



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 27th November 2017



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

Year 9 – Ms Minto

A group of 10 Year 9 students are currently taking part in a workshop which is being delivered by medical student Leanne Armitage of "Leanne's Amazing Medics". It aims to teach young people about the journey into the medical profession. During their first week she explained her reasons for wanting to study Medicine and what motivated her along the way and they also learned about the different scans which are used within hospitals. The students were really engaged and fascinated with her stories and the different areas of medicine that they could get into.

'We were really impressed by how keen they were! A very knowledgeable and interactive bunch! I look forward to our next session', Leanne.

Benjamin and Kevina, were selected as Year 9 Student Council representatives and received certificates in assembly last half term. Their first task in their new role was to design and present an Anti-Bullying Project at The Diana Award and they were successful in securing £200 funding. Well done guys!

'Ben and Kevina were absolutely amazing yesterday. Not only did they participate in the workshops but they also acted as leaders for the Academy through encouraging younger students to get involved. In addition to this, they presented the anti-bullying project idea to the conference and managed to secure £200 funding. They also went above and beyond to plan their pitch and only had a week to get it all together. They were both excellent and will be great additions to the student council this year', Mr Samuels.

16 Year 9 students were also selected to take part in a series of mental health workshops over the next 10 weeks. These sessions are run during PSHE lessons with 2 skilled Participation Officers from the Mental Health Peer Education Programme. The programme is about providing a youth-led approach to educating young people about mental health. The students will create creative campaign products to educate their peers about mental health and present their work in a Year 9 assembly

Finally, a reminder that Southfields Academy have an INSET day on Monday 4th December which will be followed by a week of assessments for the Year 9 students. Please encourage your son/daughter to revise at home and ensure that they are prepared with all the necessary equipment they will require during that period.

Consultation on educational provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Wandsworth



Wandsworth Council is carrying out a consultation about the educational provision that it makes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Wandsworth Council would like to hear your views on the best way to make educational provision for children and young people with SEND in the future.

Specific areas that are under consideration include:

- What changes are needed to enable more children and young people with SEND to be included in mainstream schools, and is there good practice that can be shared?
- Is further specialist provision needed and for which needs? How can more school places be offered locally?
- How can we develop an offer locally that gives more opportunities for young people with more complex disabilities to develop the skills needed for adult life, including employment skills?
- How should early years services develop to promote early intervention and ensure children with SEND can access the early education and childcare offer?

What happens next?

Views are invited from children and young people, parents / carers, schools, colleges and services.

Response forms for children and young people and parents / carers are available to download from our website. <http://parents.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=Wandsworth+SEND+Consultation&pid=194>

The consultation will close on 8th December 2017 and will be reported to Councillors during the spring term 2018.



Thought for the Week

“Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.”

Malala Yousafzai

Wandsworth Indoor Rowing Competition – Mr Miller

Congratulations to all the Southfields students from TAS & HIU taking part in the Wandsworth Indoor Rowing competition held at Linden Lodge School. The annual event organised by Enable Leisure is definitely the most exciting competition in the autumn term with over 50 young people taking part from across the borough.

While the whole team performed brilliantly, there were stand out performance from Abdullah Aylib, Jamie Berney, Chloe Newell & Denelle Page, who all won their races. Unfortunately, Mr Miller, Ms Campino & Ms Ramirez did not fare so well in the staff races!

Well done; Danial, Denelle, Freddie, Jigme, Enzo, Claudio, Ewan, India, Jamie, Seliyan, Yuleen, Chloe & Yusuf.



