



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

Year 12 Induction – Ms Frusciante

As the induction period for the new Year 12 students comes to an end, it is pleasing to see that they have settled well into their new courses. This year we have had increasing numbers of students join the sixth form from other schools. We decided to bring them into school for an induction day before other students started. This gave them a chance to get to know the school and for our tutors to start to get to know them.

Other activities to help students make the transition to sixth form have included team building, workshops on mindset and study skills support. Teachers have recorded indicators to show how each student has met basic expectations. Such as communicating with teachers, meeting deadlines and being appropriately equipped. After half term, students will have their first sixth form assessment week, when we will be able to identify any concerns about progress.

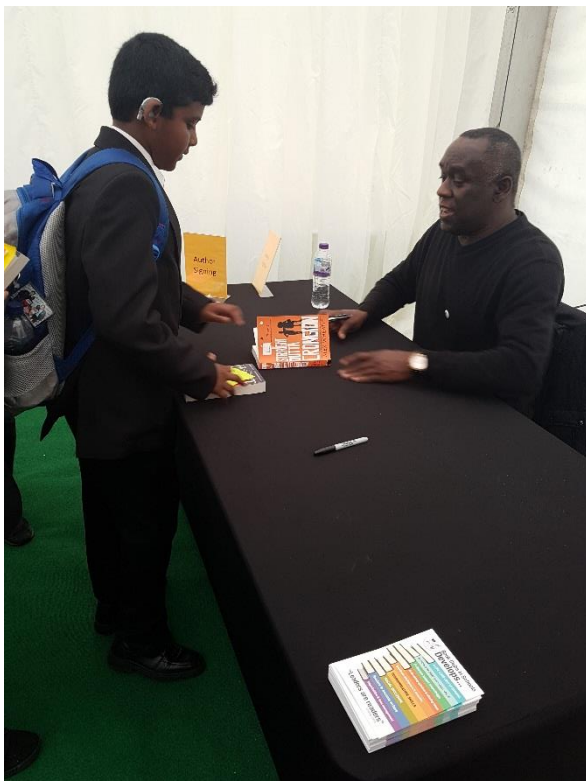
We held the annual Post-18 Careers Fair on 19th October. Students have the opportunity to speak to universities, training providers and employers and complete some research tasks to help them to raise aspirations and plan for the future.

We had an incredible range of delegates and this was a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the range of options available to students when they leave school. Full report to follow!

Wimbledon Bookfest Trip – Mr Cullen

Last Wednesday we took 15 of our Year 7 students to The Wimbledon Bookfest on Wimbledon Common. While there, the students listened to inspiring author Alex Wheatle talk about his life, how he followed an unlikely path into writing and the release of his new book 'Straight Outta Congton'.

Our students loved hearing the author speak and really enjoyed themselves. They were extremely well behaved and asked thoughtful and mature questions in the Q&A that followed. After the talk our students were given copies of Wheatle's new book and a copy of Tolkien's 'The Hobbit'. Our students were also able to briefly meet Wheatle to have their books signed and take a few selfies!



Dates for your Diary

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
4th December 2017 – INSET Day
14th December 2017 – UCAS application deadline
22nd December 2017 – Academy breaks for Christmas Holiday



Thought for the Week

“Success is a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you're tired. You quit when the gorilla is tired.”

Robert Strauss

Parent Pay – Mr Elson

As many parents and carers already know, Southfields Academy now has the ParentPay system enabling parents/carers to pay for their children's school meals online. It is easy to use and you can be assured that your children are spending money in the school canteen. Southfields Academy is keen to reduce the amount of cash that students bring into the school so we would encourage everyone to use ParentPay where possible.

You should have received log-in details in a letter but please contact finance@southfieldsacademy.com if you have any problems getting access to the system.

Netball Tournament – Ms Myers

On Wednesday 11th October, 13 Year 8 girls played in a netball tournament at Burntwood School, playing against 4 other teams from Wandsworth schools. The girls played incredibly well, winning 2/4 games and drawing one, especially since they have had only 25 minutes training so far this year!!

The determination, team work and sportswomanship the girls displayed was amazing, never letting the pressure get to them and always cheering for their opponents at the end of matches. It was a pleasure to watch some great netball and I look forward to seeing how far the Southfields team can go this year. Well done everyone.

Emergency Service Funding Petition

One of our Year 8 students, Ellie Sliman, along with her Dad, has started a petition to call on the Prime Minister to give more funding to the 999 emergency service. Ellie got the idea for the petition after an incident near her home during which there was a delay in getting a response for help via 999. She is aiming to get the 100,000 signatures required to have the issue debated in Parliament. Please follow this link to for more information <https://www.change.org/p/theresa-may-mp-more-funding-for-our-emergency-999-call-service>

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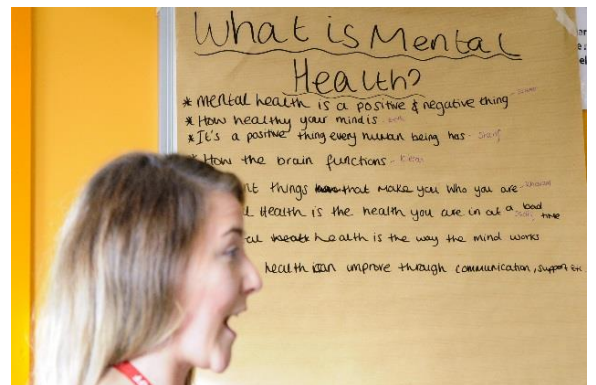
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Mental Health Champions – Mr Samuels

Year 9 students are currently being trained up as mental health champions by The Participation People. They will soon be delivering workshops and assemblies to their peers to help raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues.





