



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 18th September 2017



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

Year 8 Welcome – Mr Arthur

Welcome back to a new academic year and more importantly, my new Year group – Year 8.

My name is Mr Arthur and I am the new Head of Year 8, in charge of your sons and daughters during the next chapter in their education. I'll be working with Ms Lindau to get a greater understanding of the students and their current academic achievements within the Year group.

I'm thrilled and excited to have been given the chance, once more, to guide and support a cohort of young individuals through their secondary education. I look forward to using the experience I gained as Head of Year 11 and hope to build on well-established routines and traditions and good memories.

In my role as Head of Year 11 I will be well supported by a lovely tutor team: Ms Whitley, Ms Frith, Ms Dainton, Mr Smith, Ms Howie, Mr Forsyth, Ms Munday and Ms Gouldbourne.

As a team we will do our utmost to encourage a great standard of results, whether those results are subject specific or come from extracurricular activities, both within the school and the local community. As an added bonus I'm going to recruit some of our 6th form students to support with literacy and numeracy during tutor times throughout the year.

Already the Year group has shown tremendous good effort by managing to gain 357 merits on Schoolpod for positive achievements in just 1 week.

Parents, I look forward to meeting you all on March 14th Options Evening where our lovely Year 8s will be choosing their GCSE options.

Any support needed? Please don't hesitate in emailing me on:
diran.arthur@southfieldsacademy.com



Parentpay – Mr Elson

We realise that some parents/carers and students have had problems this week with spending funds put on to Parentpay. This has been a problem with our cash tills and not Parentpay itself. Your deposits on Parentpay are still safe and your children will be able to use the credits.

Our IT team are working hard to solve the problem with the cash till company and we are making sure that no student goes without lunch.

We would like to thank the parents/carers who have already signed up to Parentpay and hope that more will do so in the future as we try to reduce the amount of cash in the Academy.

Accelerated Reader! - Mr Whitfield

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Please start talking to Year 7s about the Accelerated Reader Programme.

1. What book are they reading?
2. Have they quizzed on a book yet?
3. How long do they read every day? (Don't forget there will be a prize at the end of the term for the student who has the most engagement time)

Engagement time = how much they read every day?

Please congratulate Mariam El Kouirat Akhazan who won our first 'Accelerated Reader' Prize of a £5 shopping voucher, for being the first students to receive a 100% when quizzing on a book finished this week!



Thought for the Week

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."

— Mary Anne Radmacher

Alumnus of the Week – Mr French

Simone Aubrey 1973 to 1980

After leaving Southfields in 1980 I took up a training post in St.Thomas' Hospital, London, as a medical laboratory technician. Whilst rotating through different departments in the medical school and hospital I gained a keen desire to have direct patient contact rather than deal with fluid and tissue samples or imaging.

I took up a permanent post in the respiratory function lab and worked my way up the ranks from junior to senior physiological measurement technologist, gaining an HNC in the subject along the way. I was then asked to set up the Sleep laboratory in 1988, one of only 5 in existence in the UK at that time.

I took advantage of working mainly nights to do a full time degree in Biomedical Science at Kingston University during the day. In 1993 I graduated with first class honours. From working alone at night monitoring one or two patients at a time we went on to expand to a 9 bed, purpose built unit with more than 30 technologists working and training under me, in both sleep and respiratory physiology.

