



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 19th March 2018



Ethos statement: We believe that through individual commitment, self discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.

Year 7 News – Ms Lindau

Year 7 students sat their first mock exams and are becoming more familiar with secondary school academic requirements. We saw impressive progress made by the year group as they clearly took the exams very seriously and revised carefully. They had particularly good first term results in maths, science and Spanish among other subjects. We will continue to emphasise study skills throughout the year.

As a result of their hard work, students will be participating in creative writing, geography workshops and science competitions in the coming months,

Because of the inclement weather last week, the decision was taken to postpone the residential trip to Kingswood in Kent. The trip has been rescheduled for the 25th-28th of March. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy much warmer temperatures and take advantage of the adventure site more fully. Students have received a letter home to inform you of the changes.

Consistent homework completion is our focus this term. Please ensure that your child is recording their homework each day in their diaries. If they have lost their diary, please have them purchase a new one from MRO for £3.00. It is an essential piece of equipment. Both you and the tutor should sign the diary weekly. Moreover, please do not allow your child to leave the house without a full uniform. Trainers are not acceptable except for P.E. lessons. In the future, students in incomplete uniforms will be sent home to change.

Finally, please monitor your child's phone and social media usage. There are a number of apps on the market, such as "Familytime" that can help you limit their screen time and the sites they access. They also allow you to see the types of texts they receive and send. There is a lot of research that links limited screen time to academic success and it is vital to establish good habits in Year 7.

Uniform Price Changes

The company that produces uniforms for the Academy has informed us that their prices will rise slightly from April 1st. The average increase is less than 10% and the Academy continues to work closely with the supplier to ensure that you as parents get the best value for money. [A full list and details are available on the uniform page of our website.](#)

The uniform shop has announced its summer holiday opening days for parents who want to buy uniform before the new term begins, the days and times are listed below. The uniform shop will continue to be open each Tuesday from 1-3pm during term time. On **27th March** there is an opportunity to buy uniform from **1-4pm** at the current prices.

If you have any questions about uniform or would like guidance about whether items purchased elsewhere are acceptable uniform then do not hesitate to [get in touch with Mr D. Holt, Deputy Headteacher – Behaviour at the Academy.](#)

Summer Holiday 2018

AUGUST	15	WED	11.00 - 15.30
	22	WED	11.00 - 15.30
	29	WED	11.00 - 15.30
	30	THU	11.00 - 15.30
SEPTEMBER	3	MON	11.00 - 15.30
	4	TUE	11.00 - 15.30
	5	WED	13.00 - 15.30





Thought for the Week

"Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent."
Marilyn vos Savant



Sport Relief 2018

Sport Relief is back, this time for a whole week, 17th-23rd March 2018. Every day this week the PE department will be encouraging students to take part in the Billion Step Challenge. They will have 20 minutes to complete as many steps as possible, to add to the overall amount, with the highest achievers being rewarded with medals! The target to beat is 3000 steps in 20 minutes earning Olympian status!

There will be sports challenges taking place every break time and after school including: AFC Wimbledon stadium challenges, bounceathon, gym club special, basketball specials and football specials.

Please encourage all students to take part. Staff are also welcome! Sport Relief is all about getting students feeling good while they do some good. This year, Sport Relief theme is 'Whatever Moves You' so there are more ways than ever to get involved.



Fitness Achievements – Mr Burchett

Kieran Parsons, Year 10 student, completing a 5KM run in under 30 minutes.



29th March Dates for your Diary

22nd March 2018 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
26th March 2018 – International Group Assessment Week
29th March 2018 – INSET Day
29th March 2018 – Academy Breaks for Easter Break
16th April 2018 – Academy Resumes for Summer Term
18th April 2018 – Year 9 Parents' Evening
24th April 2018 – Post 16 Forum
26th April 2018 – International Evening

Futures Fortnight Update – Mr Parsons

As this week sees us to the end of our annual Futures Fortnight event (our unique combination of National Careers and National Apprenticeships Weeks) we thought we would provide you with a little snapshot of what has been going here at Southfields Academy

Events so far have included interactive workshops on Exploring Apprenticeships / Researching your Dream job / an information stand promoting careers in the Hospitality Industry and a visit from the Peter Jones Foundation talking to students about entrepreneurship and developing their presentation skills. Jonny Sobczyk, CEO of the Peter Jones Foundation for Enterprise said:

"Giving young people the opportunity to develop enterprise skills is at the heart of what we do and it is a fantastic opportunity to speak to students and staff to help them develop much needed enterprise capabilities, experience and knowledge. We can't wait to see what ideas the young people of Wandsworth come up with."

We have also been running a daily careers stand at break times outside the student canteen where we have been answering a wide range of careers questions and providing advice and information to students and staff. If any of your students would like further information on their careers ideas or areas of interest please direct them to the Careers Office (D085)





Jack Petchey Achievement Scheme – Ms Marshall

On Tuesday, 13th March 2018, the January-December 2017 winners were invited to the annual presentation ceremony. The ceremony was to celebrate and recognise all achievement winners across the Wandsworth schools, including the (staff) Leader Awards.

As well as a huge celebration of the achievements of students and staff in the Wandsworth borough, the evening also featured entertainment performances from students across the different schools who participate in the scheme.

Student Achievement Award Winners:

Maliki Adeyini – 8HIE

Nabilah Minahil – 10ALE

Nicholas Flores Pujols – 11HBT

Jessie Prempeh-Boakye – year 12

Alessandra Ciadamidaro – year 13 (unable to attend ceremony)

Koshik Rubamoorthy – 7NWN

Kacey Scotland – 8SMH

Lillie-Leigh Burden – 9CLK

This year's 'Staff Leader Award' went to:

Amanda Cannam

Mandy Cannam started as a Teaching Assistant on 10th June 2002. Since then, she has devoted her time and energy, and applied a relentless approach to supporting the needs of some of our most difficult to reach students.

