



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 26th March 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

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you all for your support throughout the options process. It was invaluable for the students and without the support the process would not have run as smoothly as it did. We had a lot of excitement in connection with the process. Students spent a whole week busily gathering their attainment and effort data from the recent exams and Effort Cycle 2.

They were fully engaged and spent a considerable time analysing their results and finding their areas of weakness and they were also able to talk about this to teachers and parents at Parents Evening last Wednesday.

I was very happy to open the doors to Southfields Academy for the Year 8 Parents Evening. For some of my tutors and me, it was the first chance we have had to match voices, heard only over the phone, to faces.

As we go into the last term of the school year we have opened our doors to the new cohort during Open Mornings, showing Year 6 and their parents around the site. It was suggested this time round that students in Year 8 should be selected to help support these events and show prospective students and their parents around the school.

We had plenty of positive feedback, particularly for: **Charlotte McCarrick 8GBE, Kacey Scotland 8SMH, Corey Toussaint 8SMH, Shanawaz Mahboob 8SMH, Asha McFarlane 8FRH and Deshaun Gager Brewley 8FRH.**

Well done for representing the current Year 8 so well and acting as ambassadors for the school.

Stop River Flooding!

Human's relationship with urban rivers is increasingly in the spotlight; climate change, urbanisation and rising sea levels are all having a detrimental effect on the rivers that we know and take for granted. Urban flooding will be a major issue in the lives of our students and we all must take action.

Last week a select group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in a workshop that studied how their lives have a direct impact on flooding. External volunteers who are working on London's new sewage system, London Tideway, came in for a three hour workshop.

Students learnt about the new tunnel being bored under London which will take over our old and inadequate sewage system and in addition worked on sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS).

We can all take ownership in our own little way to make sure the River Thames does not flood in the future. Buying a water harvesting tank from your local DIY store, planting a few more plants on your property are just two examples.

For more information please ask the students!





Thought for the Week

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” -
William Arthur Ward

Wandsworth Inclusive Football – Mr Miller

Twenty-one Southfields students took part in the Wandsworth Inclusive Football competition at Wandle Leisure Centre last week. By fielding 2 boys’ teams and a girls’ team, Southfields represented the largest contingent of students at the event.

The Southfields girls’ team performed brilliantly on the day with victories against Oak Lodge and Graveney and a draw against Garratt Park. By gaining 7pts, Southfields qualified for the final against Graveney. In a close fought match, Graveney came out on top winning 3-1. However, the Southfields team were delighted to collect their well-deserved silver medals. Congratulations to: India, Joanna, Aleksandra, Taniyra, Ja-Naye, Gazzala, Jessica and Alex

In the boys’ competition, Southfields A & B competed against teams from Graveney, Oak Lodge, Garratt Park and Nightingale. Southfields A team, were the defending champions and began the day with an early victory. Southfields B team was made up of Year 7 & 8 students competing in their first competition.

The standard of the competition was very high and despite performing well, Southfields A were just squeezed out of the medal position finishing in 4th place overall. Team: Claudio, Ewan, Shmir, Jamie, Seliyan and Freddie

Southfields B finished in 6th place having put up a brave display against teams with older and more experienced players. Team: Yusuf, Enzo, Levi, Danial, Jim and Punnawich.

Congratulations to everyone representing Southfields in such a great way. A special mention to Abdullah Ayub in Year 10 for being a brilliant coach to the boys teams on the day. Well done Abdullah.



Dates for your Diary

- 26th March 2018 – International Group Assessment Week
- 29th March 2018 – INSET Day
- 29th March 2018 – Academy Breaks for Easter Break
- 16th April 2018 – Academy Resumes for Summer Term
- 18th April 2018 – Year 9 Parents’ Evening
- 24th April 2018 – Post 16 Forum
- 26th April 2018 – International Evening

Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year

Yesterday saw Rose Picicco in 9PEA compete in the finals of the Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year competition held at Burntwood School. She served up a delicious three course meal consisting of Pastéis de Bacalhau, Chicken Saltimbocca and Natas de Ceu.

The judges were clearly very impressed with her work as she was announced the winner, bringing home the trophy for Southfields Academy for the first time.

Many congratulations to Rose!

Laura Waugh & Jenni Munday





ZooLab – Ms Walshe



ZooLab is the UK's No.1 provider of live animal handling workshops with over 20 years of experience and so we were very lucky to have them come into the Academy for the 5th Year running for Science Week to hold workshops with Years 7 & 8s. There were lots of wonderful creepy crawlies for the students to meet and touch and the students were even able to hold most of them. The animals that we had were a giant African snail, a Madagascan cockroach, a snake, a tarantula, giant millipede and a lovely bearded dragon called Norbert - and finally a rat.

It was a fantastic day and the students learned so much about the different lifestyles of these amazing animals in a very informative but amusing way.

