



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 2nd October 2017



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

Year 10 – Ms Douglas

It is an exciting time for the Year 10 students as they begin their GCSE and other public exams. The term began with students handing in their summer homework. It was fantastic to see that 80% of students had completed 100% homework. However, it is still a challenge for students, who need to be more organised and focussed, and we want parents to encourage their child to take homework seriously and ensure it is completed to the best of their ability.

A parents' website named 'e-Skool, states some very clear reasons why homework is important.

Here are the top 14 reasons why Homework is important:

1. It improves your child's thinking and memory
2. It helps your child develop positive study skills and habits that will serve him or her well throughout life
3. Homework encourages your child to use time wisely
4. It teaches your child to work independently
5. Homework teaches your child to take responsibility for his or her work
6. It allows your child to review and practice what has been covered in class
7. It helps your child to get ready for the next day's class
8. Homework helps your child learn to use resources, such as libraries, reference materials, and computer Web sites to find information
9. It encourages your child to explore subjects more fully than classroom time permits
10. It allows your child to extend learning by applying skills to new situations
11. It helps your child integrate learning by applying many different skills to a single task, such as book reports or science projects
12. Homework helps parents learn more about what your child is learning in school
13. It allows parents to communicate about what he or she is learning
14. It encourages parents to spark their child's enthusiasm.

I hope you will agree that homework should be encouraged, completed and handed in on time.



Edu Tainment Trip – *Wicked* – Ms Fearon

Last Wednesday on 20th September, a group of 30 students earned a place as first time visitors to a West End Theatre experience, as part of our Edu-Tainment Project, to see *Wicked*. The trip was an opportunity to broaden their horizons, inspire them by showing them what is beyond their doorstep and open their eyes to London's incredible theatre scene.

The group of Year 13 peer mentors, EAL peer mentees and IG/LAC students were excited on their arrival at the Apollo Victoria Theatre for the matinee performance. Some students were awarded tickets for their contribution to Peer Mentoring, others for their academic achievement and participation last year.

"It was good drama on stage"...Ahmed Mohammed IGHY

*"The play was a mesmerising tale of friendship and bravery, it showed us how misunderstanding can ruin a person's reputation but still managed to spark hope for the triumph of friendship"
...Zakia Ali 13BGM*

"This was both culturally and educationally rewarding, we would love to see other plays which would have the same impact on our lives" ...Soroor Hamza 13JNO

Sponsorship of the tickets was from the prize grant awarded to Southfields Academy by Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award 2017 - the Group Award for Peer Mentoring programme.



