



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 11th February 2019



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

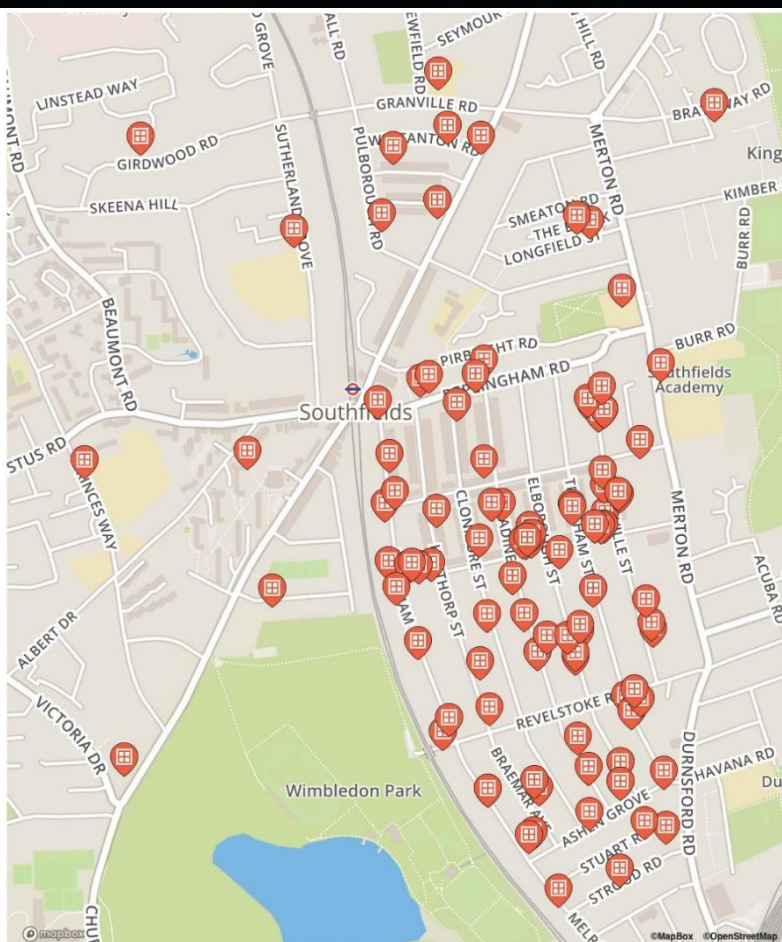


Southfields Window Wanderland – Ms Breen

This weekend in Southfields the winter Window Wanderland event will be happening and, for the first time, Southfields Academy will be taking part. The event has grown in popularity since it started in 2017 and hundreds of people are expected to participate, either by decorating their front windows, or by going on the trail around Southfields to view decorated windows.

The idea is to turn streets into an outdoor gallery for all to see. In the past, decorations have ranged from simple fairy lights to a giant giraffe running from a ground floor window right up to the top window. Our DT department staff are busy preparing a design which will appear in the library window on the ground floor near the corner of Burr Road.

The event runs on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th from 5.30pm-9pm and the map shows the location of those taking part.



PE Fixtures

Monday 11th – Friday 15th February 2019

Tuesday – Year 7 Netball, Wandsworth School games at Burntwood DAS/HRN 15.30 – 1800

Year 9/10 Girls football at Southfields KGT 1600 K.O

Wednesday – U16 Girls basketball, R2 London School Games at Southfields SMT 4.00 Tip

Dates for Your Diary

12th February 2019 – Year 8 Options and Parents' Evening

15th February 2019 – INSET Day

18th February 2019 – Half Term Begins

22nd February 2019 – Half Term Ends

25th February 2019 – Academy Resumes

27th February 2019 – KS5 Parents' Evening

7th March 2019 – Year 11 Parents' Evening



Thought for the Week

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon.

Franklin D. Roosevelt



Sixth Form News

On Wednesday 30th January over 40 high ranking professionals from industry visited the Academy to support our Year 12 students and help them prepare for their futures in a range of activities.

All students were given the opportunity to have a mock job interview with a professional. In order to make the experience as real as possible, students were given a choice of jobs to 'apply for' and spent some time preparing for the interview in advance, with their form tutors. The Sixth Form team set up a reception and waiting room where students nervously waited to be called for interview. After the interview, students had a discussion with the interviewer about what went well and what could have been improved. They also received valuable written feedback from the interviewer.

A wide range of workshops run by industry professionals to address both careers and personal development needs were also on offer. Students were able to choose the ones that suited their needs and interests. For example, we ran workshops on different career sectors such as finance, technology and nursing. Personal development workshops included: time management, driving awareness and personal nutrition workshops. Student engagement and enthusiasm for the event was high.

We were lucky to have support from high calibre professionals from a variety of workplaces, including Getty Images, B.D.O, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Sir Robert McAlpine, H.M. Revenue and Customs and The Home Office.





Travel Show – Ms Hodgson



On Friday 1st of February, a mix of Year 12 and 13 Travel and Tourism students visited The Destinations: Holiday and Travel Show at Olympia London. The event was packed with hundreds of leading and independent travel agencies, 75 global tourist boards, cultural entertainment, world flavours and travel celebrities.