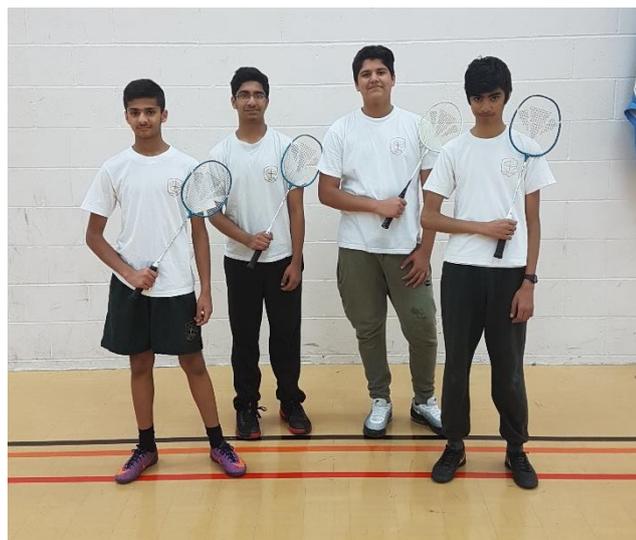
during the concert we will be accepting donations for **GLASSDOOR** helping local homeless people get back on their feet.

Southfields Academy
MUSIC
department
PRESENT
Candlelight
CONCERT
St Barnabas
CHURCH

Tuesday
12th December
6pm

Wandsworth School Games – Mr Jonuzi

Thank you to Haseeb Ahmad, Asim Javed, Abdullah Abdullah, and Fareed Ahmad for representing Southfields Academy in the Wandsworth School Games - Badminton Competitions on Wednesday 22nd November.



Dates for your Diary

- 4th December 2017 – INSET Day
- 6th December 2017 – Christmas Lights Switched On
- 12th December 2017 – Candlelight Concert, St Barnabas
- 14th December 2017 – UCAS application deadline
- 22nd December 2017 – Academy breaks for Christmas Holiday
- 8th January 2017 – Academy Resumes



Topping the Bill at the Christmas Lights



THE SOUTHFIELDS BUSINESS FORUM INVITES YOU TO



Southfields
Christmas Lights

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER
OPENED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF WANDSWORTH AT 4.30PM
LIGHTS SWITCHED ON AT 5PM

- * LIVE MUSIC BY SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY MUSICAL COLLECTIVE ON WIMBLEDON PARK ROAD
- * MAIN STAGE ON REPLINGHAM ROAD
- * LIVE JAZZ & CHRISTMAS MARKET STALLS
- * CAROLS, MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE
- * SING SWELL CHOIR PERFORMING AT 6.15PM



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The annual switching on of the Southfields Christmas lights will be taking place on Wednesday 6th December. A group of our music students from all year groups will be providing live entertainment at the event, from 4pm – 8pm and are practicing some 65 songs!

Please come along and support them and enjoy the festivities.

Southfields Stars Football – Mr Miller

There is no stopping the undefeated Southfields Stars Football team, who continued their fine run of form with another great performance against Garratt Park School on Monday night.

The team won three matches and drew one match, scoring lots of goals in the process. Congratulations to Claudio, Ewan, India, Shmir, Jamie, Freddie and Denelle for a representing Southfields Academy so well.

