



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 24th September 2018



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

### Year 9 – Mr Arthur

Welcome back to Year 9 parents and carers. We have started the new school year with a very reorganised year team – Mr Smith and Ms Munday are now looking after some of our new Year 7 intake and students have been repopulated between 9GBE, 9FRH, 9FYH, 9HIE and 9DNN.

The Year 9 cohort seem to have taken on their GCSE challenge and I know that the students will be well looked after by their tutors.

After having spent a whole term promoting the options process which allow students to choose their path for the next three years, it makes me really proud to see them all in their new black and gold ties and it is great to see them engaging so well with their new subjects. I am confident that in three years' time, with a bit of hard work from staff and students alike, we will be celebrating a great set of GCSE result.

Although Year 9 have only just started their GCSE studies, the business study group was invited to Stamford Bridge just before the summer holidays for a tour of Chelsea FC stadium and took part in a question and answer session with lead professionals in the Premier League organisation. It was a huge opportunity for our students to get an insight into how such a large business is run and I was very proud of the way they represented the Academy.

I look forward to seeing you all at the first event of the year – Year 9 'Parent Workshop'.



### England Lionesses – Ms Davies

We are delighted to inform you that the England Lionesses are playing an international match in London for the first time since 2014. The Lionesses against Australia will be at Craven Cottage, home of Fulham FC on Tuesday, 9 October. Kick Off 7pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and £1 for Under 21s, To book tickets please go to: [https://ticketingcontent.thefa.com//England %20Women%20Vs%20Australia%20Women](https://ticketingcontent.thefa.com//England%20Women%20Vs%20Australia%20Women)



### Catering Trip to Rafael Hotel – Ms Waugh

On Tuesday 15 Catering students from Year 10 and 11 visited Hotel and Spa Rafael.

They were privileged enough to meet the hotel manager and chefs and enjoyed a tour of the exquisite suites and spa and were even treated to lunch.

The students were amazed by the spectacular setting, including the local helipad and, in particular, enjoyed the roof terrace.

All the students were fantastic ambassadors for Southfields Academy and I was particularly impressed with some of the professional questions the students put to the staff.

This was an amazing event and one which we all thoroughly enjoyed.







## Thought for the Week

The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision.  
George Eliot



### High Achievers Reception at the Town Hall

Receptions have been held at Wandsworth Town Hall to congratulate high achieving students from the borough. Talented students attended with their families to celebrate their success in achieving the highest grades in their A Level and GCSE examinations.

The events followed a welcoming speech by Councillor Kathy Tracey, Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, who praised the students: “We are incredibly proud of our students who have worked so hard for such excellent results. Their achievement is a testament to their hard work, and to the commitment of our schools in providing them with the best possible teaching.

“They are a credit to themselves and their families, and we wish them every success in the future.”

Following on from our brilliant results at the Academy, a number of our students, along with their families, attended the reception held on 31st August 2018.



### Dates for your Diary

- 25th September 2018 – Year 9 Parents’ Workshop
- 27th September 2018 - Year 7 Enrichment Fair
- 4th October 2018 – Open Evening
- 5th October 2018 – INSET Day, Staff Only
- 11th October 2018 – Post 16 Options Fair
- 11th October 2018 – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
- 15th October 2018 – Open Week

### Columbian Visit – Ms Breen

A group of headteachers from Colombia visited the Academy this week as part of a UK-wide visit to learn about best practice in secondary schools here. The group’s visits to schools focused on child protection and inclusion with each visiting head tasked with developing strategies and training based on what they’ve seen in UK schools for implementation at schools in Colombia.

All the visitors were impressed with the leadership, organisation and students at the Academy and went away with many ideas to consider.

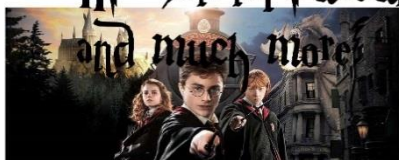


When: Thursday Break 2

Where: C27+ (English Department)



What: Quizzes  
Film screenings  
HP Trivial Pursuit





**K+ PROGRAMME  
YEAR 12**

***Congratulations to Thomas Bridgeman, our recent K+ (2016-2018) who participated in the Maths and Computer Science Stream***

K+ is a free programme which equips Year 12 students with the knowledge, confidence and skills to transition successfully to university.

**Two-year scheme, K+ students will:**

- One-to-One Undergraduate student e-mentor
- Select a subject stream and take part in academic, cultural and careers-related experiences-
  - Dentistry
  - Healthcare-Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing
  - History and Politics-Economics, International Relations
  - Languages and Literature- English Language & Literature, Modern Foreign Languages
  - Law
  - Maths and Computer Science-Maths, Physics, Computer Science
  - Sciences-Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Psychology, Geography
- Attend Spotlight summer school and complete an academic assignment
- Receive support and guidance in applying to university
- Receive special consideration when applying to King's College London. Year 12/13 students who successfully complete the programme will be eligible for a **reduced offer** worth up to two A-level grades lower than the standard offer (**excluding Medicine and Dentistry**).

**Are you eligible?**

- Beginning your studies in Year 12, as of September 2018
- Have 8 GCSEs at grades 4-9/A\*-C (including English and Maths), and within this a minimum of 5 grades 7-9's (A\*- A)
- Do not have a parent(s) or carer(s) who have studied at university in the UK or abroad

**Even if you don't meet the above academic and background criteria**, K+ is interested in receiving applications from students who:

- Live or have lived in local authority care, **and/or** are a young carer **and/or** disabled
- Are estranged from their parents **and/or** are a forced migrant

Apply for the K+ programme online at [www.kplus.london](http://www.kplus.london) . The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 10th October**. See Ms Fearon (Mentor Coordinator) Room A116 for more information.

**Bugsy Malone – Ms Risolino**

On Tuesday afternoon we kicked off the first casting session for this year's whole-school production *Bugsy Malone*. We had a number of students from Years 7 to 13 in attendance and we were particularly impressed with the number of Year 7 and 8 students present, - clearly we have a talented KS3 at the academy. The students learnt their first dance number *Fat Sam's Grand Slam*, all performers showed exceptional talent, enthusiasm and charisma, casting this show will be tough! Students then had to perform an extract of the script putting to test their American accents.

The first cast list will be put up on Monday morning on the drama notice board. Casting and rehearsals will continue every Tuesday after period 5, so any students not present on the 18th September can come to the black box on the 25th September.