



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 12th March 2018



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

Sixth Form News – Ms Hess

We've had a busy start to 2018. At the beginning of January we offered the Year 11 students a Taster Day, where they could try some of the 6th form courses. This was aimed to give them a better insight of the courses they plan to study next year.

On IEAP day Year 12 students took part in our annual Inspiring Futures Day where they had the opportunity to have a mock job interview with 30 professionals from industry including NHS- St George's University, 10 Downing Street, Coca-Cola, BDO, H.M. Revenue and Customs, Google, TFL, Sky Media, Getty Images, Battersea Power Station, The Civil Service, etc. They all had a feedback and the professionals were very impressed with our students and how prepared they were. We also offered a range of workshops like mindfulness, media brainstorming, driving awareness, networking and making an impression, working in central government, law & finance, etc. The day was a great success.

At the beginning of February students in Year 12 Level 3 visited the University of Roehampton and its amazing campus as part of our destinations program. Students participated in a workshop and had a tour around the campus with current students. They also had the opportunity to apply for the Roehampton Compass Scheme where they have access to a fantastic range of services, dedicated advice, and the opportunity to receive a 16-point lower tariff offer for their chosen undergraduate course.

This year 93 Year 13 students applied to university and they have already received a record number of unconditional offers.

Handball Round 2 London Cup – Mr Burchett

Year 10 students and Wandsworth Champions travelled to North London to face St Aloysius' College in what would be a gruelling battle for the third round. Marcus Scotland ran the warm up and the team were well prepared after a long journey north. The game started well with Southfields having the advantage and scoring 3 consecutive goals. As St Aloysius settled they started to come back and soon made it 3-3. The first time out was called and managers spoke with their teams.

At this point things turned and the advantage was with St Aloysius. This continued to be the trend with Southfields, now fighting to keep up with the score. Unfortunately the game ended with a loss for Southfields. As the game finished we found out that St Aloysius are trained by an Italian female international player who had clearly outlined a solid game plan.

A huge well done to the boys and great all round effort. They are still undisputed Champions of Wandsworth!



29th March Dates for your Diary

- 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
- 22nd March 2018 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 26th March 2018 – International Group Assessment Week
- 29th March 2018 – INSET Day
- 29th March 2018 – Academy Breaks for Easter Break



Thought for the Week

"Generosity is giving more than you can, and pride is taking less than you need."

Khalil Gibran



Money Works Workshop – Ms Fearon

Last Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February, thirty students from the IG participated in a Money Works workshop. The workshop involved two four hour sessions delivered by MyBnk staff Paul Sinclair and Jonny Baker. The sessions were designed for young adults to build their confidence in managing money, especially preparing them for moving into independent living.

Using real life scenarios, the group worked in pairs to make decisions on shopping for the best goods at the best price. They looked at different aspects of banking and were challenged to work out their personal budget. Participants who completed the programme have an opportunity to gain a Level 1 'Personal Money Management' qualification, which is offered through ABC Awards as a QCF nationally recognised qualification. All the students were given a Certificate of Participation.

YR10 Design and Technology Live Brief - Hundred House Coffee - Mr Smith

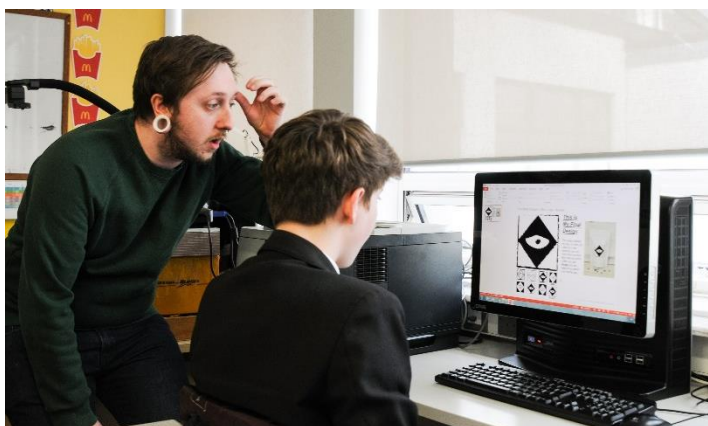
Continuing with the live design brief the GCSE Design and Technology Year10 students are currently completing for Hundred House Coffee, two professional communication designers came in to present and discuss their own professional work with the pupils. This offered an insight into the broad range of projects a designer can find themselves working on, including exhibitions for London Design Week and special websites in collaboration with limited release of intelligent books - books that interact and control a specially designed app.

Ben and Joseph presented for 20 minutes before then working their way round the class speaking to all the students about their ideas, to give them a flavour of what they can expect when they return next week for 2 hours and host small group tutorials of the final idea. They will then offer more formal feedback before selecting a shortlist which will be presented to Hundred House Coffee for final selection.

