



**Solihull
Sixth Form
College**
SUMMIT LEARNING TRUST

Welcome to College Day

Student Guide

Thursday 2 July 2026



Welcome

Welcome to an important day in your journey to becoming a Solihull Sixth Form College student, as you take the first steps on a path which can take you to an exciting university place or apprenticeship and a challenging, rewarding career.

Welcome to College Day is designed to make sure that you get the best possible start on this journey. You need to make sure that you have really thought out your subject choices, and that you are ready for the demands of level 3 study. You will be able to attend a lesson for each of the subjects you have an offer to study. You can also find out more about our enrichment programme which is designed not only to help you develop as a learner but also develop those skills which will help you be successful once you leave us.

I hope you really enjoy today and it sets you up for when you join us this September.

Martin Sullivan
Principal

Student Council

The Student Council would like to welcome you to the College. We are here for you, the students, and we would love you to get involved with events that we organise during the forthcoming year, such as social events and charity fundraisers. In addition, we would also appreciate your input, and we are always open to any suggestions and ideas you may have about all aspects of the College. We look forward to seeing you around College in September.

The Student Council

WIN! WIN! WIN!

You have been given three prize draw tickets - red, blue and green! Please fill in your details on the back and hand these tickets in when you visit different areas of the campus at lunchtime. You can be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 Love to Shop voucher. We will be picking the winner over the summer and handing out the prize at the start of term in September.

Preparing Tomorrow's Professionals

Our Values

Success through Endeavour:

We work hard and develop resilience to ensure that we are able to collectively and positively overcome any barriers that we face.

Ambition through Challenge:

We are relentlessly ambitious for all our students and colleagues and challenge them to do their best, every lesson, every day.

Strength through Diversity:

We are truly inclusive, embrace each other's differences and backgrounds and respect each other's views and beliefs.

Our Expectations

BE HERE	Maximise your learning time. Attend and be punctual to your subject lessons and personal development, enrichment, and supervised study lessons. Excellent attendance leads to excellent results.
BE ASPIRATIONAL	Be ambitious and have high expectations of yourself – you can be what you want to be. Research shows that with commitment and good study habits there is no ceiling to what you can achieve.
BE PROFESSIONAL	Be professional in all that you do. Present yourself well and develop good academic language, numeracy, and IT skills. Stand out from the crowd in the modern-day workforce - make the most of the opportunities to find out about apprenticeships, direct employment, and careers beyond university.
BE PRODUCTIVE	Be ready for every lesson – bring all the things you need so you are ready to learn. Complete all independent study tasks in advance of lessons (minimum 5 hours per subject/unit per week). Take pride in the organisation and presentation of your work.
BE INVOLVED	Contribute to the life of the College and celebrate and enjoy the fantastic diversity of our College community. Meet others and broaden your interests by taking up an enrichment – join a specialist academy, play sport or music, or take part in a student society.
BE ENGAGED	Actively participate in your lessons and stay focussed. Ask questions, join in group work and discussions, seek help, and always be open and willing to learn. Develop resilience - we all learn from our mistakes.

Plan of the day

Time	Activity	Plan your day - add subjects & rooms below
9.30am	Students arrive at College	
10.00 – 11.15am	Lesson 1 & introduction the day	
11.15am – 11.45am	Break *	
11.45am – 12.45pm	Lesson 2	
1.00 – 2.00pm	Lesson 3a & evaluation OR Lunch 1 * Students timetabled for Lesson 3a will then have lunch at 2.00pm and attend the Enrichment Fair in the Learning Resource Centre & H204. Get your questions answered in the LRC Hub.	
2.00 – 3.00pm	Lesson 3b & evaluation OR Lunch 2* Students timetabled for Lesson 3b will have had lunch at 1.00pm and attend the Enrichment Fair in the Learning Resource Centre & H204. Get your questions answered in the LRC Hub.	

You must follow your timetable for the day. Registers will be taken. You must keep to the times specified on your individual timetable. You are expected to remain on site throughout the day.

Need Help?

For general enquiries, head to the Help Desk in the Refectory. If you want to learn about other courses, please head to the LRC Hub in Kitson Building, where senior staff will be located for you to talk this through with.

