



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 29th January 2018



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

Year 8 News – Mr Arthur

Happy New Year to Southfields Academy students, parents and carers. Sending you our best wishes going into 2018...

Having spent a term with the current Year 8 cohort, I am pleased to say that I'm very proud of all their achievements last year, celebrated in our Christmas Achievement Assembly.

The new year has started with a strong message regarding options for GCSE studies in Year 9.

All Year 8 tutors are well informed about the process students have to go through in order to choose their GCSE subjects and you can be sure that the year group will be well guided through it all. Where the students are concerned, this will take place during tutor periods, assemblies and PSHE lessons.

For parents, the first event where you can get more information concerning options is Tuesday 30th of January. Time and place will be confirmed soon.

Please give us your support and join us for the event on Tuesday, to make sure the transition between KS3 and KS4 go as smoothly as possible.

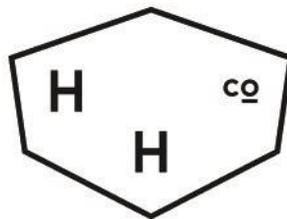
Looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Hundred House Coffee Project - Mr Smith and Mr Stainer

Year 10 Design GCSE students have just started a live design brief to suggest and design a name and corresponding logo for The Hundred House Coffee, an independent coffee roastery based in Shropshire, who are releasing a new blend from Brazil. Freshly roasting all their coffee in the UK, they pride themselves on buying the finest quality product from around the world from dedicated farmers with an ethical ethos.

This industrial competition, exclusive to Year 10 Southfields Academy students, will help give the students an insight into the working and practice of completing a real brief. The students will research branding of The Hundred House Coffee as well as other brands, before refining and developing their initial ideas to a professional level and consideration. The best students will have their ideas presented to representatives from The Hundred House Coffee for professional feedback, with the potential of a design by one of our students on produced coffee packaging distributed throughout the UK.

<http://www.hundredhousecoffee.com/>



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Dates for your Diary

31st January 2018 – Year 7 Parents' Evening

8th February 2018 – Students Break for Half Term

9th February 2018 – INSET Day

12th February 2018 – Half Term Break

19th February 2018 – Academy Resumes

19th February 2018 – Year 10 Mock Examinations begin

19th February 2018 – Year 11 Assessment Week



Thought for the Week

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.
Charles Dickens



Inspiring Futures Day

On Tuesday 23rd January over 40 high ranking professionals from industry visited the Academy to support our Year 12 students and help them prepare for their futures in a range of activities.

All students were given the opportunity to have a mock job interview with a professional. In order to make the experience as real as possible, students were given a choice of jobs to 'apply for' and spent some time preparing for the interview in advance, with their form tutors. The Sixth Form team set up a reception and waiting room where students nervously waited to be called for interview. After the interview, students had a discussion with the interviewer about what went well and what could have been improved. They also received valuable written feedback from the interviewer.

A wide range of workshops run by industry professionals to address both careers and personal development needs were also on offer. Students were able to choose the ones that suited their needs and interests. For example, we ran workshops on different career sectors such as finance, technology and Law. Personal development workshops included: time management, driving awareness and personal statement workshops. Student engagement and enthusiasm for the event was high.

We were lucky to have support from high calibre professionals from a variety of workplaces, including The House of Commons, Amazon, Sir Robert McAlpine, H.M. Revenue and Customs and Google.



Some feedback from our visitors:

"I have done several of these events at other schools and Southfields students are the most impressive yet" – Ray Armfield, HMRC

"Really good school, invested in the future of their pupils, very professional" – Sophie Phillips, TFL

"Excellent school with excellent organisation, would have loved to see girls in my presentation!" – Emma Shakespeare, Sir Robert McAlpine (Senior Engineer)

"Good communication and well organised. I would love to suggest implementing SKY graduate scheme and SKY academy for schools as an additional resource" – Katie West, SKY Media (Branded Content Controller)



Estonian Educational Visit – Ms Breen



Southfields Academy welcomed a group of newly appointed headteachers from Estonia this week. They were in the UK to visit schools and to learn from experienced school leaders here about best practice and good leadership. While at the Academy, the visitors took a tour of the school with Deputy Headteacher, Mr Holt, and visited several lessons. Afterwards they had the opportunity to take part in a Q&A session with Ms Valin. The group was unanimous in agreeing that the visit had given them many new ideas to take back and implement in their schools in Estonia.



Wandsworth win the West London Panathlon Challenge – Mr Miller

Tuesday 23rd of January saw the schools in Wandsworth join forces and compete with teams from Kingston, Merton and Sutton in the West London Panathlon Challenge 2018.