If Hundred House Coffee select one of our students' original ideas they will be equally credited alongside StudioHyte, the professional design company and see their designs printed onto the coffee bean packaging. Ben and Joseph did comment on how impressive the breadth of ideas and level of thought behind the ideas were, as well of course, as the execution carried out by the pupils only at the start of their design careers and how they look forward to returning next week for final presentations.

Studio Hyte Website - <http://studiohyte.com/D/index.html>

Hundred House Coffee - <http://www.hundredhousecoffee.com/>





7-a-side Football Competition – Mr Herbert



The Year 8 football team arrived at Ark Putney Academy in high spirits in what is the first week of two for the Wandsworth school competition.

In the first game, Southfields went 1-0 early on against Harris Academy Battersea after a good finish. In truth, it could have been more than 1-0 in the early exchanges had it not been for Aidan Parsons in the Southfields goal. Despite this, Southfields grew into the game and after some great moves by Stephen and Malik managed to equalise. Malik's physicality was proving too much for Harris Battersea to deal with and it led to Southfields going ahead with only a few minutes left. Thankfully, we were able to hold on with some fantastic defending from Radoslav and Talha.

Once the second game kicked off against Ark Putney it was clear we were in for a more difficult game. Southfields were struggling with their fitness because we were playing back to back games and it showed in the lack of pressure we were exerting on their players. Malik again used his physical prowess to grab a goal for Southfields but the game was over when Ark Putney grabbed their third goal. Final score 3-1.

In the final two games, Southfields managed to pick up another 3 points against Harris Battersea but again succumbed to a very good Ark Putney side. It is all to play for next week, with Southfields knowing that if they win all their games the trophy could be theirs.

Thanks to Mr Jonuzi for organising and managing the team so expertly.



Alumnus of the Week

Philip Ball

1967-1974 – Southfields School as it was then.

What did you go on to do after SA?

Immediately after school I went to Westminster Technical College to study catering on a 2 year course called Restaurant Operations. After that I worked for the NatWest Bank in the City of London providing nice lunches for bankers and business people. I wasn't that happy doing that and after some shop work in Southfields and office work (at the BBC) I ended up training to be a nurse and qualified in 1982.

What impact did SA have on your decision to pursue this path?

Am not sure Southfields School itself helped; I knew I liked eating and drinking and had begun to explore cooking at home.

What job/course are you working at/studying at now?

I have just retired from being a Director of Patient care in a hospice; I'm still a Registered Nurse and intend keeping up working as a nurse, probably back in a hospital. Nursing is something I am passionate about, and led to me having a BSc, and a Master's degree.

What piece of advice would you give to current SA students?

I'd say – "Be confident in yourself; take the opportunity to try new things and listen to what others say to you, about you. Treasure those friendships too. That's how I ended up finding myself in a job I love, that's given me opportunities for travel and meeting all sorts of interesting people.

If you had the opportunity to take your time at secondary school again, what would you do differently?

I'd try to have more self-belief and confidence; work with more focus and ask more questions; take the opportunity to talk to people I trusted on the staff about how I was.





World Book Day – Ms Reynolds



The snow in London did not freeze the World Book Day spirit at Southfields Academy! Although the staff costume fun was postponed, activities and competitions for the students, organised by the external agencies Wilbur & Niso Smith Foundation and Book Clubs in Schools, still went ahead.

An ambassador from the Wilbur & Niso Smith Foundation visited Southfields Academy on Wednesday 28th February to deliver creative writing workshops to some of our most enthusiastic writers in years 7, 8 and 9.

The author of the popular books, 'Foretold By Thunder' and 'The Napoleon Complex', E.M. Davey, also visited Southfields Academy. He delivered an assembly to students in years 7 to 11, where he spoke about his inspiration for writing novels. A question and answer time was also had where he read a passage from his first published book.



Book Clubs in Schools collaborated with Southfields Academy for a second year to run the World Book Day Instagram competition. Students had their photograph taken with their favourite book and they had to give a reason for why they love it.

The winning prize is a Cineworld voucher, but all participants received a free novel from Book Clubs in Schools. A representative from the company surprised these students by visiting them in their lessons this week.

The Year 11 Core Leaders for English were in charge of the school's Instagram account for two days and they uploaded the competition entries. The maturity shown from the Core Leaders was admirable and we look forward to giving this responsibility to more of our students in the near future.

The winner of the Instagram competition will be announced next week in assembly. What we can reveal now, is that the winner is a student in Year 7!





World Book Day continued.....



The staff costume fun was more competitive this year, as Southfields Academy saw a wider variety of creative designs.

The students love this event and there have been very serious discussions had about who should win the Best Male, Best Female, Best Department and Best SLT categories. Because of high standard of fancy dress across the school, student judges have yet to make their final decisions.

As well as the above, Southfields Academy also had a whole school quiz, Harry Potter Club and story time in the library happening over the last two weeks.

It's been great fun and the English Department cannot wait for next year!