Welcome to College Plan of the day:

1. Look at your individual timetable and take note of the rooms you are in.
2. Ensure you have 3 subject blocks completed on your timetable.
3. **Check that you have lunch in blocks 3a or 3b.**
4. Now look at the campus map in the middle of this booklet to find out where each room is. Highlight these places and work out your routes to get from one session to another. We have added in 10-minute walking time between lessons to ensure you will arrive on time to your lessons.
5. Check you know where to go for the lunchtime activities - the LRC Hub in Kitson Building; the Enrichment Fair in the Learning Resource Centre (Kitson) and H204 (Hampton); The Student Zone in The Studio.
6. Please ask if you want help finding where to go, but don't worry, because throughout the day there will be staff and students around the campus to give you directions.

As well as getting yourself some refreshments, please use the morning break and lunch break to find out more about our exciting enrichments and student societies in the Learning Resource Centre (Kitson) and H204 (Hampton). If you don't know anyone in College, you can head to the Student Zone in The Studio, where there will be current students to talk to and games to play.

Food in the Refectory

Grab some lunch today - options include:

- Sandwich & Water - £2.50
- Hot Grab 'n' Go - Burgers, Savoury Slices, Sausage Rolls - £1.80 - £2.70
- Rollover Nachos or Hot Dogs - £3.00
- Rollover Southern Fried Chicken Burger - £3.50
- Chicken Nuggets, Drumsticks, Wings, Burgers & Wraps - £2.50 - £3.50
- Specials - Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice & Naan (£3.50) or Cheese & Potato Pie with Beans (£3.00)
- Pasta, Sauce & Garlic Bread (£3.00)
- Ice Cream or Ice Lolly - £1.00

What's happening at lunchtime?

At lunchtime (either 1pm or 2pm, depending on your timetable), visit the following places:

The LRC Hub

The Enrichment Fair

Refectory

Student Zone

Hand in your prize draw tickets when you visit these places for a chance to win a £25 Love to Shop voucher!

The LRC Hub

Located in Kitson Building, you will be able to do the following in the LRC Hub:

1) Talk to a member of the Senior Leadership Team

If you have questions about your course choices and enrolment please speak to staff at the main desk in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC), who can discuss your application with you. You can also ask here about Additional Learning Support. We are committed to ensuring that students with an additional need or disability are treated fairly, and all reasonable adjustments to provision are made to allow them to reach their full potential. We also have a Young Adult Carers support programme.

2) Meet our Personal Development Team

Talk about the support offered by Academic Coaches (like a personal tutor) and compulsory Personal Development lessons (covering topics like study skills, preparation for university and making employment applications).

3) Learn about Bursary and Financial Support.

For students whose household income is **up to £45,000 per year**, a bursary fund is available to cover:

- Free Meals
- Free Bus Pass
- Starter Stationery Packs tailored to your subjects
- Specialist equipment such as a graphics calculator for Maths and laptops
- Funding for cultural experiences and trips which support your studies
- DBS checks for work experience placements

You can apply as soon as you enrol, if you meet the following criteria:

- Aged 19 or under on 31 August
- Total household income below £45,000
- 95% or above attendance and punctuality
- Fully engaged in your studies and progression

4) See our Library and Learning Resource Centre facilities

Book a tour of the LRC to discover more about our independent study space, including 180 computers and well-stocked library with over 30,000 resources. You can also learn about our weekly Supervised Study lessons, which will be added to your timetable, providing you with a calm purposeful space with supportive staff to help you get ahead with your independent work.

The Enrichment Fair

Located in H204 in Hampton Building and in the Learning Resource Centre in Kitson Building, we have stands set up for all our enrichment options. Check out information on pages 9 and 10 and in the Enrichment Guide you have been given and then visit the stands to learn more about them. You can ask questions during your lunch period and decide which enrichment you want to sign up for. Most enrichments require you to sign up at enrolment, so make time today to learn more about our exciting activities so you can pick an option that is both fun and helpful to your future career plans.

