

Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing 15th October 2018



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

Year 11 News - Mr Shillingford

It is great to see Year 11 students settled into their new routine, which includes an extra sixth lesson each day. They have started the year proving they are ready for the challenges ahead. Teachers have praised the year group for their new mature attitude to learning and the initiative that they have shown in widening their experiences to better prepared them for life after GCSEs.

At the end of Year 10 the majority of student's sat an extra GCSE across a range of subjects. For many this was their first taste of GCSE success and the following deserve honourable mentions:

- Elisa A* in Statistics
- Marcus A in GCSE Statistics
- Mattia A in GCSE Statistics
- Khesrau A in GCSE Statistics
- Hugo A in GCSE Statistics
- Chiranjeev A in GCSE Statistics
- Reece Foot A in GCSE Statistics
- Lucia A in GCSE Statistics
- Joshua Grade 9 in GCSE Citizenship
- Emily Grade 8 in GCSE Music
- Zoha Grade 7 in GCSE Religious Studies
- Tiffany Grade 7 in GCSE Religious Studies

Dates for your Diary

15th October 2018 – Open Week 18th October 2018 – Year 11 Parents' Evening 18th October 2018 – Careers Fair 22nd October 2018 – Academy Closes for Half Term 29th October 2018 – Academy Resumes

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to watching them continue to flourish

Luke Brilley - Ms Risolino

Luke Brilley, our Year 13 drama and dance student, has been awarded a scholarship for the Pauline Quirke Academy. He impressed the performing arts academy so much that they offered him a scholarship on the day of his first audition. The next show for PQA will be *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and Luke has auditioned for the lead role of Willy Wonka, and we are delighted to say he has been given the part!

Luke will be auditioning this year for the professional performing arts conservatories to pursue his career into musical theatre and we could not be happier that he is gaining this invaluable experience to prepare him for his career in the arts. Ms Risolino recommended Luke to attend and he took a risk attending a place where he did not know anyone, yet he could not have been more successful. It is this attitude that the expressive arts department actively encourage and we know that this will mean that Luke's future is very bright indeed.



Sports Fixtures Monday 15th - Friday 19th October 2018

	Fixture	Location	Staff	Time
Tuesday	Wandsworth Volleyball Festival B+G All Years	Ernest Bevin	DAS/MNO	3:-6pm
Wednesday	U14 Girls Basketball Round 1	Southfields	SMC	3:30-6pm



Thought for the Week

Tolerance is a virtue that depends upon peace and strength.

Charles Lindbergh



Football Festival – Mr Miller

Eighteen Schools, 153 Girls and Haydon the Womble took part in the first ever AFC Wimbledon Year 3/4 Girls Football Festival at Southfields Academy on 5th October. The event, run in partnership with the Wandsworth School Games, was a celebration of the launch of a new FA Girls Football Development Centre supported by the FA and Youth Sport Trust. At the festival, the girls from Wandsworth primary schools learnt new footballing skills from AFC Wimbledon Foundation coaches.

Kasha Petit, Female development and Health officer from AFC Wimbledon Foundation opened the event by welcoming all, she said "It was a great opportunity for the girls to learn new skills, make new friends but most importantly to have fun playing football"

Nick Miller, School Games Organiser said; "It was fantastic to see so many girls come along and show such enthusiasm in playing football. The AFC Wimbledon coaches and sport leaders from Southfields Academy were excellent and a fun time was had by all. Haydon the Womble turning up was an added bonus"

Thanks to the following Southfields students for all their hard work at the event: Danielle Solomon, Cael Hughes, Helen Salinas, Joana Carmo, Emilly Santos and Valetina Rendon Suarez.











Food Challenge – Ms Waugh





Massive congratulations to Lillie-Leigh Burden, Victoria Pazera and David Stojanov for representing Southfields Academy in the 2018 Tooting Street Food Competition. The judges were blown away with their concept and skills not to mention the flavours in their dishes. Huge congratulations to the team for their efforts. Ms Waugh



The Tooting Street Food challenge was launched in June by the council's Lifelong Learning team, who chose Tooting because it has become one of London's top foodie destinations.

It has offered young people a unique opportunity to develop a business idea and put their entrepreneurial skills into practice. Teams from Burntwood School, Chestnut Grove Academy, Ernest Bevin College, Nightingale Academy and Southfields Academy, received coaching and mentoring from professionals in the hospitality industry.

Wednesday night's fiercely-contested final was judged by Tooting Market manager Roi Mengelgrein and professional London-based chefs Richard Sawyer (Maddison's on Broadway) and Sebastian Ryder (Purple Dragon). The judges were impressed with the high quality of food and thought given to branding and developing a new food product.

Open Week at the Academy

The Academy has another open week from Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October for prospective parents to view the school.

If any parent/carer wishes to have a tour of the Academy, please contact Sean French on 0208 875 2661 or email sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com





Alumni of the week - Julie Hart - 1972 to 1977



I went to Southfields School from 1972 to 1977 after leaving Riversdale School. I particularly enjoyed French and English lessons and I have very good memories of a school journey to the Isle of Wight. I started at Linden Lodge School in 1998 as Special support assistant supporting a visually impaired girl with complex needs. I now work as a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant. I support the Speech Therapist with integrating communication with highly complex needs students and young people using A.A.C. (Augmented alternative communication) Visual aids, Makaton signing, Switches, Picture symbols. Eye gaze programmes on the computer where the person needs to communicate by using their eyes only. I assist with specialist eating and drinking difficulties, order specialist eating and drinking equipment, feeding programmes, Dysphagia Clinics - (swallowing difficulties) I also attend feeding clinics alongside Dieticians, school nursing and Speech therapist. I don't have a favourite part of my job as it's so diverse and never a dull moment, each day brings new challenges. But if I really had to say what my favourite part is, it has to be the students and young people that we support. Just to see a small progression, a smile, which we take for granted every day, is a real struggle for a lot of our young people at Linden Lodge and makes my day/job worthwhile.

I was really pleased when Linden Lodge joined in partnership with Southfields. Partly because my two schools were joining together but also because I know that both schools have a lot to offer and teach each other.

Making Slime in Science Club! – Mr Ananthasigamany

A range of mini-scientist from Year 7, 8 and 9 came to get their hands on some "alien snot" as Ms Newton likes to call it. The mini-scientist were eager and got themselves 'lab ready' within moments of walking into the lab.

With a small reminder of the risk of the experiment and some instructions about the method...off they went! Adding borax here and there, adding slightly more PVA when the time was right and stirring endlessly until they got the final product. However, as with all experiment only few of our scientist finally got the desired product.











