Year 9 News – Ms Minto

Year 9 have had a busy start to the term. This term each tutor group is taking turn to present an assembly to the rest of the year group covering various topics, e.g. national, local international agendas; MMA kicked off with ‘Education Around the World’.

Mr Duffy organised a trip to Oxford University for a group of 10 girls to give them a taste of maths beyond GCSE and an experience of university. Mr Duffy fed back that “they were a lovely group of girls and they had a great time”.

Year 9 students had their final school booster immunisation on Monday and were very brave!

Continuing with the medical theme, Leanne’s medics were taught how to take blood pressure readings, what ECGs are and how to take a pulse with a stethoscope... potential doctors in the year group. Whoop whoop!

Finally, well done to Rose who has made it through to represent Southfields Academy in the next round of Wandsworth’s Young Chef of the year competition. On Thursday Rose will go to Billingsgate for a masterclass in filleting fish!

The competition final will take place at Burntwood School on a date yet to be confirmed. Good luck Rose!

Year 7 Parents’ Evening – Ms F. Lindau, Head of Year 7

Thank you to all of the Year 7 parents and carers who came to their first Southfields Academy Parents’ Evening on Wednesday 31st January. The turnout was amazing and it was good to meet those of you that we hadn’t had the opportunity of meeting so far. We hope that you got the opportunity to have insightful and productive discussions with all of your child’s teachers about the progress they are making and any strategies there might be for them to improve further. If there were any questions or matters which you did not resolved on the night then please do not hesitate to get in touch via fran.lindau@southfieldsacademy.com

Dates for your Diary
8th February 2018 – Students Break for Half Term
9th February 2018 – INSET Day
Thought for the Week
“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.” Albert Einstein

Year 9 Mental Health Awareness – Mr Samuels & Ms Minto
Year 9 students took part in a 10 week Mental Health Peer Education Workshop organised by Mr Samuels, during which they created creative campaign products to educate their peers about mental health. The students all chose to make films which they recorded, edited and presented to their peers in a year group assembly.

The students who took part have become Mental Health Champions for Southfields Academy and the borough. They will also have the opportunity to take part in borough and London-wide projects with extra support provided to them outside of school hours, to help them in their role and they will help plan and run additional projects too.

Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance
There has been a great deal of press in recent days about the sort of Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG) that schools, colleges and academies provide for their students. At Southfields we are confident that we are preparing young people for the world of work from the moment they join our community in Year 7. To find out more about how we go about doing this please visit the CEIAG page on our website. It provides information and some useful links for young people and their parents. Click here to visit the Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance page on our website.
**Year 7 Residential Trip to Kingswood**

For parents of students who are going to Kingswood on March 2\textsuperscript{nd}, there will be a parent information meeting on February 22\textsuperscript{nd} at 4pm. A letter will be sent home with further detail as well, but please let us know if you will be unable to attend the meeting and we will endeavour to get the relevant materials to you.

It promises to be a fun trip as some of the pictures from last year’s trip show.

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**Year 7, 8 & 10 examinations**

Next week Year 7 will be sitting their first formal examinations in English, mathematics and science. Year 8 will also begin their formal assessments. In the weeks after half term, Year 10 will be taking formal mock examinations.

Parents of each year group will have been written to about these examinations but please ensure your child’s success by checking that they have the proper equipment: 2 black pens, pencils, a mathematics set and a calculator. Also, talk to them about what revision they need to complete and make sure they get a good night’s sleep and eat a good breakfast beforehand.

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