Refectory

You have an hour for lunch. As well as visiting the LRC Hub and the Enrichment Fair, make some time to have some lunch. You have a choice of places to visit:

- **The Refectory** - located on the ground floor of Hampton Building, you can get a range of hot and cold food in our Main Food Court, our Chicken Shack and our Starbucks coffee bar. We have halal, kosher, vegetarian and vegan options available.
- **The Terrace** - located next to the Art & Design School, the Terrace offers not only covered outdoor seating, but also a food pod where you can purchase hot dogs, snacks, drinks and ice creams.
- **The Tuck Shop** - located in the Studio, students will be selling a range of snacks to raise money for our Team Gambia volunteer project.

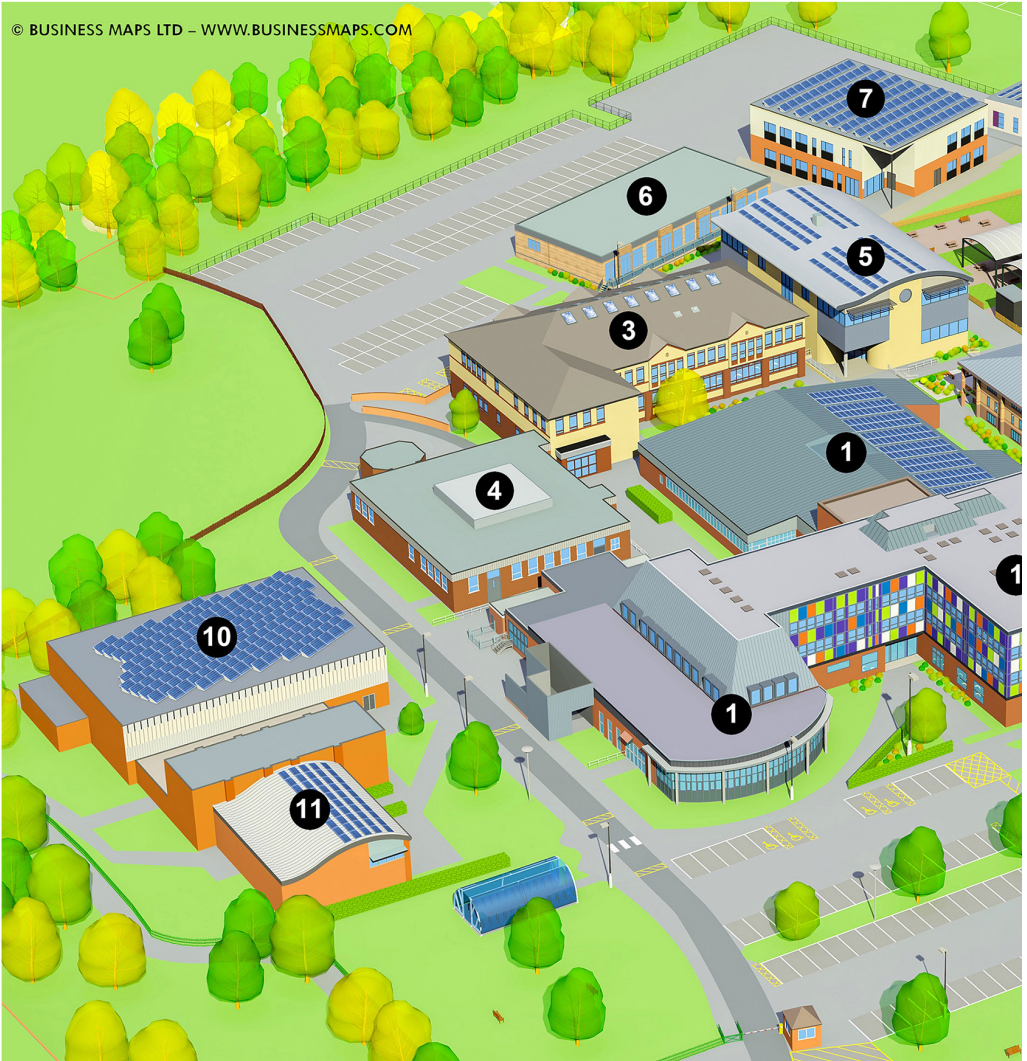
Student Zone

If the LRC Hub, the Enrichment Fair and getting some food does not fill your lunch hour and you are looking for a quieter place to chill out, why not head over to the Student Zone in the Studio.

