



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 24th December 2018



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

Year 7 students have had a brilliant term. Most of the students have settled in well and are getting used to the daily routines and expectations of Academy life. A reminder to parents that students need to complete all homework and iStudy projects during the Christmas holidays. Also, ensure that your child has full school uniform and equipment ready to start a new Spring term prepared for learning. The Year 7 team wish you all a peaceful and relaxing break and a prosperous new year.

AFC Wimbledon Scholar – Mr Elson

Congratulations to Tyler Burey who made his league debut for AFC Wimbledon at Charlton Athletic last Saturday. Tyler is part of the AFC Wimbledon scholars who study at Southfields and follows Toby Sibbick and Anthony Hartigan who have previously played for Wimbledon whilst at this school.

Tyler impressed with his skill and energy in the ten minutes that he played and hopefully he will get many more chances to show what he can do in the coming months.

Dates for Your Diary

- 7th January 2019 – Academy Resumes
- 15th January 2019 – Year 8 Options Fayre
- 16th January 2018 – 6th Form Open Morning
- 17th January 2019 – Year 11 6th Form Taster Day
- 18th January 2019 – KS 3 Drop Down Day

Christmas Jumper Day – Ms Sulliman

On Friday 14th December, staff donned their best Christmas jumpers in aid of raising money for Save The Children. From sparkly Santas to Christmassy Captain Americas, the effort and range of festive knitwear was impressive! A huge thank you to all of those who participated and donated- we raised a grand total of £212.14!





Staff v Sixth Form Football – Mr Munro



On Friday 14th December, Southfields Academy hosted the inaugural Staff v Sixth Form Football fixture. It was a team of Sixth Formers, who take part in physical activity regularly, against a team who never runs (unless it's Mr Arthur rounding up his Year 9s). There was a sea of support flooding the astro, 99% were pupils who were supporting the Sixth Form.

The game started off tentatively, with no team wanting to make a mistake. The first goal was scored 20 minutes in, when Lewis Martin outpaced Mr Forsyth and left him back in history, cut inside and whipped the ball into the top corner. Mr Stainer between the sticks had no chance. This goal enabled the Sixth Form team to get their tails up and apply more pressure. This pressure paid off 30 minutes in, when Isaac Burley dribbled the ball into the area and smashed it into the far corner. Two nil, the staff looked shell shocked. Staff team Assistant Manager, Mr Philpott, changed the formation to a basic 4-4-2. This piece of genius paid dividend immediately. Firstly, Mr Bradbury had a very difficult chance, which he put slightly over the bar. Then the Staff were awarded a corner, Bradbury played it in with height, which allowed Andy May to volley it into the postage stamp, 2-1 with five minutes to go until the interval. The Staff were the ones who were looking more likely to score now. The second goal came shortly after the first. Some quick thinking by Mr Miller allowed him to take a throw in which caught the Sixth Form off guard and allowed Mr Munro to have a simple tap in, 2-2. The half time whistle blew with the score at 2-2. If it wasn't for Mr Philpott's tactical change, this could have been a totally different score line. It's surprising he was overlooked for the Shrewsbury managerial position.

The second half began and the staff had made more changes. Mr Duffy, Mr Sweet and Ms Lunt came onto the pitch hoping to solve the equation on how to win the game. They cracked it almost immediately when Duffy played in Sweet, who calmly slotted home to make it 3-2 to the Staff. The Staff were pushing for another goal, which left them open at the back, and they conceded to make it 3-3. This didn't deter the staff and their style of play. With an hour gone, the Staff took the lead again. Mr Duffy with another assist, this time playing in Munro, who had the simplest of finishes. With the game now 4-3, the Staff looked tired, the intensity dropped. This meant the Sixth Form had more time on the ball to pick their passes, which made it easy for them to score their fourth. Stainer made a wonderful, one handed save but Firaz Qamar reacted quicker than everyone and scored the rebound, 4-4. With ten minutes to go, the game looked like it was destined for a draw. But the Sixth Form had other ideas, a high ball into the box took a deflection and an awkward bounce, then struck Arthur's hand. Some would say it was a slight touch, others would say he signed it. Penalty awarded. Up stepped Ahsan, who sent Stainer the wrong way and made it 5-4 to the Sixth Form. With four minutes left the Staff got their second wind, Mr Zayas played the ball to Munro, who found Duffy in the box, who kept his composure and placed the ball into the empty net, 5-5. The final whistle blew and the game was a draw, probably a fair result for both teams. It looks like there will need to be a second leg later in the year to decide it.

The game was played in fantastic spirit, thank you very much to all staff and pupils who took part and who came out to show their support. You'll Never Walk Alone.

