who came up with the unique idea of a valentines sweet pizza and developed an advertisement where two people fell in love after eating slices of the pizza.

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