We will have current students on hand for you to talk to. You will find them friendly and approachable and happy to talk to you about College life. There will be games you can play too and the Team Gambia Tuck Shop if you want to have a snack and help us raise money for charity.

Campus Plan

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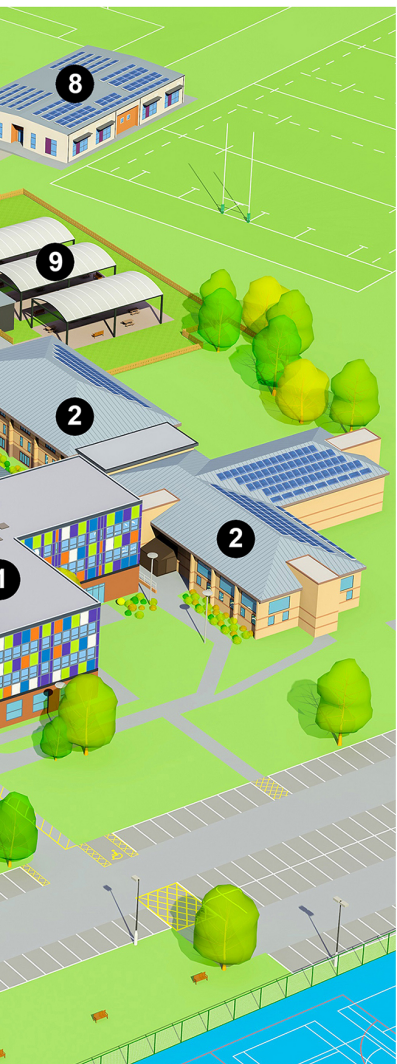
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KEY

- H = Hampton Building
- K = Kitson Building
- B = Blythe/Brueton Building
- A = Art & Design School
- M = Malvern Building
- J = J Hamilton Centre
- T = Turvey Building

Buildings & Room Numbers:



1

Hampton Building

Lower Ground Floor - Rooms H111-H124
Biology, Physics, Applied Science
Ground Floor - Help Desk, Refectory,
Enrichment Fair (H204)
1st Floor - Rooms H301-H326
Geography, Geology, History, Philosophy, RS,
Mathematics, Further Maths, Statistics
2nd Floor - Rooms H401-H432
Criminology, Economics, Politics, Sociology,
French, German, Spanish

2

Kitson Building

Lower Ground Floor - Not in use
Ground Floor - **LRC Hub, Enrichment Fair**
1st Floor - Rooms K303-K322
Film Studies, Media Studies, Creative Digital Media,
Computer Science, IT

3

Blythe Building

Lower Ground Floor - Not in use
Ground Floor - Rooms B503-B513
Accounting, Business, Law, Applied Business
1st Floor: Rooms B704-B721
English Language, English Literature

4

Brueton Building

Ground Floor - Rooms B601-B610
Drama & Theatre

5

Art & Design School

Lower Ground Floor - Rooms A101-A107
Education & Early Years, Health & Social Care, Sport
Ground Floor - Fine Art, Photography
1st Floor - Graphics & 3D Design, Photography,
BTEC Art & Design Practice

6

Malvern Building

Ground Floor - Rooms M201-M213
Sport, Additional Learning Support

7

J Hamilton Centre

Ground Floor - Rooms J102-J109
Chemistry, Applied Science
1st Floor - not in use

8

Turvey Building

Ground Floor - Rooms T01-T14 Psychology

9

The Terrace

Food Court

10

The Claire Hicks Sports Centre

11

The Studio Student Zone

letter:

Enrichment

Do you want to stand out from the crowd? Participating in our enrichment programme alongside your academic programme will help develop your skills, knowledge and experience giving you the edge when applying for further education courses, apprenticeships or employment.

