

# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing 9th July 2018



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

## Spelling Bee Finals – Ms Reynolds

The Year 7 and 8 Spelling Bee finals were the best to date! The audience came prepared with posters and cheers to motivate their class finalist. But as with any competition, there were tense moments which had the spectators biting their nails!

#### Year 7 finalists:

- Emma Timarco Fioretti
- Amir Abukar
- Marc Gordon
- Anisa Washington
- Mathis Badal
- Kay Cooper

#### Year 8 finalists:

- Callum Beasley
- Arisha Javed
- Levi Anderson
- Lucia Chucchuca Vega
- Corey Toussaint
- Guilherme Araujo Jereissati





All finalists battled through the very long list of difficult words to spell (such as: hippomontrosesquippedaliophobia, onomatopoeia and magnanimous) and represented their classes well. However, there could only be one winner from each year group...

There was silence when the last remaining two students stood on stage during 'The Sting' round. Students were warned that in the final rounds of the Spelling Bee, there would be words to spell that were not on the finalists' word list!

Mathis Badal and Calum Beasley both survived 'The Sting' and were named Spelling Bee Champions 2018! They were awarded with a certificate, a badge, a trophy AND a cinema voucher. Well done to all students who participated.

### Year 5 Taster Days

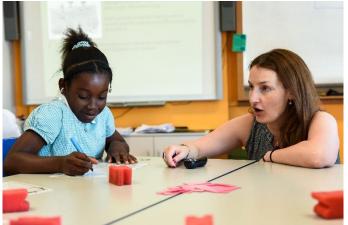
Spread over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, 245 Primary school students from Year 5, visited the Academy for a day of taster lessons to obtain a glimpse of what life in a secondary school is like.

The visiting schools included: Riversdale, West Hill, Albemarle, Granard and Southmead.

The students took part and experienced a variety of different lessons including; Art, drama, dance, cooking, textiles, maths, science, music, PE and design technology, with a view to showing them the vast range and type of lessons they can expect in Year 7.

The students also had the opportunity to sample the Academy food at their lunch break in our large dining hall. The feedback was very positive with the majority greatly enjoying their day and many even saying "I'm coming to this school."







# Thought for the Week

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"Resilience is knowing that you are the only one that has the power and the responsibility to pick yourself up." Mary Holloway

### **Dates for your Diary**

9th July 2018 – New Staff Induction Day 9th July 2018 – Year 9 Holocaust Awareness Day 10th July 2018 – Year 6 Induction Day !2th July 2018 – Open Morning 16th July 2018 – Year 12 Work Experience Debrief 16th July 2018 – Year 9 Work shadow Day 17th July 2018 – KS 3 Sports Day 18th July 2018 – KS 3 Graduation Ceremony

## AMDA – Southfields Visit – Ms Risolino

On 6th July the American Music and Dramatic Academy will be coming to Southfields Academy to host a workshop and audition for their dance, musical theatre and drama courses in LA and New York. This workshop will be open to all of our Academy students from Year 10 and up. The workshop will begin at 3pm in the Black Box.

### Kickboxing Tournament – Ms Hearn

Daniel Hearn and Reece Foot competed in the MAASIF open championship on Sunday 1st July. I am proud to inform you that Reece Foot won his category in kickboxing and is now the MAASIF open champion 2018. Daniel Hearn won his category in kickboxing and boxing and is now the MAASIF open champion 2018 in both categories. I am so proud of both of them. Great sportsmanship shown by both fighters









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## International Group End of Year Celebrations – Ms Kousi



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 saw our first ever International Group end of year celebration. Students arrived at 12 pm, dressed up to the nines in beautiful clothes, including the odd bow tie. Basking in the summer sunshine, we all enjoyed drinks before the ceremony began in the main hall.

The inspiring event included a number of special awards including the Principal's award which was won by Abdikarim Ahmed. There were also some memorable performances from Nikol, Danton, Weronika, Areeba and Zeyan.

Following the ceremony the students enjoyed a lively party to a brilliant playlist including dance favourites from around the world. For those moving on, we wish them all the best for the future.





# Year 11 Leavers' Ceremony - Mr Shillingford



This time last week we said goodbye to Year 11 at the annual NRA Evening. It was great to see them looking so happy and relaxed, having had two weeks to get out of exam mode, and enjoying their extended summer holiday. Even better yet was seeing how grown-up they all looked for the event. Even the boys I have spent the last two and a half years telling to put on their tie and tuck in their shirts, looked impeccable.

It was a great evening of celebration of their successes over the five years, and also embarrassment through stories and even photos of the year group over the years.

A shout out needs to go to the Prom Committee (Connor, Elsa, Evie, Lorent, Naumann, Sommer–Lilly and Wahbi). They led the fundraising throughout the Spring Term by holding three Krispy Kreme doughnut sales, All Star Basketball Match, Ice Lolly sale and a talent show, generating £500 in profit. This money went towards the cost of the after party, which was held at Crown Plaza in Battersea.

This year group have changed so dramatically over the two and a half years that I have been their Head of Year. We are proud to see how far they have come. We wish you the best of luck in the next phase of your journey.