Player of the day: India Dove



Southfields Academy
expressive arts department
presents:
SPOTLIGHT

5th 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



Spotlight: 5th December, black box

Ms Risolino

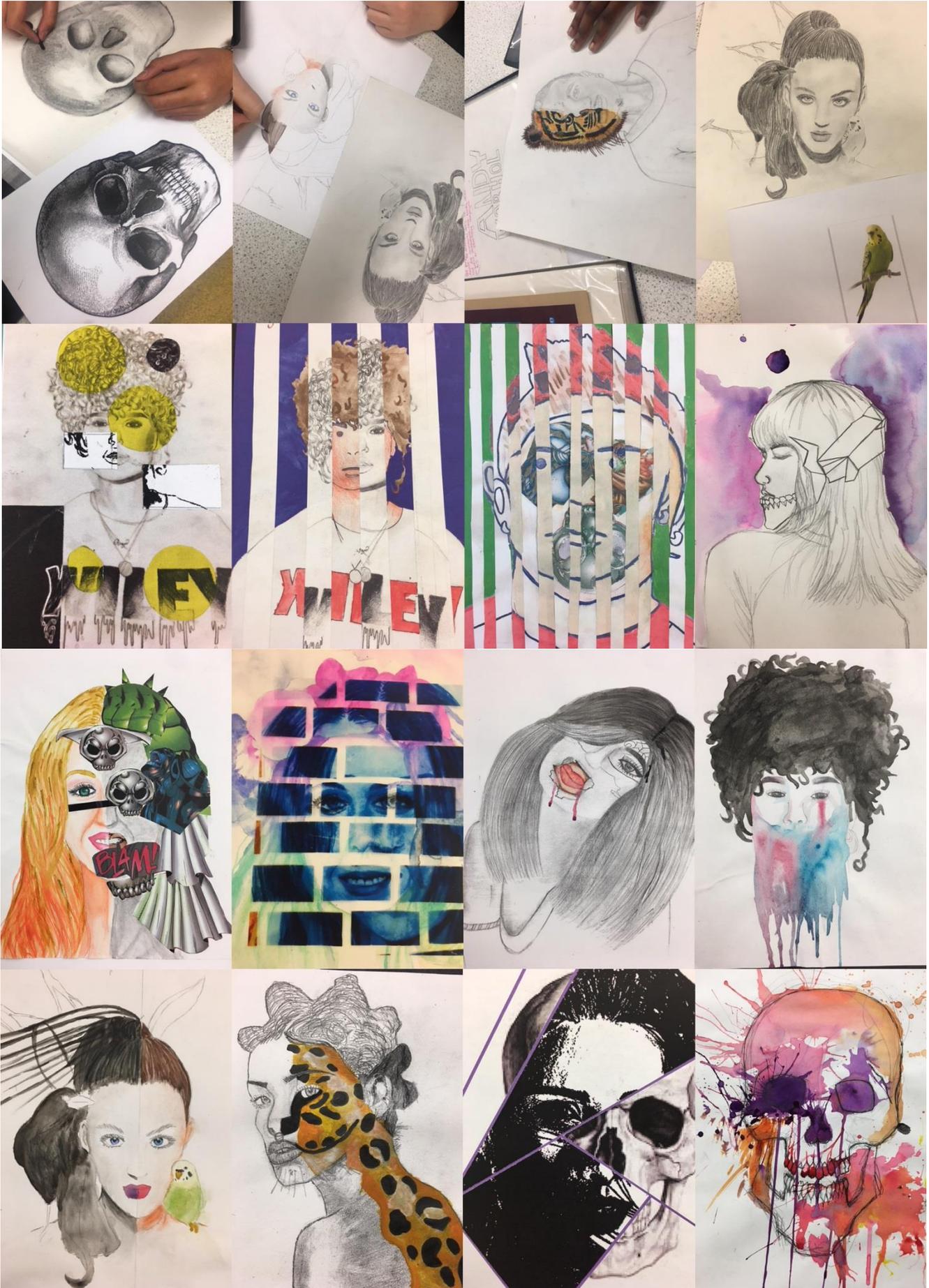
The winter dance show is fast approaching, please come and show your support and be amazed at the dance talent we have here at Southfields.. It starts at 4pm, and tickets can be bought on the door. Everyone is welcome.



GCSE Art 'Identity' – Mr Reis



Year 11 GCSE Students have looked at a range of artists that explore the same topic in their work. Students are researching with portraits, personal objects, cartoons, celebrities and other aspects of one's identity. Currently they are experimenting with ideas and materials and very soon will be producing an exam piece informed by this work.





AOC Conference - Luke St Clair



Our visit to the AOC conference was a truly enlightening experience into the world of journalism, we were lucky enough to be able to experience the reality of the job and the fact that sometimes you have work hard to get quotes and interviews from people.