From 2004, she worked in our on-site discrete unit (ACE) as a Specialist Assistant/Learning Mentor, supporting vulnerable students at risk of becoming NEET or permanently excluded. This was no easy task, but one which she approached with her usual vigour and enthusiasm.

Mandy then became a Reintegration Liaison Officer supporting students' reintegration from our Study Support Centre, back into the main school - but this title undersells her contribution. She continues to reintegrate students, but also monitors poor attenders in year 11 - running a special intervention tutor group; as well as calling many of our vulnerable students across all years, who may otherwise be non-attenders. She calls them, daily, from 6am to ensure they get into school! For many students at the Academy, Mandy is a consistent support during their times of difficulties and their times of success. She can often be found convincing students to "Make that homework better", 'Collect the work you've missed', "Go and see your English teacher" or "Go straight home after school so you're not stressing mum out" - in her own inimitable way. Her commitment to meeting the needs of the SEMH students at Southfields Academy is inimitable. Thank you Mandy for all you do.

A massive congratulations to all winners!



Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year - Ms Waugh

This year's runner up Rose Picicco has been practicing her three course meal in preparation for the final next Wednesday. Her menu has high expectations and has been complimented by head chefs already. Let's hope she wins it for us this year, wish her luck!





International Women's Day 2018 – Ms Carter



Thursday 8th March was International Women's Day, a day which focuses on celebrating the amazing achievements of women throughout history and gives us a chance to declare what we will do to help further female progression in society. Even in our society, gender inequality and bias are still apparent and during puberty, 72% of girls will lose confidence and self-esteem, leading to them accepting these limitations. It is the aim of International Women's Day to educate young people that this is unacceptable and it is a human right for everyone to be who they want to be.

The Academy was awash with purple and displays of inspiring women. The Year 11 girls participated in a speed networking session with some amazing women from within the school, and from various industries. This activity was initiated by Ms Carter a few years ago and is more successful every year. The girls were each given a card of questions to help facilitate conversations between them and their guest speaker, encouraging them to discuss various career options, how to overcome barriers and obstacles and their own life journeys. The dance studio was buzzing with conversation and at times it was hard to move the students around because they were so engaged with their conversations. We had so many awesome women sharing their stories with the girls at each session, some from the Academy and others from industry, including Premier League, Linden Lodge School, South Thames College, and Roehampton University, Northern Line Extension, Winckworth Sherwood Law and First Touch Neonatal Unit charity.

The girls listened to some amazing stories and are now inspired to work harder in order to achieve their own goals. We finished with a group photo, using some of the IWD selfie cards.

Quotes from Staff:

"Fantastic morning at Southfields Academy talking with Year 11 girls about life, education, feminism, career plans and working for a charity as part of their 'Inspiring Women' session."

"Such a brilliant idea, it was a lovely atmosphere. I myself was inspired"

"I had a super, fantastic time with the students. They were down to earth, funny and full of positive energy."

"The questions from the students were amazing, I felt like my time was very helpful with their journey ahead."

Quotes from students:

"I loved hearing from so many different women, it was amazing to hear that they have done so much in their life and it didn't always go to plan"

"I couldn't believe how many of the ladies had made mistakes but still worked hard to get what they wanted and be successful in the different careers they had chosen"

"It was nice to hear from women with similar backgrounds to myself, it has inspired me to continue with my plan"

"It was so lovely just listening to people share their stories, I wish we could do it every week"





YR10 Design and Technology Live Brief - Hundred House Coffee Presentation – Mr Smith



The GCSE Design and Technology Year 10 students formally presented their work to Ben and Jordan from HYTE design studio for the new Hundred House Coffee sub brand they are currently working on. The coffee from Brazil is a new blend of coffee for the company, and their first from South America, to be aimed at industry, restaurants and wholesale. Each of the students presented in small groups for only 2-3 minutes each before receiving final feedback and the chance to make small tweaks before the work was finally signed off at the end of the day.

The designers were genuinely impressed by all of the students work and found their presentation skills, as well as all their many different and unique perspectives of the potential of this new coffee from Brazil exciting, ranging from abstract interpretation of the hilly landscape where coffee beans thrive in Brazil to representing the benefit of drinking coffee to start the day off.

We are waiting to hear back early next week regarding a short list that the company will select to develop themselves, alongside Hundred House Coffee for the new packaging design due out later this year. We will keep you posted as the project continues to develop, now unfortunately out of school but all kick started in collaboration with Southfields Academy Year 10 design students.

Studio Hyte - <http://studiohyte.com/D/index.html>

Hundred House Coffee -

<http://www.hundredhousecoffee.com/>



Pi Day 2018 – Ms Ahmad

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th around the world. Pi (Greek letter " π ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159.

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, Pi's infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorize, and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

Every year the Academy holds a Pi Day challenge at break-time with courageous students lining up to see who can remember the longest string of numbers. This year the entrants were phenomenal, setting very high records for the Academy and showing amazing feats of memory!

We were also swamped with people trying to earn their apple pie by knowing 10 decimal places of Pi.

The results are: 1st Felicity Gamayon 10SUL with 212 decimal places
2nd Mohamed Rehman 11SNR with 158 decimal places
3rd Koshik Rubamoorthy 7SUL with 150 decimal places

