



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 21st May 2018



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

### Year 11 Strive for Five Conference – Ms Cunnane

Last week, twenty lucky Year 11s were selected to attend a GCSE English Language conference. The 'Strive for Five' event focused on the four most difficult exam questions and gave students practical strategies for these. Javawn in 11CNA raved about the conference saying, "It's got me back on track for my GCSEs!" and Dan in 11HBT commented, "The pack of activities we were given has really helped my revision."

I tweeted tips throughout the day so all GCSE English students in KS4 and KS5 can benefit from the advice. Search for #SouthfieldsStrivefor5 on Twitter or head to my account @MsCNAatSA.

Ms Swann and I were so impressed by the chosen Year 11s. They were hard-working, polite and focused throughout. We wish them the best of luck for the exams!



Studious @SouthfieldsAcad Year 11s making their teachers proud!



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### Strawberry Tea

As a small way to engender community cohesion, invitations were sent out, inviting local elderly people to a strawberry and scone tea, laid on by our kitchen staff, at the Academy. We were also joined by a number of personnel from the Royal Marines Reserve London unit who came to sample our hospitality. This gave our young students a wonderful opportunity to interact and learn new skills hosting the event. The music department excelled, as ever, with a number of singing and musical acts to entertain our guests, including some new raw talent, Karina Remeikyte and Aleksandra Paskaleva, from Year 7.

About 35 guests from the community attended and thoroughly enjoyed the company, performances and fresh strawberries, scones and cakes.



### Year 12 Work Experience – Ms Frusciante

All Year 12 students will be completing Work Experience in July (from 9th - 13th July), which is a great opportunity for students to experience the world of work as senior students in the school, as well as a means of enhancing their personal and professional skills in preparation for Year 13 and, beyond that, their future careers.

Some of the placements arranged by students include: The Ritz Hotel, The Stafford Hotel, Westminster Unison, the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service, Boots Pharmacy, Auckland Rogers Opticians, PSD Building Services, Figges Marsh GP Surgery and Anglo Accessories.

Other students have applied to various schemes such as the Deloitte Micro-Tyco challenge, CTM Pathways, In2Science and the Pret-A-Manger Work Experience programme.



## Thought for the Week

"Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems."

**Gever Tulley**



## Devised Performance – Ms Perera

On Tuesday 15th May, the Year 12 Level 2 devised performance, 'Is there any Justice in the world?' took place in the Black box at the Academy. The level 2 students have worked extremely hard, creating and researching material based on the OJ Simpson trial and making it their own. It was a fabulous performance – well done Year 12!



## Wandsworth Champions – Mr Munro

Congratulations to the Year 10 Football team who were crowned Wandsworth Champions on Tuesday 15th May 2018, coming out on top 2-1 against Ernest Bevin. This is a great achievement for the boys and they have worked extremely hard all season to achieve this and they should be very proud of themselves.

Big thank you to Mr Miller for taking the final game of the season and assisting throughout with this great feat.

There are many ways of following the Academy to keep up to date with all our news:

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## Dates for your Diary

23rd May 2018 – Parents' Forum

25th May 2018 – Academy Breaks for Half Term

4th June 2018 – Academy Resumes

18th Mat 2018 – Year 9 Foundation Assessment Week Begins

## Parents' Forum Invitation

The Academy will be hosting a Parents' Forum on Wednesday 23rd May from 6pm – 7pm.

The topics for discussion will be GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and Safeguarding.

All parents and carers are very welcome to attend.



## RAF 'Inspire 100 Women' - STEM Event at RAF Northolt – Ms Carter



On Wednesday 16th May Ms Carter and Mr Boyce accompanied 10 female students to take part in the RAF event in Northolt. The day included students participating in a set of interactive workshops and information stands about Engineering, Logistics, Aircrew and Operational roles designed to highlight aspects of today's RAF.

The programme also included some STEM activity, presentations from the RAF and an opportunity to explore and understand more about RAF Aircraft and opportunities for women.

The day also incorporated a Build and Race Day. This was to design and build the fastest car possible whilst keeping within the design constraints supplied by the RAF. Tools, including glue guns and hot wire cutters, were available to cut and shape the car to our design. We were given 1 hour to build our car. The cars were then loaded onto a 30m race track and launched to see which travelled through the timing gates the fastest!



We all had a wonderful, inspiring day and it was great for our young students to see the available careers and opportunities for women. Here is some of their feedback:

"It was amazing!" *Sheri, Sameen, Damaris*

"Learnt a lot." *Sheri*

"One in a lifetime opportunity." *Damaris*

"Made me feel like I want to do my work experience there." *Damaris*

"Thanks for taking me- I had a great time! Meeting the police was my favourite part of the day. They said that they'd like to recruit more girls into the police force and I'd love to do this when I'm older! It was really cool - we saw how an officer carries out an arrest and spoke about the work the police do in the community. Everybody at the event yesterday was friendly and welcoming and I had a really nice time meeting people from the RAF and the police force. My only regret is that I didn't wear trousers because it was really cold and windy!" - *Mollie Brawn*



## Inclusive Tennis – Mr Miller



9 Students from Southfields Academy took part in the London School Games inclusive Tennis competition at Paddington Recreation Ground in Westminster. The event was organised by Central London Inclusion programme based at Southfields, Everyone Active, Westminster Sports Unit and the Tennis Foundation and was a great day for everyone involved. The students from the TAS unit were able to play 9 matches each and competed brilliantly all day. In the end they were narrowly beaten into second place by local neighbours, Garratt Park School.

