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Discover Solihull this September....

If you are joining Solihull Sixth Form College this summer, what better way to get started than by getting to know the town.

We have vouchers for Touchwood Shopping Centre to give away to two lucky students at enrolment.

See our competition posts in August on our website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for your chance to enter the prize draw.

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**Solihull
Sixth Form
College**
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Welcome to College Day

Student Guide

**26 & 27
June 2019**

Welcome

Welcome to an important day in your journey to becoming a Sixth Form College student. Today you take the first steps on a path which can take you to an exciting university place and a challenging, rewarding career. The 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 advanced level study will bring. You also need to get to know the atmosphere and expectations of our College. We are not the same as school – more informal, but also more demanding. You have to make the transition from being a “pupil”, where most of your life is organised and structured for you, to being a “student”, where you need to take responsibility for yourself and work in partnership with us to achieve your goals. If you are ready to do this, the track record of the College shows that you can be really confident about reaching your targets and look forward to an exciting and productive two years with us. I look forward to working with you, and hope to talk to many of you during the day.

Martin Sullivan
Principal

High Expectations

“Be Prepared – Start as you mean to carry on”

- 1) **Be punctual** - arrive on time for your enrolment appointment
- 2) **Be prepared** – come to enrolment with your results slips and ID
- 3) **Be involved** – make sure you have researched your choices fully beforehand. Check out our website www.solihullsc.ac.uk.
- 4) **Be inquisitive** – ask questions. You are committing to your study programme for two full years so your choices need to be the right ones for you
- 5) **Be focused** – if you change subjects from what you had originally planned, pick up the summer homework so you are prepared for lessons in September

Rooms for Subject Meetings

Please see your individual timetable to know which rooms you need to go to for your taster sessions. Those students with 3 taster sessions scheduled may wish to find out more about another course in Session 4 (at 2.25pm) - the list below will tell you which rooms to go to for these courses. Those students with 4 taster sessions scheduled are requested to go to the Help Desk in H204 **only at the end of the day** if they wish to request a change of courses.

A Level Courses:

