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

Year 7 News – Ms Douglas

This term, as part of community participation and engagement, Year 7 will be involved with contributing something small to a shoebox, as part of the ‘Samaritan’s Purse International Relief’. A list will be distributed to each tutor group of the types of items that could be put in the box, for a 10 – 14 year old boy or girl. For example, something fun, something to love, something creative, something to keep clean with, something to put on and something to learn with.

Items to avoid - war related items, such as guns, soldiers, knives or camouflage items, religious items or literature. Avoid food items, other than sweets (no chocolate), handmade toys with stuffing or glass items that could break. No liquids, aerosols, sharp objects, medicines, books with many words and unwrapped scented items. Include stated clothing only, and no second-hand, it must be new.

Each class will produce one decorated shoe box, and will choose a girl or a boy.


Sixth Form Open Events

It is time for Year 11 students to complete applications for a Sixth Form place. Our Sixth Form Open Mornings will take place on Tuesday 13th November and Thursday 13th December between 08:30 and 10:30.

Come along to our Sixth Form Open Event and take a tour of the Academy. Meet students and staff and have all your questions answered about our thriving, vibrant and rewarding Sixth Form. In addition, you will get the opportunity to discuss our wide range of courses.

Our Sixth Form ensures bright and secure futures for all of its students, with outstanding A level and vocational results. Each year we carefully track the progress of our Sixth Form leavers – more than 95% go on to positive destinations such as university, employment or apprenticeships, which is well above the national average.

Visit Eventbrite to book a place and register your interest: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sixth-form-open-events-tickets-51461251990

Sixth Form Employability Workshop

On Tuesday the Academy hosted a visit from IGD.com, Feeding Britain’s Future, which provided much food for thought for our Sixth formers. IGD.com state:

“Our school workshops programme brings industry professionals into schools to inspire and educate students about the world of work. These two-hour workshops provide:

- industry professionals throughout the food and grocery supply chain with the opportunity to connect with young people and share their passion for work
- Year 9 and sixth form students with guidance on the skills needed in the workplace and insight into the variety of jobs available in the food and grocery supply chain.”
Thought for the Week
Tolerance is giving to every other human being every right that you claim for yourself.
Robert Green Ingersoll

Science Club – Ms Newton
This week in Science Club our young scientists investigated diffusion...the colourful way! They first added food colouring to four different beakers and connected the beakers with a tissue bridge to see how the water diffused into the other beaker through the tissue to create a weird mix of colours.
Then came the part where the young scientist had to be really strong...the Skittles came out. Despite their urge to eat the Skittles they continued testing how many Skittles it took to change the colour of the water. This also meant that in the end we had a wide assortment of colours to take great pictures with.

Parent Governors – Mr Elson
Southfields Academy is looking for two parent governors to join the Local Governing Body. We are looking for parents or carers who can assist the Local Governing Body in helping the Academy to run as efficiently as possible.
No experience is necessary but we are looking for enthusiastic people who can attend three evening meetings a year.
Training is available.
Please email on info@southfieldsacademy.com for further information

Girls’ Football Tournament - Mr Munro & Mr Philpott
On 31st October, AFC Wimbledon hosted a football tournament for girls in Years 9 and 11. The tournament included many schools across the borough of Wandsworth.
Year 9, managed by Mr Philpott, played phenomenally well, winning three games, drawing one and losing one. These amazing results meant that they came runners up in the league, which is a brilliant achievement.
Year 11, managed by Mr Munro, entered two teams because of the overwhelming popularity of football in that particular year group. They played absolutely brilliantly with the A team winning four games and losing one, the B team winning two, drawing two and losing one. At the end of the tournament, Southfields’ A team came joint top of the league, losing out on goal difference. Southfields’ B team came fourth.
Overall, the behaviour, effort and teamwork displayed by the girls was something to be proud of. All games were played in the correct way and I am massively proud of them all.

Performing Arts Save the dates – Ms Risolino
Thursday 6th December 4pm - 5pm - The Year 13 improvised performance, It’s a Serious Matter
Monday 10th December 4pm - 5pm - Spotlight, the winter dance show
Tuesday 11th December 4pm - 5pm - The Level 2 performance showcase
Wednesday 12th December 4pm - 5pm - The Year 12 Homeless project
On Thursday 1st November we held our annual Academy Awards prize evening. This ceremony takes place to recognise and celebrate the achievement of students in Years 8 – 13 for the previous academic year and to recognise those Year 7s who have achieved most in their first half-term with us. This was a lovely ceremony, compered by Luke Brilley and Daniella Izquierdo, with two wonderful musical interludes from Shay Sawyer and Nikol Tsvetanova.

In front of their peers and parents, a large number of students were presented with awards for their achievements by Ms Valin and our special guests, Lisa Williamson and David Gyasi.

Lisa Williamson is the best-selling author of *The Art of Being Normal* and *All About Mia*. She also collaborated with other bestselling and award-winning young adult authors in *Floored*. The Academy was delighted that Lisa could take time out of her busy schedule to present these awards.

As an extra special surprise the Academy was also joined by David Gyasi, who is a British actor. He is best known for his roles in *Cloud Atlas* and *Interstellar*, as well as the lead role of Lex Carnahan in The CW miniseries *Containment*. He was delighted to help present the awards with Lisa!

Special Awards were awarded to:

- **Mariam El Kouiri Akhazan**
  - David Edwards Creative Writing Award

- **Ashir Gondal**
  - Oliver Builders Award for Design Technology

- **Yusuf Abdiil**
  - Peter Brown Award for Construction

- **Scott Patching & Devantai Page**
  - Lab Studio Achievement in Music Award

- **Mohammed Rehman**
  - SAS Copiers Award for Business Studies

- **Saqib Mehmood**
  - Marta Stroczynska Award for Mathematics

- **Giane Nicole Repalda**
  - Early Builders Achievement in Humanities Award

- **Devantai Page**
  - Robin Reeves Award for Overcoming Adversity

- **Ujala Arshad**
  - James Murray Award for Determination

- **Nehan Khan**
  - Trustees’ Award for Most Improved Boy

- **Molly Spring**
  - Trustees’ Award for Most Improved Girl

- **Rafaela Gopleac**
  - Principal’s Award for Attainment - Girl

- **Salman Ahmed**
  - Principal’s Award for Attainment - Boy
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