



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 4th December 2017



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

Inter-Tutor Tug of War – Mr Munro

Year 7 – 13/11/2017

All tutor groups showed up in great numbers. It was very competitive throughout, with all teams showing great sportsmanship/sportswomanship. After every tutor group had played each other once, it was 7CRT who came out on top, winning all of their games.

After the competition had concluded, the Year 7 competitors went head to head with the Year 12s, who were assisting with the running of the tournament. After a very tough and close match, it was the Year 7s who were victorious.

Final Table

Position	Tutor Group	Matches Won
1	7CRT	4
2	7HBG	3
3	7BHT	2
4	7BRAD	2
5	NWN/TRT	1



Dates for your Diary

4th December 2017 – INSET Day

5th December 2017 – Spotlight Dance

6th December 2017 – Southfields Christmas Lights Switched On

12th December 2017 – The Wandsworth Dance Battle

12th December 2017 – Candlelight Concert, St Barnabas

14th December 2017 – UCAS application deadline

18th December 2017 – West Side Story Production

19th December 2017 – West side Story Production

22nd December 2017 – Academy breaks for Christmas Holiday

8th January 2017 – Academy Resumes





Thought for the Week

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."

Nido Qubein



AFC WIMBLEDON
FOUNDATION
Club Together

Girls' Tournament – Mr Burchett

A total of 430 girls took part in events organised by AFC Wimbledon's Foundation recently with the EFL Trust Girls Cup tournament as a fantastic success.

With 20 teams taking part in the Girls Cup, including a team from Southfields Academy, it meant a bumper turn-out of 180 girls flocking to Tooting & Mitcham FC. Greenshaw School, Sutton, triumphed in the final, edging out Cheam High School, in a tournament for Year 7 and 8 girls. Southfields' girls acquitted themselves very well, narrowly missing out on victory.

The event built on the success of AFC Wimbledon Foundation's participation in the FA's Girls' Football week with 250 girls taking part.

AFC Wimbledon Foundation Coach Emma O'Connor said: "We had our most productive Girls Week ever with 250 participants and a series of disability and club tournaments. We were delighted with the turn-out at each event, along with the coverage we received on Sky Sport News and the Premier League.com. Following on from that, we hosted our EFL Trust Girls Cup event. It was great to see so many girls having an opportunity to play and we were also pleased that Year 9 and 10 girls volunteered to referee games."

Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Challenge – Ms Douglas

Year 10 students took part in an exciting one day workshop, which teaches the importance of delivery in a speech, in particular, how to connect physically with an audience through voice, eye contact and body language.

The day involved:

- An introduction to the course: Exploring the relevance to young people of being a good speaker
- Student introductions: The students introduce themselves
- Top Tips: The group analyses what makes an effective speaker
- Impromptu Speaking: An exercise in which students have a chance to talk without preparation
- Giving and receiving feedback: An explanation of the importance of giving and receiving constructive feedback and providing a verbal and written structure for doing so
- Evaluation: The students receive feedback which recognises their strengths and the areas in which they could improve.

The students reported that this was a confidence building experience which taught them new skills in public speaking. Students were chosen to take part in the 'Speak Out' semi-finals.

Linden Lodge Links – Ms Carter

Today I took a wonderful group of 6th formers on a visit to Linden Lodge with the prospect of volunteering in the near future. The group were given a tour of the school by the Deputy Head, David Shaw and a Q&A with the deputy of residential, Alyson Whelan. It was a very humble experience for all and we are excited to re-establish the previous link.



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Alumnus of the Week - Nayyar Zahid

September 2009 - June 2012

After leaving Southfields Academy I went on to my next chapter and decided to go to University of Westminster to study Business Management. I successfully managed to graduate with a 2:1 and began my journey into the life of work. Since then I have worked in various organisations and worked as an intern in finance roles, in order to enhance my experience as well as opportunities of finding more desirable roles.

During my time at SA my teachers gave me the confidence and belief that I could make it into university. Mr Browne gave me the opportunity to join Southfields and he always kept faith in my abilities to succeed. He also gave me the opportunity to represent the college alongside my two fellow students for achieving the best A level grades in the borough.

Currently I am working as an Accounts Payable Clerk and I am also planning to gain further professional qualifications.

In order to land the perfect job university is not the only option available. In this day and age experience is vital as it shows employers the skills which you have at your disposal and your capability as an individual. University is a great platform but unfortunately it is not enough to land the dream role which you desire, I would highly recommend to get as much work experience as you can, and this can include the likes of voluntary work and internships. If I could go back to College for my A levels I would have picked a different range of subjects which would give me a better scope for my future aspirations and personally I would have probably gone for an Apprenticeship as in my opinion they have excelled universities.



Y7 and 8 trip to Harry Potter: A History of Magic at the British Library – Ms Swann

Last week, 30 Y7 and 8 students were selected by their English teachers for a special reward trip to the British Library. The students were chosen based on their enthusiasm for reading and many were huge Harry Potter fans.

The students were amazingly well behaved and enthusiastic throughout the day. At the exhibition, they became experts in magic by completing a range of tasks including: creating their own magical creature, mastering a spell and creating potions in the herbology room.





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.

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.

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.



Croydon Takeover Day – Ms Fearon

Well done to Geoffrey Bada (IGGLN) for participating in Croydon's first Takeover Challenge Day on Friday 24th November. Geoffrey joined 68 young people in taking over some of the town's top jobs- he acted as the Deputy Councillor for Children, Young People and Learning of Croydon "It was a bit stressful but I enjoyed it".



"...The Takeover Challenge is a fantastic opportunity for Croydon borough to showcase just how effective our partnership working is, and the young people's voices will be heard as they provide us with feedback on how we can improve our engagement with young people in the future."

<http://news.croydon.gov.uk/teen-takeover-in-croydon-a-huge-success>



Mosaic

The Power of Positive Thinking

Mosaic Enterprise Challenge 2017-18

Mosaic Enterprise Challenge is an online business simulation game that replicates the real world. Year 7-10 students are invited to enter the competition as a team of 5 players. Deadline for registration is Friday 8th December. See Mentor Coordinator Room A116. Mosaic Enterprise Challenge Competition will begin in January-March 2018.

Prizes :-A cheque for £2500 for the school; £500 to invest in a social enterprise which benefits their school; A winner's trophy ; A winner's medal; Asus Chromebook Flip and A one-in-a-lifetime afternoon experience!



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LSE Mentoring Induction Day

On Wednesday 6th December targeted Year 9 & International Group students will be participating in an Induction day with 15 LSE mentors in A129 at 2.35pm. The after-school sessions will run for 10 weeks from January- March 2018.

Year 7 & 8 Kingswood Trip Payment Reminder

Please can all students /parents who would like to attend the Kingswood residential trip, please return their deposits to the Academy general office as soon as possible.

If your child is planning to attend but you have any financial concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year as soon as possible,