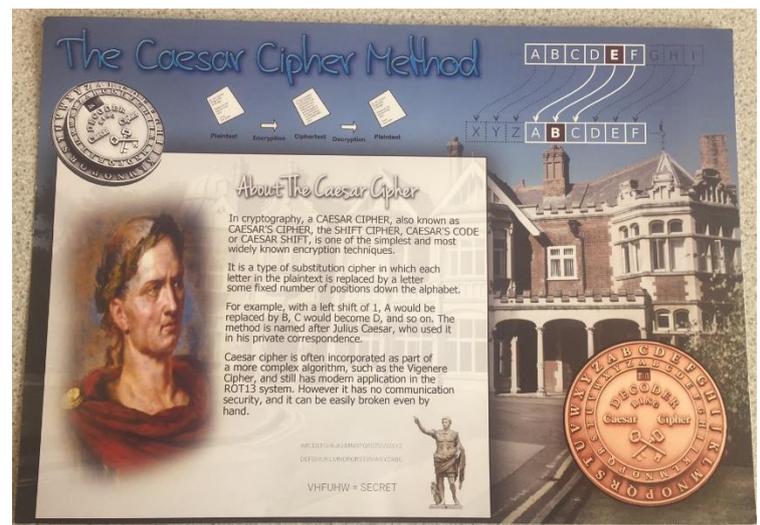
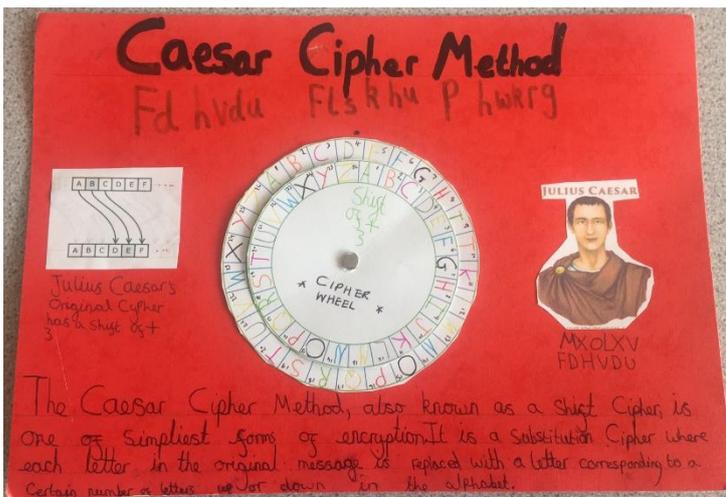
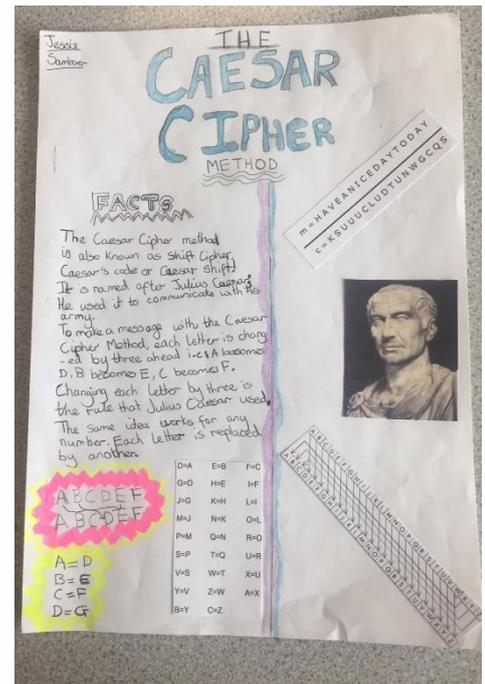
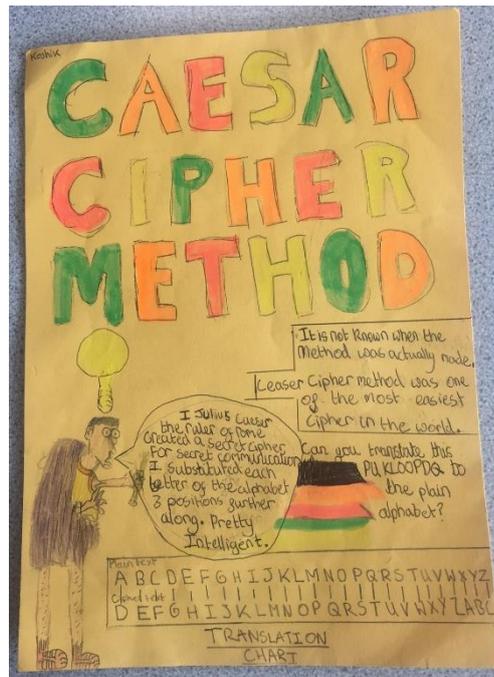
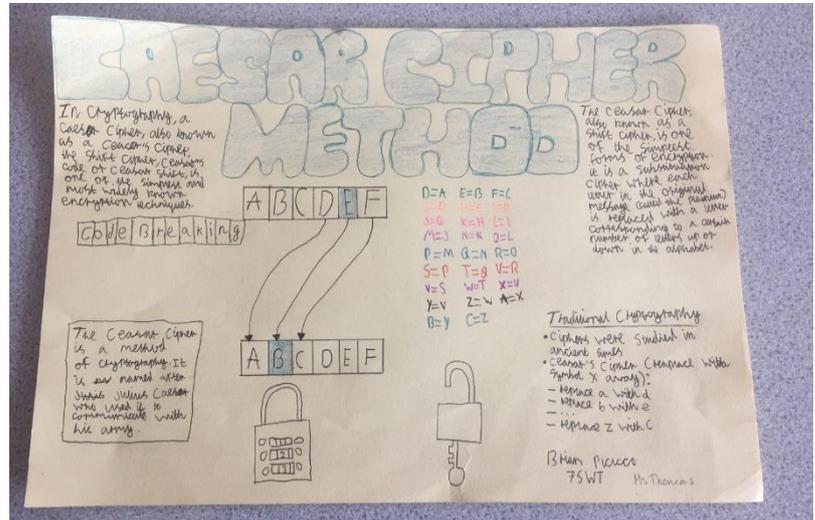
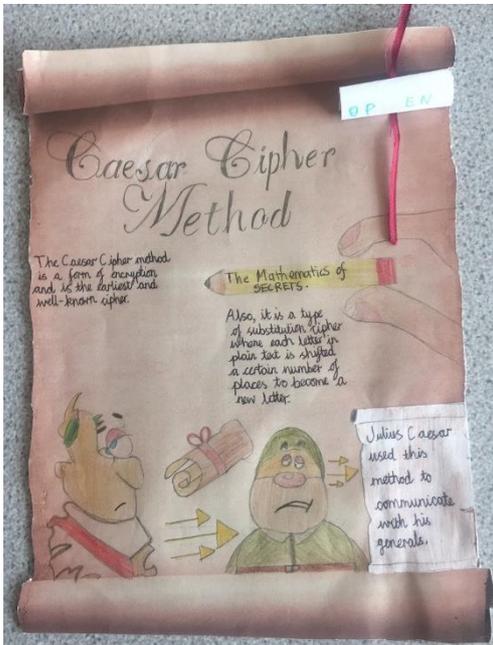


Thought for the Week
 "A bend in the road is not the end of the road...Unless you fail to make the turn."
 Helen Keller

Maths Poster Competition – Ms Ahmad

Year 7 students took part in a poster competition to win a place on a trip to Bletchley Park with the maths department. Students had to research the Caesar Cipher Method and make a poster about their findings.