The students had a wonderful day and left feeling inspired having discovered new destinations and adventures near and far!



Maths Feast Competition – Mr Spencer

Mr. Alex Spencer and Mr. Luke Murphy took eight Year 10 students to Raynes Park High School for the London Maths Feast 2019 competition.

We competed against some of the best schools in London and did really well.

The idea of the competition is to give students a flavour of maths beyond the GCSE course.

Photo (Left to right): Sadiq Mohamed, Sharif Nawal, Jaspinder Dhillon, Gailn Paskalev, Milena Mickiewicz, Keeley Quinnell, Kelvin Frimpong and Waleed Ahmad.



U16 Girls Basketball - London School Games Coach Sarah McDermott

After being crowned champions of Wandsworth, the girls went on to play Eltham Hill from the borough of Greenwich.

The girls had a great start, ending the 1st half 21-9. Eltham tried their best to catch up but with strong defence from the girls, they were no match for Southfields. The game ended with a brilliant score of 49-23 to Southfields.

Player of the match was Helen Parraga Salinas who was able to lead the team and control the pace of the game with many steals and assists. Great contribution from all that took part: Felicity Gamayon, Kiyana Amaning, Nadija Ibrahim, Maria Olayiwola, Megan Channing, and Tilly Hornbrook.

The girls move on to round 2 of the games and face Elm Green from Lambeth at home on 13th February.

Well done again, you made coach very proud!



AFC Wimbledon Futsal Cup – Ms Knight



On Monday Wiktorja Szaniawska, Alex Muschette and Hajira Sidiqi in Year 9, along with Danni Weston, Aleksandra Paskaleva and Natalia Sroka in Year 8 took part in the AFC Wimbledon Futsal Cup.

The girls played 3 outstanding games within the tournament against Graveney, Burntwood and Ark Putney. Southfields were undefeated and only conceded 1 goal throughout the whole tournament. Southfields won the first game against Graveney 5-0, with 4 great goals scored by Alex and 1 by Natalia, with Danni leading the defence from goal.

The second game was won just as convincingly, finishing 4-0 with 2 goals from Alex, 1 from Hajira and another from Natalia, this time with Aleks denying Burntwood any goals. The girls knew that the final game against Ark Putney would be tougher and although they initially went 1-0 down, they kept their heads up and worked together. With a great cross from Natalia, Alex was able to equalise. Southfields were then able to maintain possession and with Danni back in goal they kept the score level. This meant that they won the tournament overall on goal difference.

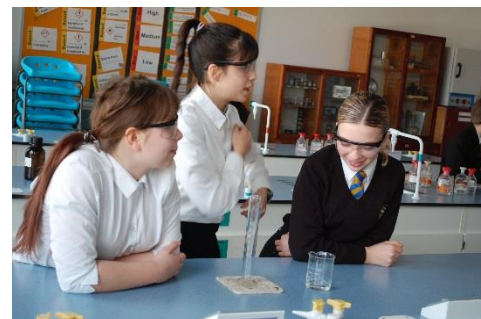
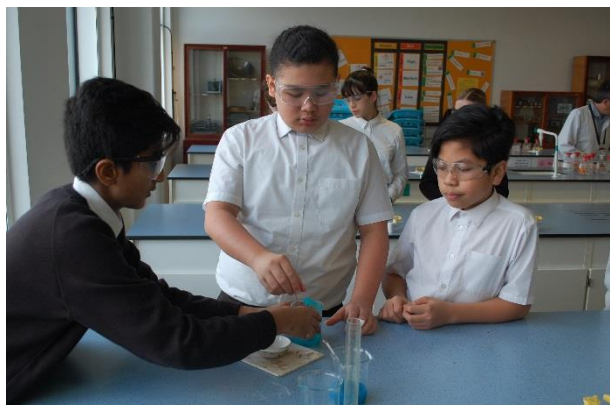
The girls demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. They worked well as a team and supported each other throughout. Alex, Natalia and Hajira created some incredible attacking opportunities while Wiktorja, Danni and Aleks worked hard on organising the defence effectively.

Well done girls!

Science Club – Coloured Fire Gel

There was a fantastic turnout of students at Science club this week, all eager to make coloured fire gel. This was made by dissolving strontium chloride (red flame) or copper chloride (green flame) in ethanol.

Once mixed well the students added calcium ethanoate which turned the liquid into a thick gel. The gel was moved into a fire-safe receptacle and set alight!



Year 12 3D design trip to Murdock London – Ms Jaffer

The Year 12 students have been given a great opportunity to work on a 'live' brief for the trendy barber shop chain Murdock London. Students are designing some mounted wall lighting suitable for the barber shops and their unique style.

Dan, Senior Barber at the Covent Garden branch was kind enough to show students around and discuss their brand in more detail. He will be visiting Southfields on Monday to look over students design ideas and give some valuable feedback.