Well done to our ACE students; Claudio, Ewan, India, Jim, Alex, Danial, Punnaich, Ja-Naye and Shyla.



## Exams and Ramadan

This May and June represents two very important periods for many **Southfields** students: exams and Ramadan. With students having worked hard towards their forthcoming GCSE, A Level or **BTEC exams**, it is timely for our Muslim students to consider the decision to fast or when to fast at Ramadan. The Academy respects the decision to fast during examinations but urges parents and students to consider the matter carefully because students have spent many years of hard work in preparation for these examinations. Thirst and hunger will inevitably have a detrimental effect on exam performance, particularly on warm days and during afternoon exams.

The Academy has received advice and guidance from the Association of School and College Leaders, in conjunction with imams, scholars, experts and Muslim chaplains in the education sector, on how to approach the exams season and we felt that it is relevant to raise the matter with you directly so that you can discuss it at home and decide on what is best for your son or daughter.

We wish all students the best in their preparation for their upcoming exams and hope that they are able to perform at their best on exam days.

## Science Club – Ms Nasir

This week, our budding Scientists tried to recreate a nebula, which is a cloud of dust and gas in space thrown out by the explosion of a dying star. They even named their nebulae, Starry Night and Nebula of Avalon being some of the names.



## Science Stars of the Week



<b>Year 7 – Alisha Ahmad Hanif</b> – for consistent focus and excellent work in lessons, <b>7TRT</b>
<b>Year 8 – Shamarni Henry-Walters</b> – for great effort in making revision notes and Joule Island, <b>8FRH</b>
<b>Year 9 – Kyrone Eyres</b> – for incredible work on nuclear equations, <b>9CLK</b>
<b>Year 10 – Jordash Adams</b> – for outstanding effort and improvement in lessons, <b>10ISC</b>
<b>Year 10 – Tia Dumont</b> – for resilience in a challenging task, <b>10ISC</b>
<b>Year 11 – Saqib Mehmood</b> – for incredible effort put into his revision, <b>11SNR</b>



## Wandsworth U18 Cup Final – Mr Herbert



So this is it! The season comes down to this! Southfields welcomed Saint Cecilia's for a game that would crown the Wandsworth Borough U18 league and cup champions.

Prior to the game, Southfields lost a number of key players due to other commitments but were still confident in achieving the goal set out at the start of the season by Mr Jonuzi and Mr Herbert.

The game started at a frantic pace - the high pace of Southfields was unsettling Saint Cecilia's and the pressure showed. With some great energy, by Liam in midfield, worked the ball wide to Geoffrey who played in an excellent ball into the box. The ball fell to Jesse who took a fantastic shot that was bravely stopped by the defender. Up until half time the game took on a similar feeling with excellent work from midfield allowing the front three of Nick, Anton and Geoffrey to cause havoc in the final third. Anton's pace and power was proving too much for their defence and he was unfortunate not to score after some great saves paired with some poor finishing. Lewis Martin's exuberant runs from fullback mirrored that of what you would normal see on a highlight reel on YouTube and created some excellent chances having beaten 3 or 4 of their men consistently through the first half.

Just before half time, the ball fell to Nick about 35 yards out. He hit the ball with venom (and help from the wind) and it looped and crashed against the crossbar. It started to feel like whatever Southfields did, they were unable to actually put the ball in the net!

The start of the second half, Southfields began slowly and allowed Saint Cecilia's to go ahead after some uncharacteristic defending from the back four. This didn't stop the midfield and front line working exceptionally hard and again. Southfields had a number of chances to level but seemingly decided to give the goal keeper some catching practice, rather than find the back of the net!

With one minute to go, a hopeful long ball in the box fell to Okeme who forced the ball onto the hand of the Saint Cecilia's defenders' hand. PENALTY!! Andrae stepped up and the Centre half showed the forwards how to find the net.

The game ended 1-1 and straight to penalties. The less said about these the better. Southfields failed to score their first three whilst Saint Cecilia's scored all of theirs. The cup and league going to the team in Red.

A disappointing end to a great season from the Sixth Form Football Team. It has been a great year with the boys and they deserved more from it! Thanks to all the support from the sixth form firm, their basketball shouts really helped! Also thanks to Mr Miller for the support and tactical guidance throughout the season.



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### Exams: How do the new 9-1 GCSE grades work?

For an insight into the new grading system follow the link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-44125336>