



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017



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

### Year 8 – Mr Arthur

I am now starting to feel settled with the year group and getting to know names and faces.

Year 8 have achieved a lot already this year, Kacey Scotland won the Jack Petchey award for notable achievements amongst her peers.

We have also now selected our student council members who will be having regular meetings with other year representatives and Mr Samuels (student council leader).

For some the opportunities have already started, Asha McFarlane stood out amongst her peers last week

Mr Samuels said: *"Asha was outstanding at the anti-bullying conference yesterday.*

*She spoke in front of the entire conference of 300+ people and did so confidently. She was also picked out to be part of the anti-bullying ambassador programme this up and coming year. It was great to have her on the trip and she will make a great addition to the student council"*

A very proud moment for me was presenting awards to the students at the 'Prize Evening' event 2/11/2017. It always fills me with such excitement to see the young students at Southfields picking up awards for their achievements! Well done to all the students who received an award.

With lots on, leading up to Christmas, the year group will be preparing for their Options this year and lots of guidance will be offered during students' assemblies and tutor periods. This will help smooth the transition from Year 8 to Year 9.



## Southfields Academy

**All the choice of an F.E. college with the support of a caring school environment.**

*'Excellent A Level results.'*

*'Outstanding pastoral care.'*

*'Outstanding destinations, over 100 each year going on to university with 20% going to Russell Group universities.'*

**Our Sixth Form Open Morning is on  
7th December between 11:00 - 13:00.**

**We welcome visits from prospective Sixth Formers  
for a tour of the Academy.**

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### Ofsted Inspection

Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child's school was inspected by Ofsted on 17th October, their report of the visit can be found by visiting our website.

Thank you and your son / daughter for your continued support. You will be able to see why we are pleased with this report and we will continue to work to provide the best possible education for our students.

Kind regards,

Jacqueline Valin, Principal & Wanda Golinska,  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Skills London Day

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Year 7 & 8 Drop Down Day

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – IEAP Day

4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – INSET Day

14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – UCAS application deadline

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 – Academy breaks for  
Christmas Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Academy Resumes

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## Thought for the Week

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."  
Milton Berle



### Houses of Parliament Trip – Ms Atley

Year 12 Politics students went to the Houses of Parliament for a workshop and tour on Thursday to enrich their understanding of how Parliament works. Here they are in Westminster Hall, the oldest surviving part of the building, where Charles I went on trial before being executed. We had planned to have our picture taken outside 10 Downing Street - but apparently Theresa May was busy re-shuffling her cabinet so we couldn't get access. A lovely day out with students who were a credit to the school.



### Year 9 History trip to the Wimbledon Tennis Lawns – 13/11/17 – Mr Forsyth

30 students took a trip to the famous Wimbledon Tennis Lawns for an inspirational journey through the history of the tennis club. After a pleasant walk through Southfields, we arrived at the Lawns where we had the pleasure of taking a tour of the main facilities including the 'BBC Broadcast Booth', 'Court 1' and the 'Player's Interview Room'. Students were given an enthusiastic and hugely interesting lecture from the tour guide whilst sitting on 'Centre Court'. We heard about the development of tennis and the construction of the Lawns.

Following the tour, we had the opportunity to explore the museum and take part in the latest virtual reality experience where students were able to see previous Wimbledon finals, in an almost real setting.

The trip was hugely enjoyable and informative and the students were excellent throughout the day!



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### Save the Date – Ms Breen Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017



The annual switching on of the Southfields Christmas lights will be taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. A group of our music students will be providing live entertainment at the event. Please come along and support them and enjoy the festivities. More details to follow in coming newsletters.





## Wild in Art Visit – Ms Boddy



On Thursday 9th November the Business and Economics department had a visit from a business owner. The aim of the session was to inspire the students and show them that businesses come in a variety of formats. He also brought with him a huge snail and it certainly captured the attention of our students!

Charlie owns and runs Wild in Art who specialise in creating art installations in city centres. He has had a very colourful life before starting the business; joining the army, being in the UK Olympic skeleton and bobsled team and had a career in sports marketing. Charlie suffered a mental breakdown and this inspired him to do something different with his life. This is when he created Wild in Art. The installations have hugely positive economic and social impacts and donate up to 75% of their profits to charity. He was wonderfully engaging and several of the students stayed behind to ask him more questions about his life and business. He answered lots of questions that our inquisitive students prepared for him and I'm sure they left understanding more about real life businesses.

We look forward to seeing Charlie again next year!

## Southfields Academy expressive arts department presents:

# SPOTLIGHT

5<sup>th</sup> December, in The Black  
Box, 4:00 – 5:00  
students 50p a ticket  
adults £1 a ticket.  
All tickets are to be bought  
from the expressive arts office  
or on the door

A collection of dance works from the  
students at Southfields, all students  
are welcome to audition and perform  
*All dance style are celebrated*







## Anti-Bullying workshop - School Council

My experience of the anti-bullying workshop at Alexandra palace was amazing. When we first got there, we had an introduction to what we were going to be doing throughout the day and some of the celebrities that we may meet. It was really exciting and I think that everyone was extremely happy that they might get the chance to meet Bars and Melody!

One of the activities was called the "#be strong emoji" workshop where we made our own emojis and we added our own features. I thought that this activity was really fun. I thought this because we made them according to what we liked and based on our personalities.

Another activity I enjoyed was the street art. I enjoyed this because we got to make signs to make others as well as ourselves, feel better. Some signs were only a few words long and some had no letters at all, only pictures. However, they all meant the same thing.

The last activity that we did was "my true selfie". This activity was all about what's on the inside of people, not the outside. You could either draw on a t-shirt or on a large piece of paper. We drew around our heads and wrote about what we thought and what other people thought about us. Most people went around the room asking people what they thought of them, which was quite interesting because none of us knew anyone, apart from the people at our school.

My favourite part of the day was when we all shared what we learned and told each other what we did. This made everyone feel like they had done all of the activities and they would learn as much as everybody else had.

Overall, I think that the anti-bullying trip was a really fun and educational trip and it can help us when dealing with bullies in the future. A few of us were granted the opportunity of getting sponsored so we could soon become bullying ambassadors.



### Anti-bullying Project – Mr Samuels

The Southfields Academy School Council pitched an idea for an anti-bullying project at the Diana Award Anti-Bullying Conference and won £200 to help make it a reality! The idea was pitched by School Council members Ben and Kevina, in Year 9, to a panel of decision makers in a Dragon's Den style environment.

They presented in a thoughtful, confident and engaging manner and made us all very proud. Well done!