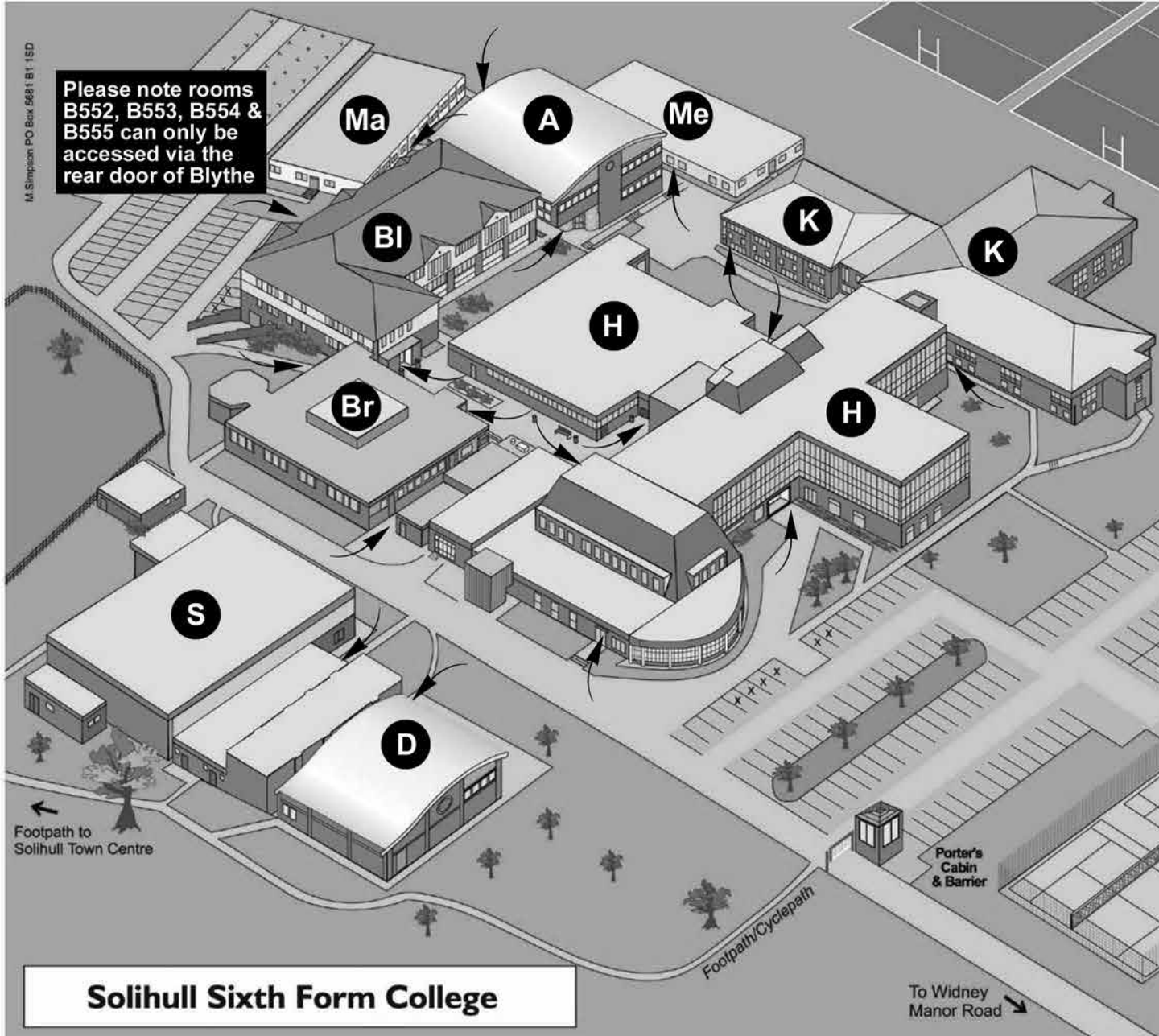
Accounting	H316	Health & Social Care	A105
Ancient History	H326	History	H322
Biology	H120	ICT	K322
Business	K104	Law	K102
Chemistry	B509	Mathematics	H314
Computer Science	K315	Media Studies	K312
Criminology	H417	Music	B616
Drama & Theatre	B601	Philosophy	H320
Economics	H415	Photography	A304
English Language	B712	Physical Education	B552
English Literature	B721	Physics	H112
Film Studies	K306	Politics	H424
Fine Art	A206	Psychology	K304
French	H406	Religious Studies	H321
Further Maths	H306	Russian	H407
Geography	H324	Sociology	H428
Geology	H325	Spanish	H407
German	H406	Statistics	H304
Graphics	A309		

BTEC Extended Diploma Courses:

Applied Science	H114
Art & Design	A303
Business	H418
CACHE Childcare	A105a
Health & Social Care	H103
IT	K308
Sport	B553

See the map on the centre pages of this booklet for room locations.

Campus Plan



Buildings & Room Numbers:

A Art & Design School:
 Lower Ground Floor: A101, A102, A103, A104, A105, A106 & A107
 Ground Floor: A202, A203, A204, A205, A206 & A207
 1st Floor: - A301, A303, A305, A308, A309 & A311

BI Blythe Building:
 Lower Ground Floor: B552, B553, B554 & B555
 Ground Floor: B503, B504, B505, B508, B509, B510, B511, B512 & B513
 1st Floor: B704, B710, B711, B712, B714, B718 & B721

Br Brueton Building:
 Ground Floor: B601, B602, B604, B605 & B610

D Dance Studio

H Hampton Building:
 Lower Ground Floor: H111, H112, H113, H120, H121, H122, H123 & H124
 Ground Floor: H201, Refectory & Internet Cafe
 1st Floor: H301, H303, H305, H306, H307, H313, H314, H315, H316, H317, H320, H321, H322, H323, H324, H325, H326
 2nd Floor: H401, H404, H406, H407, H414, H415, H417, H418, H421, H423, H424, H428, H430 & H432

