



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017



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

### Performing Arts - Ms Risolino

This week has been a busy fortnight in the dance department; we have had Spotlight, the academy's winter dance show, which was a roaring success with great audiences- thank you so much to all of the talented dancers and our amazing and supportive audience.

The Wandsworth Dance Competition was once again hosted by Southfields and for the third year in a row we have won the key stage 4 category. Well done to our superb Year 10 dancers, next stop The Copper Box arena for the London Youth Games Final.

We have two more drama shows this week, the first being The Homeless Project. Our Year 12 students went to Waterloo station to research what it is to be homeless through method preparation (actually experiencing what it is to be homeless) and this Thursday saw the fruits of their labour in heart wrenching performances. Missing Dan Nolan was the first performance for our Year 12 level 2 students; a challenging piece of ensemble work that showed great emotional range.

We have also had the Year 12 students attend a workshop with third year drama students at St Mary's University and we are looking to strengthen that link for our high achieving performing arts students.

Don't forget to book your West Side Story tickets from the general office for next week!



### Dates for your Diary

18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – West Side Story Production  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – West side Story Production  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Students break for Christmas Holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Academy Resumes  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Year 11 6<sup>th</sup> Form Taster Day  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Year 11 Parents' Evening





## Thought for the Week

"Man never made any material as resilient as the human spirit."  
**Bernard Williams**



## PE – Athletics - Ms Carter

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December we held an indoor athletic event with Year 8. Students took part in a variety of races with mixed teams and distances. The vibe was very positive and we were very pleased with the effort and enthusiasm shown.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December was the start of the Year 7 indoor inter-tutor Athletics competition.

A great way to end the term with the whole year group taking part. The students were very enthusiastic and the effort shown was amazing throughout. Every student took part in a race, winning points for their tutor group along the way.

The results will be announced in the achievement assembly

Well done to Nagwa, Adeleah, Jasire and Dante for being sport leaders, supporting and encouraging the students.

## Banhams Uniformed Services Visit

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> a small group of students from the Uniformed Services course were invited to Banham in Earlsfield to learn about all things security. We spent the morning at the Banham Academy learning about the vast range of CCTV, alarms and security systems and jobs available in the security sector.

We were also given a tour of the Alarm Receiving Centre where their own security is state of the art and would rival Fort Knox! Following on from this the students were split into 2 teams and took part in 3 quizzes based on all the information they had been given, with Team B narrowly scraping the lead in the final quiz.

Many thanks to Banhams for a very interesting and interactive morning.



## U16 Basketball Title – Mr Miller



Southfields Academy U16 Girls successfully defended their Wandsworth Basketball title with a magnificent 17-8 victory over Bolingbroke at Caius House. As the Borough champions they will now go on to represent Wandsworth in London School Games. Well done girls on an amazing achievement.



## Candlelight concert, St Barnabas



The PA was humming and the stage was lit. 'Tis the time for mince pies, mulled wine and Southfields Academy Music department's annual candlelight concert in St Barnabas Church. The concert, which had 25 students taking part, was an eclectic mix of world music.

There was a rich mixture of musical heritage ranging from classical to blues, from rock to pop, from Ska to indie as well as metal and some hard rock; it came to a magical conclusion with all performers stepping onto the stage to sing George Michael's "Last Christmas".

The changeovers were seamless and the performers all exuded talent and exuberance. Mulled wine and delicious mince pies were on offer and the retiring collection for The Glass Door charity managed to raise over an astounding £130. Many thanks to Charles Pinder, Mr Q and Meg Gates for playing, organising and running the concert in such superb fashion; all very much appreciated by the parents and staff that attended.



As London's largest emergency winter night shelter, Glass Door provides a safe, warm place to sleep for at least 100 men and women every night in winter -- from November to early April. They are able to do this thanks to partnerships with churches across the boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea and Wandsworth. Guests of their emergency shelters also receive a hot supper and breakfast in the morning, cooked and served by volunteers. These free services are a life-line to those who would otherwise be sleeping on the street.

Many thanks to the Revd. Ian Tattum and St Barnabas for supporting the Academy in this and many other ventures.





## 6<sup>th</sup> Form News – Ms Hess



Students in or joining our 6<sup>th</sup> form have a wide range of opportunities to develop their entrepreneurial and communication skills with extra-curricular activities that support our students to aim high in terms of career options.

Last week a group of 20 students were selected from Year 12 to attend an information event about Oxford and Cambridge universities at Twickenham and watch the Varsity Match. They had the opportunity to chat with current students studying a range of subjects before attending an inspirational presentation from the two universities. Despite the heavy rain at times, they enjoyed watching the women and men's Varsity rugby match. Many of the students hadn't thought about applying to university and are now considering it a possibility.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> students from Year 12 took part in the Micro-Tyco Deloitte challenge. They were given £1 and one month to grow it by means of fundraising. The charity that benefitted was Wildhearts Micro Finance, which helps people in the developing world set up businesses to work their own way out of poverty. Students were creative and held different activities around school. They had to present a diary with the challenges faced and how they overcame them. We are delighted that they raised £245 from the activities. Once again our students have shown their entrepreneurial skills which could lead them to gain a prestigious work experience placement in the summer at Deloitte.



## Young Chef of the Year – Ms Waugh

This week we held the semi-finals for Wandsworth Young Chef of The Year 2017/18. Massive congratulations to Nathaniel Bryan, Renai McCrea, Emilly Dos Santos and Rose Picicco for getting this far.

The dishes they cooked far exceeded our expectations and the standard they set was outstanding. The judges commented on how delicious Renai's main course was, they said that Nathaniel's prawn starter was exceptional, they loved Emilly's passion fruit mousse and were particularly impressed with Rose's presentation skills. Special congratulations go to Rose who was named the winner and will now have the challenge of competing in the finals against other contestants from surrounding schools in the borough.

Thank you to all the staff who supported us and those who came down to show their support to the students during the cook off. Let's hope we win the finals!





**A massive congratulations to all of you keep up the hard work!**

## **Design and Technology**

### **Proudly Presents Year 7 Outstanding Student Awards**



**Marvin Frimpong 7SWT**

For improved effort

**Koshik Rubamoorthy 7NWN** Astute analysis and effort in completing all tasks to the best of his ability

**Jamie Berney 7MYS** Very creative in design and skilled in drawing

**Abdullah Baig - 07CRT**

For improved attainment and progress

**Kie Borham 7CRT**

For putting in extra hours to improve his designs

**Olivia Porter 7TRT**

For her detailed final outcome in Graphics

**Mariam El Kouiriat Akhazan 7NWN**

For effort and her positive attitude



## **Design and Technology**

### **Proudly Presents Year 8 Outstanding Student Awards**



**Shareen Kader 8HIE**

For improved attainment in Fashion

**Holly Barton Young 8DNN**

Very skilled in practicals and always showing others what to do

**Kashifa Khan - 08FYH**

For improved progress

**Marium Mohammed 8FHY**

Always focused and trying her best

**Radoslav Todorov 8FYH**

For amazing effort in Fashion

**Kyle Baker 8FRH**

Excellent attitude to homework and effort in class

**A massive congratulations to all of you, keep up the hard work!**