Here are some of the winning entries.





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Dates for your Diary
 5th October 2017 – Open Evening
 6th October 2017 – INSET Day
 9th October 2017 – Open week by appointment
 19th October 2017 – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
 2nd November 2017 – Prize Evening
 24th November 2017 – IEAP Day
 24th November 2017 – Skills London Day
 24th November 2017 – Year 7 & 8 Drop Down Day

Year 8 PE – Ms Carter

Year 8S have had an amazing start in their PE lessons this term, showing fantastic effort and teamwork. Watch out for some future sport stars from this class!



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Open Evening – 5th October 2017

Southfields Academy is holding an open Evening on 5th October for prospective parents / carers to visit the Academy, wander around and see everything at their leisure. There will be an opportunity to see what each department has to offer, chat to staff and students in an informal setting and really get a feel for the Academy. Refreshments will be available along with the chance to hear our very talented music students.

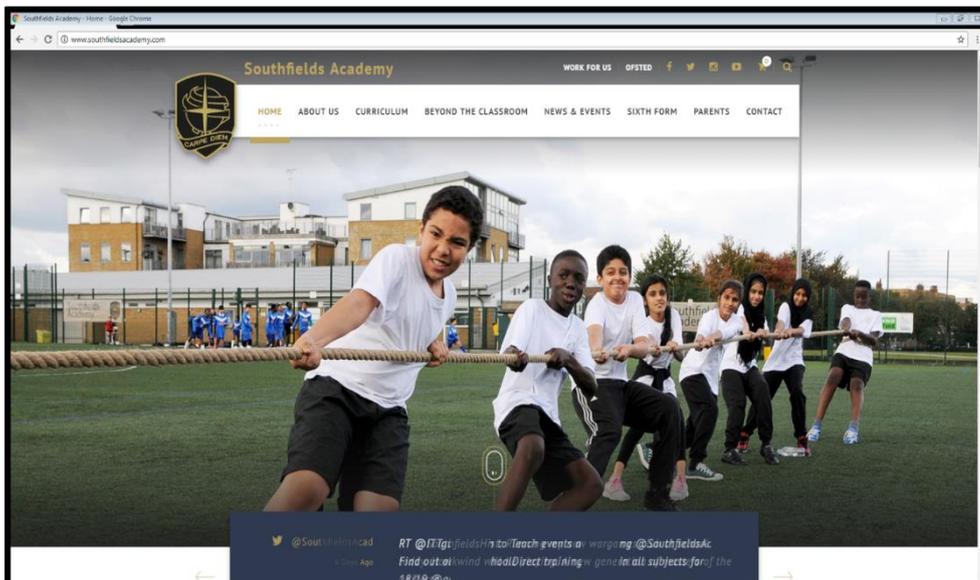
5.30 – 7.30pm – all welcome

Southfields Academy has a new website – Mr French

You may have noticed that we have been busy designing a new website. We have listened to what parents, visitors and staff have told us and have made vast improvements to the appearance, user journey and content of the website.

We see the new website as being a more organic site than we have ever had before and will work to continually improve and fine tune it so that all groups of users are able to find the information they need. Therefore, if you have any suggestions on how we may further improve it, do not hesitate to get in touch (info@southfieldsacademy.com)

Make sure you pay a visit and let us know what you think.





Widening Participation- **K+ PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 12 PUPILS**



On Wednesday 4th October, 9.30-10.30am, Shafaq Adnan, a final year medical student at King's will be delivering a K+ Talk to prospective K+ Year 12 in Room D189 (See Mr Browne).

K+ is a free programme which equips post-16 students, from under-represented groups, with the knowledge, confidence and skills to transition successfully to university.

Have you got at least English and Maths at 4 or above and 6 A-C grades at GCSE or equivalent with a minimum of 5 A or A* grades and / or 7's or above?*

As part of this two-year scheme, K+ students will:

- Receive a student e-mentor
- Take part in academic, cultural and careers-related experiences
- Attend our summer school and complete an academic assignment
- Receive support and guidance in applying to university
- Receive special consideration when applying to King's College London

Over the past couple years we have had several cohorts of students on the K+ programme, very recent cohorts of 2017 are Haleen Kurana & Zumra Khan with Thomas Bridgeman (13CAA) cohort of 2018.



Maria Fearon –Mentor Coordinator