K Kitson Building:
 Lower Ground Floor: - K101, K102, K103, K104 & K105 (access from lower door)
 Ground Floor: Library & Learning Centre
 1st Floor: K303, K304, K305, K306, K307, K308, K309, K310, K311, K312, K313, K315, K318, K319, K321 & K322

Me Meriden Building:
 Ground Floor: M101, M102, M113 & M114

Ma Malvern Building:
 Ground Floor: M201, M202, M204, M205, M206, M210, M211, M212 & M213

S Sport Centre

Arrows show entrances to buildings

Programme

Time	Activity	
9.00am onwards	Students arrive at College	
9.30 – 9.50am	Orientation (20 mins)	
9.50 – 10.50am	Session 1	
11.00 - 11.20am	Break * (20 mins)	Session 2A
11.20 - 12.00pm	Session 2B	
12.00 - 12.20pm		Break * (20 mins)
12.30 - 1.00pm	Lunch * (30 mins)	Session 3A (including 15-min orientation)
1.00 - 1.45pm	Session 3B (including 15-min orientation)	
1.30 - 2.15pm	Lunch * (30 mins)	
2.25 - 3.25pm	Session 4 (optional for students doing 3 A levels)	

Please note that not all students will follow the same timetable for the day. You must keep to the times specified on your individual programme. You are expected to remain on site throughout the day.

Instructions:

1. Look at your individually printed timetable.
2. Check which session 2 you must attend and therefore which break you take.
3. Check which session 3 you must attend and therefore which lunch and orientation session you take.
4. You might want to transfer each subject from your printed timetable onto the programme above.
5. Do you want to investigate an alternative subject, or do you have an offer for a fourth A level subject? If so, write down the subject and room number in session 4 (2.25pm).
6. Make a note of the room numbers for each subject session (see page 2).
7. 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 breaks between sessions to ensure you will have time to make it to your classroom. 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 Refectory (Hampton Building). Local universities will also be there.

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 or employment. Find out more about the opportunities by visiting our information stands in the Refectory. Here you will be able to discover opportunities in a wide range of areas:

- **Personal & Skills Development** – develop your professional and personal skills to improve your employability and application success.
- **Additional Qualifications** – add to your CV and give applications a boost with a new qualification.
- **Academies & Schools** – deepen your subject knowledge with an academy or school and link to an EPQ for an additional qualification.
- **Performance** – develop your musical and drama skills.
- **Sport** – join a College team and play competitively.
- **Societies & Social Development** – meet students who share the same interests as you and take a lead in developing student experience.

Personal & Skills Development

- Careers Guidance
- Creative Writing
- Stretch & Challenge Programme
- Team Gambia
- Volunteering

Additional Qualifications

- ABC Spanish
- Core Maths
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Sports Leadership Award

Academies & Schools

- Humanities Academy
- Pre-Medical School
- Psychology Research School
- Shakespeare Academy
- Social Science Academy
- Visual Arts Academy

Performance

- ABRSM Music
- Musical Activities
- Solihull Theatre-in-Education Company (Sol-TIE)

Sport

- Men's Basketball
- Men's Cricket
- Men's Football
- Women's Football
- Women's Netball
- Men's Rugby
- Sports Leadership Award

Societies & Social Development

- Bike User Group
- Charity Ambassadors
- Health Ambassadors
- Student Societies (Anime, Gaming, LGBT, Debating and more!)
- Student Council

Support

Success on your course will depend largely on you. We encourage our students to take responsibility for their learning and to become independent thinkers! That does not mean you will be left on your own. Your teachers guide this learning and will both teach you and support you with your independent learning as well, pointing you in the right direction to access useful resources and answering your questions.

Online Resources

We have a virtual learning area online called Moodle, where many learning resources can be found. You can also see your teachers between lessons and contact them online by way of Tyber (the same place where you made your application). This is a unique online resource to ensure good communication and clarity of information between staff, students and parents. We will take you through how Moodle and Tyber work when you start in September.

Academic Coaching

All of our students have a weekly Coaching session. You will have your own assigned Academic Coach who will be your point of contact for any support or advice you need. Weekly Group Coaching sessions in Year 12 cover a range of topics from developing Level 3 study skills to preparing for university or employment applications. You will also have one to one appointments over the year with your Academic Coach to review your progress and set targets to support your success at Sixth Form. Academic Coaching sessions are a compulsory and valuable part of your programme.