The day started off with us entering the AOC conference to witness Ann Milton, the further education minister's, speech about further education as well as an interview by Steph McGovern from the BBC. This was a taste of the kind of relationship that the government's representatives have with their respective industries as there seemed to be a lot of criticisms addressed to the empty promises, out-of-touchness and misguided focus by the FE minister; as we learned through the vox pops. The vox pops were interesting because it allowed us to both see some of the opinions of those that were involved in the industry and showed us how newspapers get opinions whilst staying factual. We also got some insightful career advice from the BBC correspondent and the interviewer for the entire conference, Steph McGovern.

Next, we headed over to an FE college where Jeremy Corbyn was scheduled to speak, due in part to the fact that he attended it for a brief amount of time, as he told us. We helped interview the head of the college, I mostly took pictures but Emilly was more involved in the interview. Corbyn gave a speech about further education and the labour party and had a question segment where he answered questions on a variety of topics. Whilst he was leaving, in the true fashion of a journalist, I sneaked in. We had a conversation about the political position of the labour party and whether he thought a more regularly elected centrist labour was better than a large policy pushing hard left labour. We spent a portion deciding on the definition of a "hard left" labour, in short, he thought a labour with socialist values and motives was important. However short the conversation was I enjoyed every second of it, the nature of the question meant it could not have been answered thoroughly in such a short period of time but it was nice to be able to ask something that he might have thought about even after he has left. A question that leaves you questioning your own values even if they are set is rare, but, can end up giving you a completely different view on every part of life.



We returned to the AOC hall and listened to Corbyn give a talk and be interviewed by Steph, amongst two other guests, including the head of Ofsted and the CEO of AOC. The trip was an amazing experience and I wish I could've gone for the second day, nevertheless it was a magical experience and I felt I knew much more about journalism than I had no less than a day before.

AMA Careers Fair – Ms Breen

Ms Valin and Ms Golinska represented the Academy at the AMA Careers Fair at the Morden Mosque last Saturday.

The event was held to offer young people and parents from the Ahmadiyya community guidance and advice on Post 16 education, apprenticeships and employment. Ms Golinska gave a presentation on Post 16 education and opportunities and the Academy stand attracted many visitors who were very interested to hear about the excellent progress our students make and the recent extremely positive findings of Ofsted. The fair was also a great opportunity to say hello to some past and current students who attended the event at their mosque.





AOC Conference – Emily Vieira Dos Santos



A dilemma: Jeremy Corbyn or Education? Both?

An Insight into Journalism, Jeremy Corbyn's Admirable Connection with The Youth of Britain, Meeting Steph from Breakfast, Tweeting and Vox Pops

It is simple really- when given the opportunity to make the acquaintance of Mr Jeremy Corbyn, there is no opposing argument (even if it does result in absence for the entirety of a school day). Therefore, when approached by FE Week for a day of journalism work experience at the AoC Conference (and after the so generous offering of time with Jeremy Corbyn), I agreed. Who wouldn't?

Therefore, on the morning of Tuesday 14th November, I travelled from London to Birmingham alongside Catherine Murray (a journalist from FE Week reporting on the Conference) and her son, Luke StClair- a Year 10 student, like myself, at Southfields Academy. Despite the early hours, we both found that the excitement was almost unbearable; there was a distinct itch as we approached the city, an adrenaline rush of butterflies and light headedness -which the train could not be held accountable for. Train sickness matters little when anticipation has done all the prior work.

And so, Luke and I sat, restless, for an hour and a half, his mum in the seat ahead - as is the usual with journalists - all business, and yet still the epitome of relaxation. We waited - discussing the day ahead, reading and highlighting texts so that we were aware of what the event was about, doing a cheeky bit of homework (because, clearly, school follows us wherever we go)- and waited.