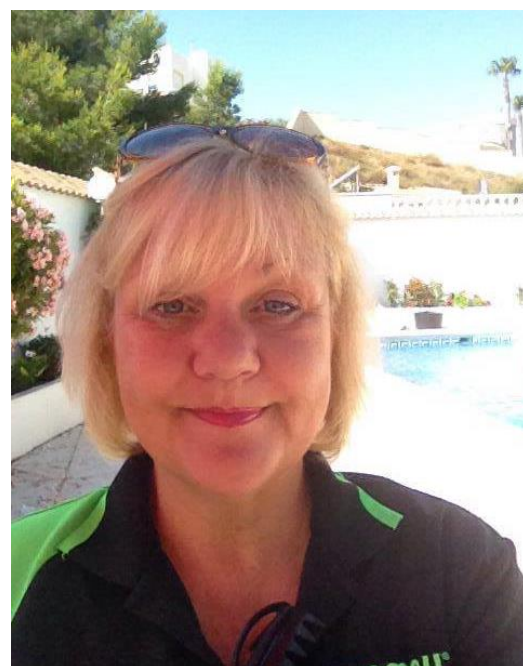
I enjoyed having my own clinical caseload and also being involved in setting the training and education standards, not only for our hospital but also across the whole of the UK and then Europe. My pinnacle was when I became the president if the European Society of Sleep Technologists, writing the exams for the technologists and also setting the questions on the diagnostics of sleep disorders for the physicians and scientists. To date, around 200 technologists and 1000 physicians and scientists across Europe and beyond have attained this masters level certificate in Sleep Medicine.

I left Guys and St. Thomas hospitals back in 2010 to come and live in Spain with my husband and various rescue animals. We have a wonderful life here, I still keep my hand in the world of sleep, scoring and analysing sleep records for several different hospitals in the UK. I even had my own training school and sleep lab here until very recently.

My passion now though, now that I'm very nearly retired, is playing darts- a talent I discovered I had when we moved out here 7 years ago. I am still in contact with several of my class and schoolmates from the Southfields days (73-80) and some come out and visit for the odd glass of wine and 320 days of sunshine per year.

Thank you Southfields for giving be the background, education and values that have brought me to where I am now.

Simone de Lacy (nee Aubrey) BSc, RPSGT, EST mother of kittens and darts player extraordinaire.



Dates for your Diary

20th September 2017 – Open Morning
21st September 2017 – Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening
21st September 2017 – Year 9 Parents' Workshop
22nd September 2017 – Open Morning
25th September 2017 – Open Morning
26th September 2017 – Post 16 Forum

How to follow the Academy

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

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Invitation to Parents



Invitation to a Parents Evening at Tideway on Thursday 21st September 2017 – 5pm Understanding Careers in the Built Environment

Wandsworth schools are taking part in a programme of careers information and guidance activities as part of the Wandsworth Ambitions Careers Cluster Initiative – improving the relevance of education to the world of work.

One of the largest growing sectors in London is the Built Environment and Construction. You may be aware of the huge amount of development taking place on our doorstep. The Nine Elms Vauxhall development alone will create 22,000 jobs in the built environment over a 10 year period up to 2022.

Tideway is hosting an exclusive event for parents / guardians of students in Wandsworth schools on **Thursday 21st September 2017** at one of its worksites at **Tideway - Kirtling Street, London, SW11 8BP**. From the Kirtling Street viewing platform you will be able to see for yourself the extent of the development in the area.

I hope you will be able to join us from 5.00pm on 21st September. Places are limited so we advise booking early. For further details and to confirm your attendance, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tideway-parents-careers-evening-tickets-37424547830>

Or telephone: 08000 30 80 80



Southfields Academy

You treat your child as an individual so why wouldn't you choose a school that does the same?

"Students' attainment is high overall and most groups make excellent progress" Ofsted

We invite you to attend our open events for Year 7 prospective students and their parents.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 20th Morning

Friday 22nd Morning

Monday 25th Morning

OCTOBER

Thursday 5th Evening

Monday 9th Morning

Weeks commencing 9th & 16th October, Open House by appointment

Mornings – 08:45-10:15 & Evenings 17:30-19:30

*To visit during Open House weeks telephone 020 8875 2661
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AFC Wimbledon Scholar Success – Mr Elson

AFC Wimbledon scholar and Southfields Academy student Anthony Hartigan was voted man of the match in AFC Wimbledon's League One game with Gillingham FC last Tuesday.

Anthony is still only 17 but showed maturity beyond his years in midfield and was deservedly voted man of the match by the match sponsors.