Students from Linden Lodge, Greenmead, Burntwood and Hornsby House joined together in sports specifically designed for young disabled people such as Boccia, table cricket, New Age Kurling and athletics. The finale was relay races in which all students took part, which was very nerve-wracking but exciting at the same time.

Going into the final relay races, the excitement levels were at an all-time high with the Wandsworth team needing victories in order to win the whole competition. Elena from Linden Lodge best describes the finale by saying; “We had a few losses and wins, but, we still were none the wiser who had won until the announcement, the winner is... WANDSWORTH! The team had done it, the cheering from everyone was so good to see, amazing!”

Nick Miller, School Games Organiser from Southfields Academy said “It was a fantastic achievement from all the young people and teachers involved in the team. Panathlon is a brilliant event and it is inspiring to see so many wonderful performances. We now look forward to competing in the London Final in March”.



Girls’ Volleyball – Mr Miller

Southfields Girls’ Volleyball team put on a great performance in the Wandsworth School Games volleyball, finishing third overall in the tournament at Ernest Bevin College. Taking on the might of Putney High & Graveney Schools, who have both been the London volleyball champions in recent years, it was always going to be a tough competition. The team, including Elissa, Felicity, Helen and captain, Joanna; put on a fantastic performance and were winning in each of the matches.

In the end it wasn't to be, but everyone was impressed with the level of the girls’ volleyball and were invited by the Malory Eagles volleyball coach to come along to their club sessions. Well done to all involved.





School Games Update – Mr Miller



It has been a busy week in the School Games calendar with Southfields hosting a number of sporting events from primary schools.

On Monday, Southfields was the venue for the Wandsworth Sportshall Athletics final. Teams from Granard, Ravenstone, Sacred Heart Battersea, St Mary's Battersea, Belleville and Furzedown, competed to see who would become the champions of Wandsworth. Following a fantastic day of athletics, Ravenstone came out on top and will now go on to represent the borough in the London School Games.



On Tuesday, over 200 primary children descended on the Southfields Academy football pitch to play in the Chelsea FC Premier League Stars competition. The event is part of a national programme lead by the Premier League, with 27 schools competing in the Southfields' event alone. It was great to see so many young people playing football on the Southfields football pitch.

The London Cup Quarter Finals vs Harris Crystal Palace – Mr Herbert and Mr Jonuzi

So the season had been coming down to this massive game.... The London Cup Quarter Finals vs Harris Crystal Palace.

After some fantastic recent results, Southfields welcomed Harris Crystal Palace for the biggest game of the season. It started at a frantic pace with Southfields struggling to settle into the quick pace of the game and quickly found themselves 2-0 after 10 minutes. It could have been more if not for the fantastic effort by Will Lonsdale. Southfields then found themselves able to stamp their authority on the game with Andrae and Jamal looking more assured at the back as well as Antonio and Paul working their socks off up front. Southfields were unfortunate to not pull one back half way through the second half where the ball just did not seem to sit right for Okeme and he tamely struck the ball into the opposition goalkeepers' hand.

Southfields were consistently knocking on the door from counter attacks and finally pulled one back after the ball got wide to Tyler Evans who managed to swing a delightful ball to the back stick for Paul to rise like a salmon (despite his lack of height) and head into the bottom corner.

2-1 at half time.

After a tactical change early in the second half, the midfield three of Ethan, Okeme and Jean were beginning to boss the game - not allowing the opposition any time on the ball. Ethan made a fantastic sliding tackle and then put a ball through for Paul to place the ball in the bottom corner. 2-2. The crowd were elated!!

The game continued to go back and forth - Will continuing to make some fantastic saves to keep us in the game. Southfields managed to have a couple of chances from headers. With 8 minutes to go, Southfields won a free kick on the edge of the box after Ethan was hacked down. Antonio stood up... confident that he could grab the winning goal. Unfortunately for Southfields the free kick was hit with so much ferocity that it cleared the wall, the goal and the fence - reports from NASA have said that it is currently orbiting Saturn's outer rings.

As Southfields hung on, Harris Crystal Palace showed their class and grabbed a goal with 3 minutes to go. With 3 minutes to find a goal, Southfields pushed on which ultimately left us short at the back where Harris grabbed a fourth goal, one that they did not deserve. Final Whistle, 2-4.

Thanks very much to Mr Jonuzi for officiating the game and the support from Mr Burchett and Mr Munro. The additional support from Jesse and John was much appreciated.