When we finally arrived in Birmingham, the conversation flipped, surprisingly, onto the topic Christmas (due to the setting up of a Christmas fair beside the venue), and, subsequently, religion. There are only two ways a conversation like that can end -either through a further disagreement over sport, or a further disagreement over politics. (A disagreement nonetheless.) What do three leftists eventually end up talking about? Labour; Corbyn. So, ironically, as we approached the Conference at which we would hear the aforementioned politician speak, we spoke of nothing but his strategies (as you do, of course).

Inside the conference, we found two things -fancy people and fancy advertisements. Also, handshakes; a lot of handshakes. After leaving our things in an allocated 'Media Suite', we located the hall in which the first speaker (Anne Milton) would be addressing the topic of conversation- T-Levels, Colleges, Further Education and the requirement (or lack thereof) for Maths and English GCSEs when going into a vocational path of work.

This was our (mine and Luke's) first experience of a conference; and how did we spend it? Tweeting. Oh, teenagers, how dare they? Now, consider this - we were asked to tweet about the event using the hashtag (which, due to our contribution, trended nationally). Who knew that journalism consisted of social media? Aside from Jeremy Corbyn, this was the highlight of the day for me.

After Anne Milton (and an amazing address by Matthew Syed), we had short, one minute interviews with the people at the event - these are called vox pops. Our question to a total of 11 people was - 'if you had one minute with Anne Milton, what would you say?' Halfway through this task, we approached Steph McGovern, from BBC Breakfast, with whom we had a prolonged conversation, talking about interests and what to do to raise employability. A couple of pictures (and some amazing advice) later, we returned to the task of statements.

After lots of eye contact, nodding, smiling, holding recording devices close to people's mouths, and a lot more handshakes, Luke and I were given the task of taking down all the recordings of everything they said, word for word.

Later, (after lunch) we walked to South & City College in preparation for an interview with the Principal, and a Jeremy Corbyn Q&A session. After showing us the music department of the school, Mike Hopkins sat down with us for a 30 minute interview, during which we discussed their women campus, the type of students that they take and the importance of his personal involvement with his pupil's learning.



Interview continued...



Corbyn arrived around five minutes after the interview had finished, greeted with claps and chants of "Oh, Jeremy Corbyn"; like the humble man he is, he simply smiled and waved, and walked along (a crowd of people following behind him). As Corbyn disappeared for a few minutes, we situated ourselves at the back of the room where we waited for the session to begin. Again, during his introduction, Corbyn stepped to the front to the soundtrack of applause.

He received questions, and he spoke directly to those who asked the questions. After twenty-five minutes of this routine, he stepped into the crowd of students and sat beside two girls (who, as expected of teenagers, attempted to take selfies with him -which he gladly accepted). He looked around for a few seconds, and clapping (as is always the case with Corbyn) began. To this sound, he stood, and smiled, and opened his arms (almost like a political Jesus), and pointed at us all- his expression was largely one of "don't applaud me, praise yourselves - you're the reason why we're all here".

He made his way out (after being bombarded with people ahead of him who decided that they were going to try to take a selfie with him, even if he wasn't looking at the camera), followed once again by a crowd of people. During the duration of his walk to the car (which was around a minute) Luke managed to sneak in front of the crowd and ask him a question, to which he gave a very diplomatic answer, as expected.

As Corbyn made his way back to the conference by car, already late after spending too long with the young people, Luke, his mum and I walked back, speeding so that we were prepared for his speech, which commenced a few minutes after we arrived back there. His speech was, amongst many things, extremely amazing. I tweeted 90% of what he said. After he was questioned by Steph McGovern, he left the stage, once again, to a round of applause. Two other speeches followed, by Amanda Spielman (head of Ofsted) and David Hughes, both of which were also, in their own respects very good (including the parody of 'Jolene' at the end of Hughes' speech).