Head to the Learning Resource Centre in Kitson Building and to Room H204 in Hampton Building to learn more about the enrichments we offer.

All our enrichment options fit into one or more themes, giving you an idea about what to expect. Each theme is represented by an icon, as follows:

Enrichments that help you connect with other people



Enrichments that help you to be physically active



Enrichments that help you learn new skills



Enrichments that help you pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness)



Enrichments that allow you to give to others



All our enrichment options are listed on page 10, showing which of these five themes apply to each. During Welcome to College Day, you will be able to find out more about many of the enrichments we offer. Participating in our enrichment programme alongside your academic programme will help develop your skills, knowledge and experience giving you the edge when applying for further education courses or employment. Find out more about the opportunities by visiting our information stands in the Learning Resource Centre (Kitson) and H204 (Hampton). You can sign up to enrichment when you enrol in August.

Enrichment					
Basketball	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Core Maths	✓		✓		
Creative Writing	✓		✓	✓	
Cricket	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Debating Society	✓		✓	✓	
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze & Silver Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extended Project Qualification	✓		✓		
Football	✓	✓	✓	✓	
History Academy NEW	✓		✓		
Inspire to Educate NEW	✓		✓		✓
Justice in Action	✓		✓		✓
Kick Start to Drive	✓		✓	✓	
Kitson Award	✓		✓		✓
Model UN & Let's Go Carbon Zero	✓		✓	✓	✓
Musical Activities	✓		✓	✓	
National Cipher Challenge	✓		✓		
Netball	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Practical Science & Analytical Investigation	✓		✓		
Pre-Medical School	✓		✓		
Psychology Academy	✓		✓		
Road Map to Employment	✓		✓		
Sport for Leisure	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sport Plus NEW	✓	✓	✓	✓	
STEM Programme	✓		✓		
Stretch & Challenge	✓		✓		
Student Council	✓		✓		✓
Student Societies	✓		✓		✓
Sustainability Level 3 Certificate	✓		✓	✓	
Team Gambia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Teaching English as a Foreign Language NEW	✓		✓		✓
Theatre-in-Education Company	✓		✓	✓	✓
Thinking about Apprenticeships NEW	✓		✓		
Ultimate Frisbee	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Volunteering	✓		✓	✓	✓

What's Next?

Summer Homework

Students will have a piece of summer homework to complete for each of their courses, which needs to be handed in during the first lesson when the Autumn term begins in September. The aims of the summer homework is to get you off to a good start with your studies and is helpful for teachers to see what you know already! You will receive details about this during your subject lessons. You can also download it from the College website at:

<https://www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/applying/welcome-to-college-day>.

Evaluation of the Day

Please give us your feedback.

Scan the QR code on the right to fill in a questionnaire and tell us what you thought of the day.

Your views will help us shape this event in future years.



Dates for your Diary

Pre-Enrolment - online from Thursday 20 August

Enrolment - in person on Tuesday 25 or Wednesday 26 August
Look out for the Enrolment Guide we will send in the post in July.

Preparation for College Day - Thursday 3 or Friday 4 September
Compulsory half-day in College to get set up on our IT systems and email ready for the start of term.

Timetables - Sunday 6 September
You will get your login details at Preparation for College Day so that you can access your timetable online.

Start of Lessons - Monday 7 September

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I go at Break and Lunch Time?

Food is available to purchase from our Refectory on the ground floor of Hampton, as well as from the kiosk on our Terrace. We also have The Studio, where you can sit meet some of our current students if you are here without anybody else you know. There will be a Tuck Shop and you can play games or simply chill out. If you are bringing in a packed lunch with you, please feel free to eat in either of these locations or any of our outdoor spaces. We have lots of benches around campus and a Terrace with picnic tables located next to the Art & Design School (see the map in the centre pages of the guide).

Is there somewhere to leave my books and equipment?

At Welcome to College Day, we need you to be responsible for your belongings. However, when term starts, there are lockers available on a first-come-first-served basis. The cost is £20 for two years payable on www.parentpay.com. Once payment is made, please go to Student Reception to be allocated a locker. You will be given a lock and key. Student Reception hold one spare key, but if both keys are lost you will have to purchase a new lock and key.