Winter Wonderland – Ms Hodgson

On Thursday 13th December, the Year 13 Travel and Tourism students went on a trip to Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park. This is one of the biggest and most well-attended events in the UK attracting over 3 million visitors a year.

The students spent the day enjoying the festive activities including ice skating, circus shows, an observation wheel and a huge Christmas market. They also enjoyed a variety of delicious cuisines at the street food markets. It was an excellent day and it has put us all in the Christmas spirit.





Year 9 Football – Mr Munro

On Tuesday 18th December, Southfields played host to Ernest Bevin for a Year 9 game of football. Southfields were fielding several players who were making their debut. Southfields started off like a house on fire, applying pressure on the Ernest Bevin players at every opportunity. The pressure paid off almost immediately. Malik Adeneyi played the ball through to Kyle Baker who calmly placed the ball to the right of the Bevin goalkeeper and made it 1-0 to Southfields. The second goal came soon after when Baker played the ball through to Carlos Francisco, who rounded the keeper and placed the ball into the empty net to make it 2-0. Bevin then began to get a hold of the ball and were getting into the Southfields defensive third. Aidan Parsons gave away a free kick around 30 yards out, which should have been no danger, but the Bevin player struck a sweet strike into the bottom left corner to make it 2-1. Southfields then began to establish themselves once again. This time, Parsons playing the ball to Baker who smashed the ball into the top corner to make it 3-1 to Southfields. The score remained this way until half time.

The second half began with Southfields giving Shaquille Lindsay Robinson and Kain Francis their debuts. These changes didn't make a difference to the Southfields style of play, and it was 4-1 shortly after the break. Robinson threading the ball through the eye of a needle to Baker, who rounded the goalkeeper and walked the ball into the empty net. Bevin then began to get a foothold in the game, playing the ball around the midfield and pressing every time Southfields had the ball. This pressure paid dividend when they won the ball from Southfields in the attacking third and belted the ball past Kieran Sullivan who could not do anything about it. Southfields then got their heads together and began to play as a team again. Robinson playing a delightful ball over the top to Baker who beat two defenders and placed the ball into the far corner, 5-2. Ten minutes of madness then ensued which resulted in Southfields conceding three goals, 5-5 the score. With four minutes to go, Baker went on an amazing run down the left wing, passed the ball to Francisco, who turned on a six pence and unleashed a strike, which left the Bevin 'keeper helpless, 6-5 to Southfields. With the last attack of the game, Bevin threw caution to the wind and it paid off. A long ball over the top, allowed their striker to latch onto the end of it and place it past an unfortunate Sullivan, 6-6 and this would be the final score.

Special mentions to Kyle Baker and Carlos Francisco, who had a fantastic relationship up front, reminiscent of a prime Keane and Berbatov. Baker just sneaking the Man of the Match award.

Another special mention to Shaquille Lindsay-Robinson, who kept his cool in the midfield and got two Xabi Alonso like assists on his debut.

This side is getting better and better, it is only a matter of time before they get their first win. As Jay Z said, "On to the Next One".

Reuben Collins LFE Award – Mr Elson

AFC Wimbledon Under-18s defender and Southfields student, Reuben Collins, has been recognised by the League Football Education (LFE) for his hard work on and off the pitch.

Reuben is one of just 11 players from around the country to be selected and it is a reward for his progress through the AFC Wimbledon academy.

'The 11' acknowledges the football and academic progress of Under-18 players on apprenticeships at current or former English Football League (EFL) clubs - and is also designed to assess other factors, including involvement in community or charity-based initiatives.

<https://www.afcwimbledon.co.uk/news/2018/december/reuben-earns-national-recognition-from-the-lfe/>





Thought for the Week

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you can never see the shadow." ~Helen Keller



All Day Art Class – Mr Reis

With the term slowly coming to an end what better way to finish than an all-day art session guided by Mr Reis!

The Year 11 GCSE students spent all-day bringing to life their investigations and experiments under the theme of 'Identity'. Inspired by the work and life of the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and their own personal experiences, students have created experiments which have been developed and refined, culminating in the most outstanding pieces of art.

Visitors to the session were lost for words and could not believe the level of talent and skill on show. The enthusiasm was permanent and the atmosphere in the art studio was electric. The group exceeded all expectations. They were very excited to talk to the many visitors and explain their ideas and the process behind their creations. The very diverse group created a no less diverse body of work in what was a celebration of creativity, individuality and serious commitment.

I can't wait to see the work on show at the Academy early next year!



The Academy would like to take this opportunity to wish all student and their parents / carers a wonderful break and a happy New Year.