After a long day of pretending to be journalists, we made our way back to the trains (once again discussing Corbyn). Despite the amazing experience (seeing Corbyn in action amongst those he wishes to work for, meeting one of the most famous journalists in Britain, interviewing people for quotes and tweeting about the event in a professional way), I decided that journalism is not the career path for me, although it has some major perks - the opportunity to meet Corbyn, for example.



AFC Wimbledon 5 V 2 Kingstonian FC – Mr May



With recent results not going with performances, we knew that we needed to get ourselves back to winning ways.

This week we decided to change our formation to a 442, mainly due to personnel available for selection. We have spent the last two training sessions really focusing on our defensive discipline and understanding. The game started with promising signs of lads showing their understanding of what we have asked of them, however a slight blip in concentration allowed Kingstonian to take the lead. Kingstonian took the lead very much against the grain with AFC Wimbledon dominating a lot of the possession and a lot of the chances. As the game grew we became a lot more clinical in front of goal and looked to finish the game before half time.

When the full-time whistle blew we walked into the changing rooms 4-1 up.

The half time talk was full of positive aspects but also looking to improve our defensive structure to make it more difficult for Kingstonian to get back in to the game. We knew the importance of dealing with the weather, now playing against the wind, and learning how to manage the game and not to kill any tempo in the game.

The second half started and we looked calm and composed in possession, however at times we were our own biggest enemy by trying to overplay in the wrong areas instead of exploiting the spaces behind. Our own over indulgence cost us dearly in the 70th minute mark when Kingstonian broke through to make it 4-2. It was important that the boys maintained their composure and standards and made sure that it was never easy for Kingstonian in possession. Luckily, we were rewarded with a penalty around the 75th minute mark and as this went in it gave us a bit of breathing space to manage the game properly.

As the full-time whistle blew the game finished with a 5-2 win, and you could see the elation on the boys faces.



Southfields
Academy

18th & 19th December
2017 6pm



Tickets are £1 for
students & £2 for adults

All are welcome! You
can pay on the door or
pre-order through the
drama department

SOUTH – WEST SIDE STORY



An adaptation of *West Side Story*

A story of love set against a backdrop of gang
violence in a city that never sleeps

West Side Story: 18th & 19th December – Ms Risolino

Drama and dance have been busily directing, choreographing and rehearsing Southfields academy's first ever musical production. Please come and show your support at this monumental event. This has been a long-time coming and we need big audiences to attend both nights. Tickets can be bought on the door or prior to the event from the drama and dance office - the students will be so pleased with your support and we know when you watch this you will be so proud of their achievements.



London Youth Games presents:



The Wandsworth Dance Battle

**12th December
2017 at
Southfields
Academy,
4pm start in
the black box**



Come and support Southfields' dance crews
battle against other schools in the borough to
win a place at the London Youth Games final!
We need a loud crowd to support our dancers.

Wandsworth dance competition: 12th December – Ms Risolino

Southfields are two year running champions of Wandsworth in Dance and we are looking to make it a hat trick. Please come and show your support at this free event, 4pm in the black box.



International Group with King's College London – Ms Fearon

Over the past three weeks a group of pupils in the International Group have benefitted from a link with King's College London (STAR). A group of 5 volunteers have been providing an outreach link in the school for an hour each week. This aims to raise aspiration and inspire our IG pupils -

- Raise their awareness of Higher Education opportunities
- Acquire and develop study skills in order to improve their application to their studies
- Develop greater self-esteem, motivation and confidence
- Visit KCL and meet role models

The 1st Stage of the programme covered Life Skills, Study skills, Careers and CV writing with a mock interview at Southfields. The 2nd Stage will be held during the Half-Term break (Feb 12- 16) with a structured trip to King's College London for taster lessons.

In addition, 4 other volunteers from KCL have been facilitating an EAL Reading with 10 Beginners to English (IG) on a Monday after-school. Two Peer Mentors, Hayaat Mahamed and Safura Altaf Safura (13GRS) have also contributed their time to reading with the IG. More volunteers are invited to join the group too.

