



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 21st January 2019



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

Year 9 News – Mr Arthur

Happy New Year to all friends and family of Southfields Academy. It's only been a week and the students have launched themselves right back into a tight studying regime...

The students this term will be taking advantage of the LSE mentoring programme which works closely with an outside agency consisting of university students and personnel in full-time jobs. This is a great opportunity for students, who signed up during the autumn term, to start to engage with their future career paths and their current GCSE curriculum.

The opportunity started 16/01/2019 and will take place every Wednesday after school for the spring term. Leanne's Medics, a programme offered by St Georges Hospital students, have been working with a group of eleven students in the Year 9 cohort.

The eleven students will be bringing the programme to a close on 30th January 2019 at the St Georges site where they will be engaged in talks with senior experienced Doctors who will give them insight into the world of medical students and the career beyond. The students will be collaborating with other schools such as Chestnut Grove and St Martin-In-The-Field High School for Girls. There will be an afternoon of onsite training and first-hand experience of using equipment inside the Hospital.

The year group will be commencing their upcoming assessments on the 28th January 2019. Students, along with Parent support, will need to ensure they create a balanced environment mixed with hard work and revision but also allowing them to enjoy anything leisurely to support their well-being during the tight schedule and turnaround of exams.

The Year 9s are due to have their inoculations on 24th January 2019. Please ensure that letters sent home are returned ASAP.

Students this term will be delivering an insight of their areas of knowledge and the specification of their foundation courses already learned this year. The students will work together in their classes to produce a detailed presentation delivered to their peers during assemblies.

I am really 'blown away' by the planning and commitment to their studies this year and with Year 10 and Year 11 to come I can only imagine further progress.

The Year 9 football team led, by Mr Munro, continue to progress and recently drew 3-3 with Mr Philpott's Year 10 Football team.

Last but not least, well done to both Kyle Baker and Pa Musa Ceesay for 'passing out' during a 4 day programme of varied training drills led by the LFB last term.

Year 9 Parents Evening: 16th May 2019.

More info to follow closer to the date. Hope to see you all there.

Parents - please continue supporting the students around their studies and do not hesitate to get in contact.

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Sport Fixtures

Monday 21st - Friday 25th January 2019



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Check the PE notice board for team sheets and updated information.



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	Fixture	Location	Staff	Time
Monday				
Tuesday	Y7-9 Inclusive Basketball	Battersea Sports Centre	BCE	10:00-14:00
Wednesday	Year 8 & 9 Football v St Cecilia's	Southfields Astro	MNO/FYH	15:15 - 16:30
	Year 11 Futsal	Southfields Sports Hall	KGT	16:00 - 18:00
	U18 Football Away vs. Bognor Regis	Bognor Regis	AFC	13:00 - 17:30
Thursday	Y10 Wandsworth School Games Volleyball Grand Final	Ernest Bevin	BCE/KGT	15:30 - 18:00
Friday				

Dates for Your Diary

23rd January 2019 – International Group Parents' Evening

24th January 2019 – Year 9 Booster Jobs

29th January 2019 – Post-16 Forum

30th January 2019 – Year 12 Inspiring Futures

12th February 2019 – Year 8 Options Evening

15th February 2019 – INSET Day

!8th February 2019 – Half Term Begins

22nd February 2019 – Half Term Ends



Thought for the Week

To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.
Anatole France



£1 ENTRY FEE

London Mini Marathon Trials 2019

Sign up to the London Mini Marathon trials for your chance to be part of Team Wandsworth and run the last 5km of the London Marathon Route.

To be eligible you must either live, go to school or have been born in the borough of Wandsworth.

**Millennium Arena
Battersea Park SW11 4BE
Sunday 3 February 2019**

- under 13s
- under 15s
- under 17s
- there's also an under 11s 2km Fun Run

For more information call (020) 3959 0042 or email dbrown@enablelc.org

Download the entry form at www.enablelc.org/minimarathon



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Year 8 Options Fair – Ms Lindau

Year 8 had their options fair this week. Students met with departments during period 5 to discuss the various subjects and think about their choices. Many parents attended the fair after school and were able to have discussions with their children and their teachers about a wide variety of choices.