Learning Resource Centre

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is the hub of the College's learning environment and contains over 180 computers for student use and a well-stocked Library with over 30,000 resources. It also offers a range of e-books and online databases through the LRC's pages on Moodle. The LRC staff are friendly, knowledgeable and ready to support you in your studies, so don't be afraid to ask for help. Your induction will take you through how you can use your College ID card to access resources and make use of the computers. Your ID card will double as your printer card.

Additional Support

The College is 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. Students with individual learning needs are offered specific support through our additional learning team.

Health & Wellbeing

Our Student Development Officers and counselling staff are here to help you with any health or welfare needs you may have, be it exam stress, anxiety, eating disorders or low mood. Advice and support regarding sexual health, smoking cessation, drugs and alcohol, accommodation, funding for higher education and health promotion within the College is also available. The service is confidential.

Help Desk

There will be help desk in H204 (Hampton Ground Floor). Here you will be able to speak to staff and student about any queries you may have including enrichment, enrolment, Tyber log in details. Campus tours will also start here at 12:30 and 13:45.

Enrichment Payment

The College asks you or your parents to pay a £50 Enrichment contribution. This allows us to offer you a range of opportunities in careers, work experience, voluntary service, higher education projects, sport, drama, music and many other areas at the College. It also funds student-led activities like health ambassadors and student reps and it funds prizes and awards to celebrate your success. You can pay this by cash or cheque (payable to 'Summit Learning Trust' with your name and date of birth on the back) at Welcome to College Day at the Help Desk in H204 during break and lunch times. It can also be paid at enrolment.

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. Don't worry! It should not take you too long, but it aims 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 this homework during your subject taster sessions. If you mislay this homework, you can download it from the College website at www.solihullsfsc.ac.uk/student-zone/welcome-to-college-day/summer-homework.

Enrolment Interviews 2019

As soon as you receive your GCSE results, **you will need to upload your results onto Tyber to book an enrolment interview** on either 28 or 29 August; appointments cannot be booked by telephone. It is essential that you know your Tyber login details as you cannot book an enrolment interview without them. If you have forgotten your password, make sure you go to the Help Desk during the day.

When you come into College for your enrolment interview it is essential that you bring the following:

- Results statement for all the qualifications you have taken, including GCSE, vocational Level 2 and Key Skill courses (don't forget proof of qualifications taken early).
- Proof of ID such as your passport or birth certificate (originals only)

During the enrolment, we will check your results and that you meet the subject entrance criteria (some subjects have entrance requirements different to the College standard entrance requirements; you can check what they are on the website in the courses area). You will be required to be at the College for approximately one to two hours in order to agree your programme of study, complete any other administration and have an introductory presentation to life at College.

The photograph for your ID card will be taken electronically on the day. Your ID card is very important and you must carry it with you at all times. You will need it to gain access to the campus and to use the Learning Resource Centre and you must show your card if requested to do so by a member of staff. If you lose your card you will be charged £10 for a replacement.

At the end of your interview you will be enrolled as a student of the College and given information about the time and day at which you will be required to attend for Induction and the start of term.

Your first day in College after enrolment will be for induction, which takes place as follows:

Induction	Thursday 5 September <i>or</i> Friday 6 September <i>(You will be told which day you need to attend at enrolment)</i>
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Timetables published on Tyber Lessons Start	By 6.00pm on Sunday 8 September Monday 9 September
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Term dates are as follows:

Autumn Term 2019 28 October - 1 November Friday 20 December	Half-Term End of Term
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Spring Term 200 Monday 6 January 17 - 21 February Friday 3 April	Start of Term Half-Term End of Term
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Summer Term 200 Monday 20 April 25 - 29 May Friday 10 July	Start of Term Half-Term End of Term
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Your questions answered

What should I do if I don't get the grades I need for my course?

