



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 26th February 2018



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

Year 11 News – Mr Shillingford

Year 11 are currently in the middle of assessment week for all subjects, but I asked two students to find some time out of their busy schedule, to give you their reflection on how they are finding Year 11. Mallory Cluley joined Southfields Academy at Easter in Year 10, and Connor Hughes joined Southfields in Year 7.

Mallory, how you are finding Year 11?

Well... Year 11 has been a rollercoaster with many challenges, for example having the constant pressure of revising and working hard. However, the teachers have been extremely supportive, dedicating their own time to help us achieve the best results possible. A positive is being part of prom committee and we are making it work, finding spare time to put it all together. Although it is tiring putting in the extra time with homework and revision, I know that by the end of it, after all the blood sweat and tears (literally), I will have benefited massively.

What is something you wish you knew before the start of Year 11?

Something I will admit I wish I knew when I started Year 11 was that it goes by very quickly and you have to make the most of it.

Connor, how you are finding Year 11?

Year 11 has proven to be more challenging than expected. The GCSE exams are approaching and everything we have been preparing for is about to happen. The additional workload and revision tasks we have been given has improved everyone's focus and determination to do well. Year 11 went faster than expected with only 81 days left until the start of the GCSE season and only **39** school days. If I had realised the small amount of time left I would have definitely started revising and preparing sooner. However the support provided by Southfields' members of staff has been extremely helpful and beneficial to our road to success.

Something you wish you knew before Year 11?

Even though Year 11 might seem far away, time will go quicker than you think. Any preparation will be useful later on and if you have any books from previous years, **KEEP THEM!** They will be very useful as a revision tool and you will regret throwing them away. Year 11 is also the time revision should be part of your daily routine, and you should try to implement this as soon as possible.

Good luck to all of Year 11.

Dip-dye String Bags – Ms Waugh

Well done to this term's fashion students in completing their dip-dye string bags. Amazing effort and outcomes; very proud of them all.

Dates for your Diary

26th February 2018 – Year 10 Assessment Week
5th March 2018 – Year 12 Level 2 Assessment Week
5th March 2018 – Year 13 Mock Examinations
8th March 2018 – International Women's Day
12th March 2018 – Futures Fortnight
12th March 2018 – Year 9 Assessment Week
14th March 2018 – Year 8 Options Evening
16th March 2018 – Year 8 Options Form Deadline





Thought for the Week

“Always have a willing hand to help someone, you might be the only one that does.”

Roy T. Bennett.

Paediatric Recruitment Panel – Chloe Brown

Whilst waiting in A&E at St George’s Hospital, Tooting, Chloe Brown (9MMA) was asked if she would sit on a children’s panel to help interview prospective paediatric nurses. Chloe agreed and at a later date helped interview and was given the responsibility of contacting the successful candidates to offer them the job!

Rebecca Sebaduka, Team Leader Paediatrics ED, St George’s Hospital said:

“I have the pleasure of informing you that today one of your pupils was involved in the recruitment process for paediatric nurses hoping to work in the children’s A&E at St Georges. The following young person helped make up the successful panel: Chloe Brown

Her role involved group work and a series of questions, along with another young person. Their brief was to assess whether the candidates had the necessary communication skills to work in the chosen environment.

Chloe was professional and a credit to your school.

The children's panel was successful in recruiting several nurses with whom we look forward to working with in the near future.”

Well done Chloe!



Young Volunteer of the Year – Mr Miller

Congratulations to **Alberta Oko-Agyemang** from Year 13 for being shortlisted for **Young Volunteer of the Year** at the Active Wandsworth Awards. This was in recognition for Alberta's hard work in volunteering as an assistant coach for the Southfields Academy Girls basketball team. Also for managing the officials table at all the Wandsworth School Games Basketball competitions for the past two years.

Although not the eventual winner, we would like to congratulate Alberta on her nomination and here she is collecting her certificate at the awards ceremony at the Civic Centre.

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Academy Open Events

If you know any parents who are beginning to look at secondary schools for their children then let them know about our Open Events taking place in March. There is no need to book to attend. Tours will be given and there will be informal question and answer sessions with Senior Staff.

Tuesday 6th March, Wednesday 7th March, Thursday 8th March and Friday 9th March Open Mornings between 08:45 and 10:15, then open house by appointment until 16th March.