Many students reported considering classes they were not familiar with because of the fair and I am delighted at how interested and supportive the Year 8 parents are in the whole options process.



Joyful Harmonica Ensemble – Ms Breen

The Academy's music department played host to a group of musicians visiting from Korea this week. The Joyful Harmonica Ensemble, consisting of six disabled musicians, entertained students from Year 7 and Year 10 with music ranging from traditional Korean songs to recent releases. Playing on a variety of harmonicas, including a big chromatic harmonica, the group enthralled the students with the different sounds they were able to produce from their instruments. Afterwards there was a Q&A session and students asked questions such as how the musicians breathe while playing and which countries they've performed in.

Amongst the group was a professional artist who produces his work using his feet, as he was born without arms. Students were amazed to see the detail in his work and to learn that each piece takes around 100 hours to complete. The artist said his message to the students was that with determination, anything is possible.





Year 9 v Year 10 Football - Mr Munro



On Wednesday 16th January, Southfields Academy held the annual Year 9 v Year 10 football match. This was set to be a fascinating encounter, as the Year 10 team hadn't lost in their first three league games and Year 9 were coming off the back of two great results before the festive break. Both teams went into the game full of confidence. The game started at a frantic pace, with neither team wanting to make a mistake. After the first five minutes, Year 9 were starting to dominate. They were first to every ball and Year 10 couldn't handle it. Corey Toussaint and Maliki Adeniyi were rocks in the middle of the park.

This domination finally paid off after 15 minutes. Toissaint played a David Silva-esque pass through to Carlos Francisco, who smashed the ball into the far corner, leaving Jet Harris with no chance. This shock goal didn't seem to give Year 10 a wakeup call, as the same Year 9 pressure continued. The second goal for Year 9 came five minutes later. This time Francisco went on a weaving run, beating three Year 10 defenders, before smashing the ball into the net, Harris again was just a spectator. Year 9 were ecstatic, Year 10 looked dejected. For the next ten minutes, the teams were evenly matched, with all players wanting to win their individual battles. With three minutes to go before the first half ended, Year 9 got their third goal. Stephen Rowe whipped in a teasing cross, which was met by Ismael Toko, who delicately flicked the ball into the net to make it 3-0 to Year 9. The half time whistle blew to end this half of football.

Year 10 needed some Istanbul-like inspiration from Mr Philpott. They certainly got it. Three goals in a manic seven minutes brought the game to 3-3. First, T'Shawn Whiteing broke down the right wing, beating Ajub Ibrahim for pace and belted the ball into the far corner. Aidan Parsons in goal could only watch it go in. The next goal was a carbon copy of the first, but this time Whiteing beating Kain Francis for pace before smashing the ball into the far corner. The third goal came from a corner. Jostin Chata Ormaza crossed the ball into the box, which was met by Chimalsi Richards, who headed it into the goal.

Three-three, it really was like Istanbul.

For the next 15 minutes, the teams were very evenly matched and there were no clear cut chances. However, in the final five minutes, both teams had golden chances to win the game. Firstly, for Year 10, Richards beat Dylan Porter for pace, leaving himself 1v1 with Parsons. Parsons stood tall and Richards hit the ball straight at him. A Year 9 chance came in the final minute. Kyle Baker ran past Tyrique Codner with ease, beat Elvis Adibe Kwashi with a silky piece of skill, before laying the ball off to Francisco, who struck the ball just over the bar. The final whistle blew with the score 3-3. A great game all round and a draw being the fair result. Both teams will be happy because, as Elton John said "I'm Still Standing".

Every single student involved played the game in the right spirit and gave maximum effort throughout. It was a joy to watch.

Oxford University Trip – Ms Thomas

Twelve Year 11 girls got the opportunity to visit Oxford University to attend an all-day event, which aimed to encourage and inspire more girls to pursue mathematics.

They were able to solve some fascinating mathematical puzzles and heard from a variety of speakers; including a mathematician who was using her knowledge to understand climate change in the Arctic and a statistician working at Oxford, who has challenged the mathematics behind companies' promotions and newspaper claims. All the girls really enjoyed spending a day that was focused on mathematics and having a look around the beautiful city of Oxford.

