



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 16th July 2018



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

Year 6 Induction Day – Ms Douglas

On Tuesday 10th July over 200 Year 6 students attended their induction day at Southfields Academy. The day began with an assembly encompassing welcomes and introductions from their new Head of Year, Mrs Douglas along with their new Tutor teams.

The students were then introduced to their tutor bases where they completed a series of small group and whole class tasks in order to get to know their tutors and fellow tutees better. All students completed an English baseline test followed by taking part in a series of different activities, including a tour of the Academy, taster lessons in PE, drama, art, and science, Spanish or DT. After break, along with some of the current Year 7 students, the new Year 6s worked in teams of four or five in order to independently gather information from around the Academy site, familiarising themselves with members of staff and departments.

The new Year 6s looked at home in their new environment, very polite, enthusiastic and seemed to be enjoying their first day at the Academy.



Y9 Holocaust Awareness Day Monday July 2nd 2018 – Ms Atley

Year 9 students were off timetable on Monday to take part in the Southfields Holocaust Awareness Day. Students were taught in small groups and attended various sessions throughout the day, learning about the individuals who lived through the Holocaust and the experiences they had, along with those who lost their lives. Other students spent the whole day creating art and performing in dance and drama based on what they had learnt. The students were thoughtful and sensitive throughout the day and the work created was very impressive. The artwork will be on display in the foyer. Well done to all those who took part, you explored this topic with great maturity.



Dates for your Diary

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

18th July 2018 – End of Term for Year 7, 8, 9

20th July 2018 – Year 10 Work Experience Debrief

20th July 2018 – End of Term for Year 10 & Staff



Thought for the Week
“However long the night, the dawn will break.”
African Proverb

West Wittering Trip – Ms Hillary

The International Group enjoyed a fantastic day out at West Wittering last Friday, the 6th July 2018. We left school in bright sunshine and travelled down to the south coast accompanied by music and singing from around the world. We arrived at the beach at around midday and found a pleasant spot for a base. Various activities took place throughout the day, including a football match, rounders and Frisbee. A number of students enjoyed playing in the exceptionally warm sea, an amazing 23 degrees. We arrived back at school at 6 pm, exhausted but happy.



Sixth Form News – Ms Frusciante

Year 13 Leavers

On Thursday 5th July the Sixth Form Prom gave us an opportunity to say farewell to our Year 13 students. Most were from the last cohort of students to wear the old blue jumper school uniform and we are very proud of their achievements. We are also delighted with the plans they have made. We have 93 who have accepted offers at university. Of those, 15 were unconditional offers (the highest ever) showing the strength of their personal statements. Some students are planning to go as far as Edinburgh and others as close to home as Roehampton. Popular course choices with this year group were economics, Law, accountancy, mathematics and nursing. An increasing number have chosen good work-based training or apprenticeships, whilst we have 5 planning a gap year.

An interesting and impressive trend is that this year a huge number of students have a plan B and sometimes that plan B is going to University.

Charlie Collins Waters said – *I have been at Southfields for seven years and have recently taken my A levels in Performing Arts, Music and 3D Design. Amazingly, I have unconditional offers from Roehampton, Goldsmiths, Southbank and West London Universities which is my plan B. Next week I am auditioning for a scholarship to study Performing Arts in New York and if I am lucky enough to be successful, this is my plan A.*

My time at Southfields has been enjoyable due to the countless opportunities I have been offered to perform and realise my goals. The Performing Arts department have been very supportive with all of my auditions and when I win my first OSCAR I will thank them!

Year 12 Work Experience

Year 12 Students have been out on work experience this week, with a huge range of employers offering our students the opportunity. For example, we have students at Deloitte, Halfords and St George's NHS trust. Students spend time with their tutors preparing for the workplace and will be back in school on 16th July to review and record what they have learnt from the experience.

Those students who have not been successful in securing a placement have been working in school with staff on their job searching skills this week. This includes improving their CV, learning how to follow up on contacts and making a positive first impression on employers.

A number of these students will complete some work experience over the summer break.



Sixth Form Prom Pictures – Mr Walker

