



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 2nd April 2018



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

Sports Relief – Mr Burchett

Sports Relief saw a fantastic effort from all Southfields Academy students contributing towards the nation's aim of a billion steps and raising money for charity! All students played their role in achieving as many steps as possible during their PE lessons, with many achieving over 3000 steps in 20 minutes.

A special thank you to those who took part in the competitions to raise money for sports relief. Remember to stay active by '*whatever moves you*' and keep yourselves healthy.

A special thank you to the Jack Noctor EFP student and AFC Scholars who lent a hand in the delivery of the competitions.

Southfields Academy Student Stepometer Grand Total: 1,129,280
All money raised to Sports Relief.



Sports Relief Competition Scoreboard:

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Competition Winners</u>
Year 7	BURLEY Abraham (07MYS)
Year 8	CEESAY Pa Musa (08DNN) PARSONS Aidan (08MDY) MUSCHETTE Alexandra (08MDY)
Year 9	WHITEING T'Shawn (09CRL) MEHMOOD Aqib (09CRL)
Year 10	SALARDI Mattia (10ISC) PARRAGA SALINAS Helen (10SWN)



Dates for your Diary

- 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
- 2nd May 2018 – IEAP Day

Easter Holidays

The Academy would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. To all our students revising hard for their exams, keep up the good work, attend the holiday revision sessions, it will be worth it in the end!



Thought for the Week

“The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as long as we live.”
Mortimer Adler



Hampton Court Visit – Ms Atley

On Monday 26th March 20 Year 8 Southfields students visited Hampton Court. They toured the apartments of Henry VIII and William III and had lunch in the sunshine in the magnificent gardens. They had a workshop on succession in Tudor times and learnt to courtesy to a lady of the court. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative day and the students were excellent.

The experience should provide background knowledge for the Elizabeth unit in GCSE history.



Free School Meals

Changes to how you apply for Free School Meals.

The government has announced that the way you apply for and the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals will be changing by April this year.

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals.

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£900** for your child's secondary school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits that are eligible.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please visit our website and click on the Free School Meals page in the Parents menu to find further information and to download the form and guidance.

Conor Hughes, 11BHT – Mr Herbert

Conor has been elected as the new chair of the Wandsworth Youth Council and is now responsible for the running of events and making sure that young people are able to have a voice and make a change within the borough.

Along with Mohammad Rehman (11SNR) as deputy chair, they will work to ensure that they represent the youth council and that young people are able to have their voices and opinions heard.





Year 7 and 8 Kingswood Trip – Mr Whitfield



50 Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Kingswood Centre in Ashford, Kent. They participated in a wide range of activities that challenged them physically, emotionally and socially. They cheered for each other, had to problem solve together and toughed out the rain one moment and lazed in the sun the next.

Seliyan Thavanayagam- said, “I loved the 3G swing because we had to use teamwork and it was really exciting! The murder mystery was also great because our teachers played the suspects and they were very funny!”

Mathis Badal said, “We had an incredible amount of new experiences, a lot of fun and we all really enjoyed it”

Student commendations:

- Mia Deane for perseverance, returning to the Leap of Faith to climb further than she had before.
- Amelie St Clair for being so enthusiastic about every activity, rain or shine.
- Mathis Badal for being quietly caring, routinely looking out for students and making sure everyone was involved.
- Sapphire Adams-Elmes for waiting in the rain to cheer all of her teammates.
- Asha McFarlane for being an amazing cheerleader and a good sport.
- Larayb Raja for being fierce and challenging herself in every activity.
- Aidan Parsons for being the best team leader.

One of our NQT teachers, Lauren Myers, reflected on her first residential: “It was a very supportive environment that allowed me to develop personally and build great relationships with pupils I don’t teach and other members of staff. It felt like intensive professional development”.

We asked Koshik Rubamoorthy to sum up the experience in under 10 words: “communication, constantly developing, safety, fun and incredible teachers”.

Our Kingswood instructor summed it up beautifully, “What an amazing group of students. They made my job so easy. They were an absolute laugh”.



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