Can I apply for a bus pass?

Yes. Transport for West Midlands provide bus travel for students at a reduced rate. 16-18 Photocards are available from the TfWM website at <https://www.networkwestmidlands.com/tickets-and-passes/child/16-18-photocard/>. It is free to get a card, which is Swift enabled so you can load season tickets onto them.

Is car parking available?

No student car parking is available on campus, with the exception of learners with a current blue disability badge, who should enquire about parking at enrolment.

Can I bring my bike into College?

Yes. The College has a bike shed (in front of the Sports Centre), where students can secure their bikes. Given the restrictions on the number of car parking spaces available, this is a good alternative for students.

Frequently Asked Questions

What will my timetable look like?

Every student's timetable is different. Each lesson is 90 minutes, and you will have three lessons per week per A Level or nine lessons for BTEC/T Level. Lessons start at 9:00 so you need to plan how long your journey to college will take in rush hour traffic. The last lesson finishes at 16:05 but you need to be available until 16:30 should your teachers need to see you. When you do not have a lesson, you should be completing independent study for your subjects; around 15 hours a week. Some of this will be homework but successful sixth form students do extra reading, research and create revision materials over the year; not just before exams!

In addition to your subjects, all students have a Personal Development and Supervised Study lesson once a week. These are compulsory and will be on your timetable.



Timetable for Year 12

MONDAY	Week A	A 9.00 – 10.30	Break 10.45 – 11.45	C Int * 11.45 – 12.15	Lunch	B 13.00 – 14.30	D 14.35 – 16.05
	Week B	A 9.00 – 10.30	A Int * 10.30 – 11.00	Break 11.15 – 12.15		B 13.00 – 14.30	D 14.35 – 16.05
TUESDAY	Week A	E 9.00 – 10.30	Break 10.45 – 12.15		Lunch	A 13.00 – 14.30	B 14.35 – 16.05
	Week B	E 9.00 – 10.30	F 10.45 – 12.15			A 13.00 – 14.30	B 14.35 – 16.05
WEDNESDAY	Week A	F 9.00 – 10.30	Break 10.45 – 12.15	B Int * 12.15 – 12.45	Enrichment (For 1 hour at 12.50 or 13.30)		A 14.35 – 16.05
	Week B	F 9.00 – 10.30	F Int 10.30 – 11.00	Break 11.15 – 12.45	Lunch (For 40 minutes at 12.50 or 13.50)		A 14.35 – 16.05
THURSDAY	Week A	D 9.00 – 10.30	Break 10.45 – 12.15	E Int * 12.15 – 12.45	Lunch	C 13.30 – 15.30	CPD 15.30 – 16.05
	Week B	D 9.00 – 10.30	D Int 10.30 – 11.00	Break 11.15 – 12.45		C 13.30 – 15.30	CPD 15.30 – 16.05
FRIDAY	Week A	C 9.00 – 10.30	Break 10.45 – 12.15		Lunch	E 13.00 – 14.30	F 14.35 – 16.05
	Week B	C 9.00 – 10.30	D 10.45 – 12.15			E 13.00 – 14.30	F 14.35 – 16.05

* Intervention sessions – there are three in Week A and three in Week B, depending on which columns your courses are in.

2026-2027 Term Dates

GCSE results published – 20 August 2026
Year 12 Enrolment – 25/26 August 2026
Year 12 Preparation for College – 3/4 September 2026
Timetables Published - 6 September 2026

Autumn Term 2026

Monday 7 September 2026 - Teaching Starts
26 – 30 October 2026 – Half-Term
Friday 18 December 2026 – End of Term

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4 January 2027 – Start of Term
15 – 19 February 2027 – Half-Term
Thursday 25 March 2027 – End of Term

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 April 2027 – Start of Term
Monday 3 May 2027 – May Day holiday – College Closed
31 May - 4 June 2027 – Half-Term
Tuesday 13 July 2027 – End of Term

Sign up for updates on social media!

Over the summer, we'll have updates on your enrichment options and details about enrolment on social media - follow us to stay in the know!

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