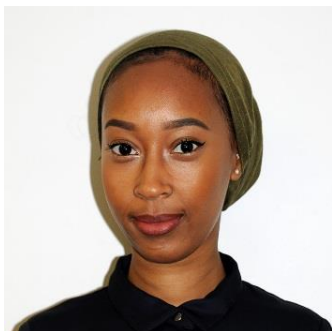
Alumnae of the Week – Mr Elson



There have been a couple of new staff members added to the finance team at Southfields Academy and this means that a majority of the team are now ex-Southfields students. Whilst the Director of Finance is old enough to remember the school being built in the 1960s, the two newest members of the team are much more recent leavers.

Jodie Collins left Southfields in 2011 after spending two years at Southfields following an unhappy year in Ashcroft's Sixth Form. It turned out to be a great move for her and she went on to Sussex University to study Accounting and Finance. After graduating, Jodie went to work for the Weatherspoon pub chain before being offered the chance to work at Southfields. Originally she worked in Sixth Form but her good work there was quickly noticed and she was interviewed for a vacant post in the finance department and offered the job.

Jodie said "I am very pleased to be back at Southfields, it is great to be working with so many familiar faces and I am very grateful of the opportunities I have been given to progress here both as a pupil and now as a staff member. During my time as a pupil at Southfields I was overwhelmed by the support I received from the teachers and support staff who were always on hand to support with all aspects of life in the 6th Form from essay writing to careers support. Southfields Sixth Form provides lots of amazing opportunities for the students. For example, when I was in Year 13 I was given the opportunity to be deputy head girl which greatly helped with my confidence and I felt very honoured to have this role after only being at Southfields for one year. In this role I was able to help the younger students and the community. After a disappointing start to post-16 at my previous college I am very proud to have left Southfields with excellent A Level results and life skills which have enabled me to pursue my chosen career path in finance."



Ilham and Jodie



Ilham Othman joined Southfields in Year 7 and went on to study Business Management at Kingston University after leaving in 2012. Ilham began work in a cinema but jumped at the chance to return to Southfields to work on the nursery finances.

Ilham said "I enjoyed my years at Southfields as a student and have many great memories of my lessons and teachers. I was such a shy girl and the teachers always took the time to notice and support me in lessons and it's got me to where I am today. I left after Year 11 to study at Richmond College but then came back to Southfields 6th form only a month later after missing my friends and teachers. I studied for another few years and got into Kingston University which after graduating I spent 2 years working in the cinema and travelling. I would always reminisce with friends about our time at Southfields and was overjoyed when my business teacher contacted me about the vacancy in finance. Although the school building has changed a lot now that it is an academy, it's great seeing fellow ex-pupils and the teachers again. I am pleased to be back at Southfields as a member of staff now."

Steve Elson, the Director of Finance says "I may be biased but I don't think you can go far wrong with the right ex-Southfields students in place. I was really pleased that we could employ both Jodie and Ilham and I look forward to both of them progressing in the future. In fact, I fully expect one of them to take my job in a few years".

Academy Awards Evening 2017

The Academy Awards Evening is being held on Thursday 2nd November 2017 which is held to recognise and celebrate student achievement.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Siobhan Chamberlain, England goalkeeper and Liverpool Ladies Footballer, to present the Awards.

Siobhan has played at top club level for Chelsea, Fulham, Birmingham City and Bristol Academy. She has represented the England women's national football team on more than 40 occasions since her debut for them in 2004. She has been part of the squad for 3 FIFA Women's World Cups and 3 UEFA Women's Championships.



Level 3 BTEC Sport Students Organise Outstanding Sports Events! – Mr Burchett



Level 3 BTEC Sport students at Southfields Academy planned, delivered and hosted sports events for students at the school.

The first event was a dodgeball event where many Year 7 students participated to try and win the elusive AFC Wimbledon Top. The dark blue team were victorious and walked away with a top each.

The second event was a football tournament where the students and even some tutors turned up to see the tutor group that had it in them to win! After a penalty shootout decider the red team were crowned winners!

A huge well done to the Year 13 students who delivered a successful event and superb participation from all who turned up to take part!



AFC Wimbledon vs Southfields 6th Form – Mr Herbert & Januzi

Wednesday 18th October saw the clash of the titans, AFC Wimbledon vs Sixth Form 1st team.

With the Sixth Form team rebuilding from last year's success, it was clear that the game would be a challenge, playing against a team that have been training and competing since the summer.

The game started off well with Southfields pressing AFC Wimbledon high up the pitch. This high press contributed to the first goal of the game due to a mistake in the Wimbledon defence. 1-0 Southfields. That was the score until the break and Southfields was quite rightly pleased with their performance.

After the break AFC Wimbledon cranked up the gears and raced to a 3-1 lead, largely thanks to a dubious penalty that was awarded from the referee (Mr Herbert!). AFC Wimbledon were growing in the game and it took some impressive defending from Lewis Martin to keep them out.

With 5 minutes left of the game, both teams were pressing for more goals. Wimbledon grabbed a fourth goal to make it 4-1. However, the game wasn't over...

Fantastic resilience from the Southfields lads saw them pull two goals back with the final score being 4-3.

It was a great game from both teams, end to end football for the duration of the match. Considering it was many of the team's first experience of playing 11 a side football they should be proud of their performance, especially against a strong AFC Wimbledon side with a great manager.

Thanks to Mr Burchett and Mr Munro for popping along to support.