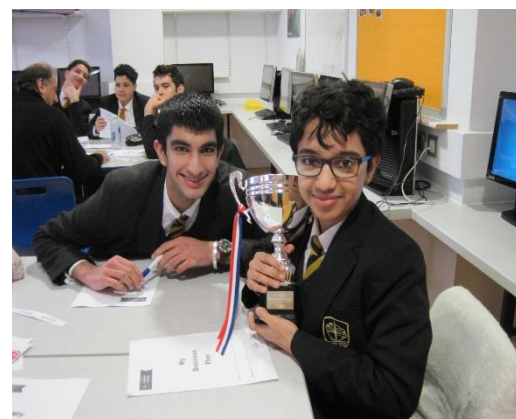


Mosaic Mentoring – Maria Fearon

On Monday 4th February Mosaic Mentoring, World of Work, paid a visit to the City of London, Wood Street Police Station. This was a very positive experience to culminate seven weeks of mentoring the Year 10 and IG students. Despite the grey day, the trek into the City of London was filled with curiosity and excitement, as it was the group's first visit to a police station. On arrival, each member of the group was issued with a red lanyard ID pass, emphasising the importance of security in the building.

The day was an eye-opener; it was very informative, filled with energising activities, more than just a normal school day in the classroom. The group had the opportunity to see a variety of professionals on the job, from an experienced Special Constable who had over 15 years' service to young apprentices in different roles in the organisation. A fierce barking German shepherd and a tail wagging and sniffing English springer spaniel were the K9s who demonstrated their invaluable role. The dog handlers described the dogs as an important crime fighting tool to protect and maintain public safety. The next session involved the Public Order/Riot Police; a few brave students dressed in protective helmet and gloves, and armed with a battering ram were encouraged to break down a door, by the team. It demanded strong muscles to carry through the instructions of the Police Officer. After many attempts, Gordon (one of the mentors) successfully barged in.

Throughout the visit the students demonstrated good communication skills and confidence. They managed their feelings well (even when afraid of the dogs) and were attentive throughout the presentation given by the apprentices. We are grateful to the City of London Police for accommodating our Mosaic Mentoring group. Ms Gavin (DHOY) was delighted the Year 10 students were such good ambassadors.



Mosaic Enterprise Challenge 2019

A new cohort of entrepreneurs have been learning about business and competing in the online Mosaic Enterprise Challenge competition. Eight teams of 5 students from Year 7-10 & IG have entered this year's inter-school competition which runs from 7th January - 22nd February, 2019.

An emerging front runner is the team from 7 LNT. This dynamic group attended all the sessions over 4 days, they have the potential to be the top team this year vying for a trophy, prize money of £2,500 along with personal gifts and an exciting day's experience. Every participant will receive a certificate from The Prince's Trust.





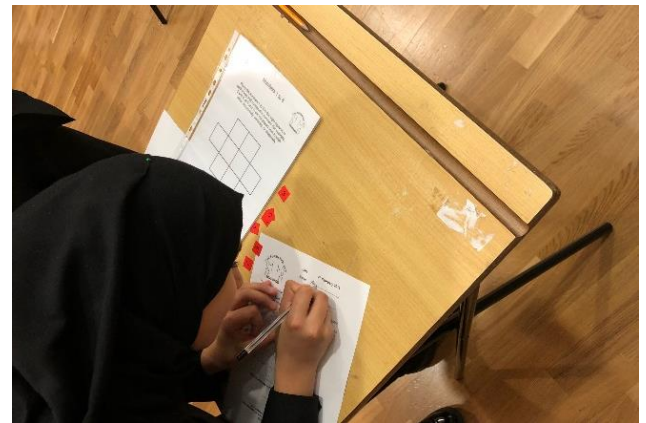
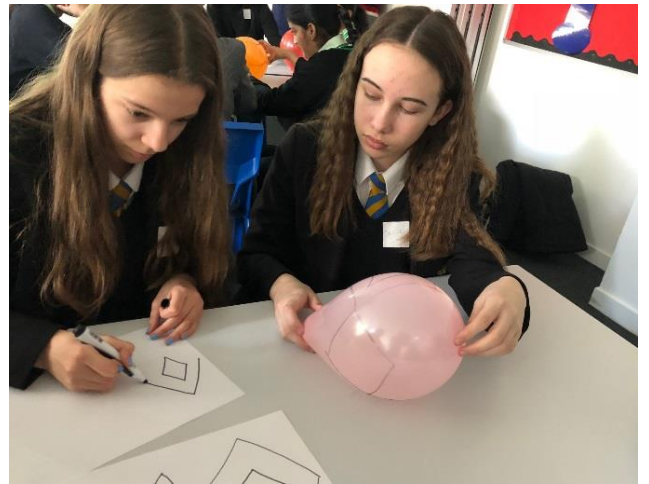
Girl's in Maths' Day – Ms Ahmad



On Thursday 7th February, nine Year 8 students participated in the very first 'Girl's in Maths' Day at St John Bosco College.

Students attended workshops and lectures run by female PhD Mathematics students. They found out about the Mobius strip and why maps can be incorrect!

Students also took part in competitions and thoroughly enjoyed the puzzle solving session



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