



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 28th May 2018



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

### Year 7 News – Ms Lindau

The Year 7s are just about to begin their last half term as the youngest cohort. They have just sat a round of formal assessments in all of their subjects to gauge their progress this year. The staff were impressed by their overall effort toward revision and in the assessments themselves.

The students who are involved in the extended project enjoyed a drop down day which focused on self-care, organisation, and presentation skills to prepare them for the culmination of the project.

In order to prepare all of the Year 7s for the transition to Year 8 and to reward them for their continuing hard work, the next half term will be full of enriching and fun activities. They will have a drop down day which will focus on community, compassion and friendship. The tutor groups will also be arranging individual trips and you will see letters will be sent home in the near future.

Additionally, there will be a sports day organised by the PE department which will include a range of activities around healthy eating and the importance of regular exercise. The Year 7s as a group have done very well in all of their fixtures outside of the Academy and we are eager to showcase their talent to the other year groups.

After the break, many of the Year 7 students will help welcome the new students to Southfields and will act as ambassadors to their parents. They will help the new students learn the rules, expectations and rewards of the Academy.

As the temperature rises, please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle and that they are appropriately dressed for the heat. Jumpers and coats can be washed and put away. In the last few weeks, we have also noticed that some children do not have all of their equipment or are not completing their homework diaries well enough. Please check to ensure that both essential duties are being met.

Warm regards, the Year 7 team.

### Southfields School Reunion – Mr Elson

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, around 300 former students and teachers of Southfields Academy gathered for a Southfields school reunion. The event started at 3pm in glorious sunshine and the entertainment included a steel band, singers, and DJs as well as food and drink. The current Principal, Jackie Valin gave a well-received speech and Jackie and Headteacher Wanda Golinska helped the party by running a bar.

The attendees included a wide range of former students including people who had attended the school in the 1950s and 1960s and also one of the first pupils to attend the Hearing Impaired Unit that is still going strong at Southfields today. Many had not been back to the school since they left and all were left impressed by the new facilities. Others had sent their own children and grand-children here and had already been aware of just how incredible the site is now.

The event raised an impressive £4,500 for school funds to help with the accelerated reading project and all at Southfields Academy would like to thank everyone that contributed.





## Thought for the Week

“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”  
Nelson Mandela



### Mosaic Secondary Group Mentoring – Ms Fearon

In late April, Willmott Dixon, a major nationwide construction and fit-out company, generously hosted Southfields Academy for a World of Work visit at one their building sites, REEC, in Twickenham. This was an aspect of the Mosaic Secondary Mentoring Programme, an opportunity for the students to learn about careers in the building and construction industry.

A lop-sided number of 13 boys and girls from Year 10, along with the Deputy Head of Year Mr Boyce, enjoyed the trip put together by Lead Mentor Gordon Bell, Senior Surveyor. With support from Laura Boulton, a mentor, and Haleema Ali, a representative from The Prince's Trust, the day was a successful experience.

The students benefited from four hours of interactive activities; a challenge for teams to construct a protective structure from straws for a “designer” egg and a timely talk from a young Apprentice at WD. In addition, a stimulating presentation on Volunteering with information linked to work experience was presented by Nicola Elliott.

The day got better with an extensive tour of the construction site. Geared up in protective helmets, gloves and high Vis jacket the group was led on a tour by a Specialist Team who shared lively anecdotes about the constructions of the two schools. We knew it was a good day when we had singing all the way back to school.

#### **Imran 10RND -**

*I would like to become a construction worker because I know more about opportunities available within the construction industry.*



### Netball 4 Change – Ms Carter

Netball 4 Change is a free programme in which 2 coaches are provided with netball equipment to deliver 10 weeks of netball sessions to female students. The sessions aim to deliver competitive netball whilst also promoting social media safety and positive use. We run 3 competitions a year which is free for all schools who have taken part in the programme. The project is funded by Comic Relief.










The Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said “Programmes like Netball 4 Change are an absolute must. It’s incredibly important we educate our young people in how to use social media safely. Sport always has been and always will be a brilliant tool for developing community cohesion and I am a firm believer in the importance of grassroots sport and its ability to bring people and ideas together.”

The Netball 4 Change project will be starting on Wednesday with Year 9.

The project will be running every Wednesday morning P1 until the end of term and will continue in September.



## PE SPORTS CLUBS 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Day	Sports Hall	Aspire	Activity Studio	Dance Studio	Gym	Pool	Field Astro
<b>Monday</b>	<b>NO SPORTS CLUBS</b>						
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>♀ <b>BASKETBALL</b> All years Miss McDermott</p> 				<p>♀ <b>GYM CLUB</b> 3:00-3:45 All Years- Girls Only Mr Jonuzi 3:45-4:30 Y11-13 Ms Myers</p> 		<p>♂♀ <b>SOFTBALL</b> Mr Munro All years</p> 
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>CRICKET</b> All years Mr Herbert (Fixtures on Thursdays)</p> 				<p>♂♀ <b>GYM CLUB</b> 3:00-3:45 All Years Mr Jonuzi 3:45-4:30 Y11-13 Mr Jonuzi</p> 		<p>♂♀ <b>ATHLETICS</b> All years Mr Carnegie-Whyte Mr Munro</p> 
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>♂ <b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> All Years 3:00pm – 4:00pm Mr Cameron <b>BASKETBALL ELITE</b> Selection only 4:00pm – 5:00 pm Mr Cameron</p> 				<p>♂♀ <b>GYM CLUB</b> 3:00-3:45 All Years Mr Jonuzi 3:45-4:30 Y11-13 Mr Burchett</p> 		<p>♂♀ <b>ROUNDERS</b> Mr Munro All years</p> 
<b>Friday</b>	<b>NO SPORTS CLUBS</b>						

### British Basketball finals – Mr Jonuzi

On Sunday 20th May, 22 excited students from Southfields had the opportunity to watch two live games from the British Basketball Finals at The O2 Arena, London. The spirits and excitement were high from students and staff on a lovely sunny day. All witnessed the Sevenoaks Suns retain the Women's British Basketball Play-Off tittle, beating Leicester Riders 69-44, with a little help from league and game MVP Cat Carr. After an exciting game, the spectators were treated to a trampoline slam-dunking show and free chocolate. But that wasn't all, the Leicester Riders entertained the crowd with three point shots, amazing play and solid defence to claim their treble of British Basketball tittles against London Lions in a 81-60 score line.

A big thank you to Mr Cameron and Ms McDermott for their support on the trip.



#### Dates for your Diary

- 25th May 2018 – Academy Breaks for Half Term
- 18th June 2018 – Year 9 Foundation Assessment week
- 20th June 2018 – INSET Day
- 25th June 2018 – Year 10 Mock Exams
- 25th June 2018 – Year 12 Progression Exams