Every year we have students who achieve better than they expected and, unfortunately, some who don't do quite as well as they had hoped at GCSE. If you find yourself in the latter situation - don't panic! There may still be a course that is suitable for you at College. So, firstly, look again at the College Prospectus/website. We offer A Level courses and BTEC Extended Diploma courses in a range of subjects. Is there anything that interests you and/or is suitable in terms of your qualifications/career intentions? If your results qualify you for an alternative course at the College, when you upload your GCSE results you will be invited to come in to College with your results for an interview to discuss any suitable courses and the best options for you.

Can I change my courses before or after I have enrolled?

We suggest you think very carefully about your choices. At today's Welcome to College Day, we need you to attend the sessions for subjects you have an offer for. After you have had a taster of your courses, if you still want to change subjects, we suggest you attend the optional final session to find out more about the course you are interested in and complete a subject change request form in this session. We will note your request but cannot confirm if a change is possible until enrolment. However, provided you meet any subject-specific entry requirements, and there is space on the course, we will try to make that change at enrolment. After you have started your studies, it is very difficult to make changes.

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, although there are usually sufficient to satisfy all requests. Please pay your £15 refundable deposit for a locker key at www.parentpay.com and then come along to Central Administration in the Meriden Building at the start of term.

Can I apply for a bus pass?

Yes. Network West Midlands provide bus travel for students at a reduced rate. 16-18 Photocards are available from the Network West Midlands 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?

Car parking space is tight at the College, but a limited number of parking permits are available to purchase. If you have a current blue disability badge, parking will be free of charge. Otherwise, parking will cost £2 per day (payable termly) and permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Charges are made for the whole term based on the number of teaching days per term with the exception of the summer term where a reduced cost is applied to reflect the exam period. Students can choose to pay £324 to guarantee a space for three terms or choose to pay termly (Autumn Term: £156; Spring Term: £120; Summer Term: £48). Payment can be made by Parentpay, cash or cheque. Please contact the Central Admin Office for further details.

Can I bring my bike into College?

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

Is there any financial support available?

The College operates a Bursary Fund, which is a discretionary, means-tested award administered by the College to assist students in hardship so that they may continue with their studies. The fund is primarily for vulnerable students in care, care leavers, those in receipt of Income Support and disabled students in receipt of both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. There will also be some funding available to help other students in hardship with course-related costs such as books and equipment as well as travel to College. These funds are limited and may only provide a contribution towards such costs.

Included in the Bursary application is an assessment for eligibility for Free Meals. The criteria for this are slightly different to the Bursary but students will be assessed for both on one application. If successful, students would be entitled to a meal per day when they attend college. Further information, including the criteria students must meet to apply for a Bursary and for Free Meals, will be sent to you in your Enrolment Guide over the summer.

Who should I speak to if I have questions?

Today there is a Help Desk set up in H204 in Hampton building - a member of staff will be on duty throughout the day to answer any questions you may have. Once you start at College, your teachers should be your point of contact for any subject-based questions, while your Academic Coach will be able to guide you on a range of other issues. The Reception staff at the main desk in Hampton building are always available to help with information and queries as well.

Student Council

The Student Council would like to welcome you to the College today. We are here for you, the students, and we would like 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 or better still, why not come along and see us today in H204. See you soon :)

The Student Council

Golden Ticket Prize Draw

Thanks go Fairways Contracting Limited and Wakemans Limited who are sponsoring today's Welcome to College Day event and each providing a £150 John Lewis vouchers as prizes. Students who hand in their golden tickets on arrival will be entered into the prize draw and the winners will be announced at the start of the new academic year in September 2019.

Provisional Timetable

	9:00 - 10:30	Break	10:45- 12:15	12.20 - 14.30	14:35 - 16:05	Students can be called in till 16:30
MONDAY	A	10.30 10.45	B	C 12.20 - 13.50	D	
TUESDAY	E		F	A 12.20 - 13.50	B	
WED	B	B Int	F 11.15 - 12.45	F Int Lunch 1.15 - 2.00	A	
THURS	E	E Int	D 11.15 - 12.45	D Int Lunch 1.15 - 2.00	C	
FRIDAY	C		D	E 12.20 - 13.50	F	