



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 1st April 2019



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

Kingswood Trip – Mrs Douglas *KINGS AND QUEENS OF KINGSWOOD*

This weekend 56 students from Years 7, 8 & 9 took a trip to Kingswood and had an absolutely fabulous residential stay.

The students enjoyed a jam-packed weekend crammed with exciting activities including climbing; catapults and chariots; Jacob's ladder, obstacle courses, bush-craft – fire lighting, buggy building and a problem solving course.

Some students had to face their fear of heights and take part in sessions where their confidence, resilience and determination were challenged. The students also enjoyed fine, sunny weather which made all the difference to the whole weekend, even though some students did try and cool off in the mud!

Students and staff all came back exhausted, but having had great fun, as described by these students:

"I loved everything I did there. I did things I never dreamt of doing and I made friends who are supportive and kind."

"I enjoyed abseiling and rock climbing because they were challenging and night line because it was thrilling!"

"I got to do super fun things like night line (which is where you do an obstacle course blindfolded). What I found the most fun was the laser tag because you got to run around... Kingswood Rocks!"

"What I liked about Kingswood was I gained a lot of confidence, also I did things I was afraid of doing."







Thought for the Week

The more you believe in yourself, the more the world believes in you!
Isa Zapata



Proposals to create an enhanced single Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advisory service – Ms Grimes

If you are a parent/carer of a child with Autism (ASD) including those on a waiting list for a diagnosis, or if your child has emerging social communication difficulties, then the council would like to hear your views on the proposed changes to the Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advisory Services. Please visit the following website <https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthcsd/asd-19> to find our online questionnaire or, alternatively if you would like a paper copy of the questionnaire in a larger font or a different language then contact 020 8871 6242 or email consult@wandsworth.gov.uk The consultation closes on Sunday 28 April 2019.

Science Club COWS' EYES!

The lucky students who took part in this week's Science Club were in for a treat but hopefully they were briefed to eat first.

The students got the opportunity to further their biology studies with a dissection of a real cow's eye which gave them the chance to see the incredible structure of an eye first hand. They even removed the lens from the eye and used it to look at text on a page, seeing for themselves how the eye's lens magnifies what it sees.





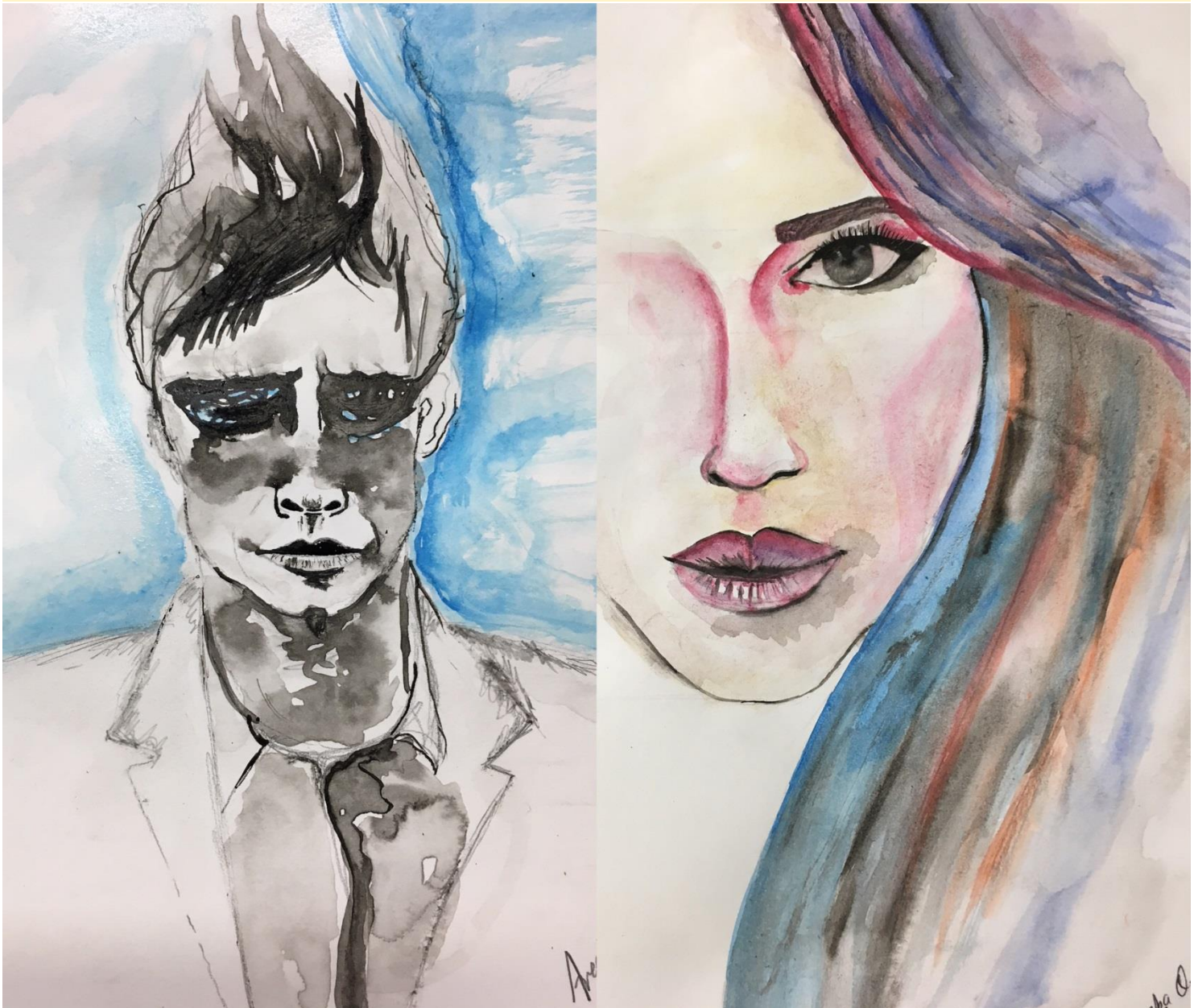
ART NEWS – Mr Reis, Academy Artist in Residence

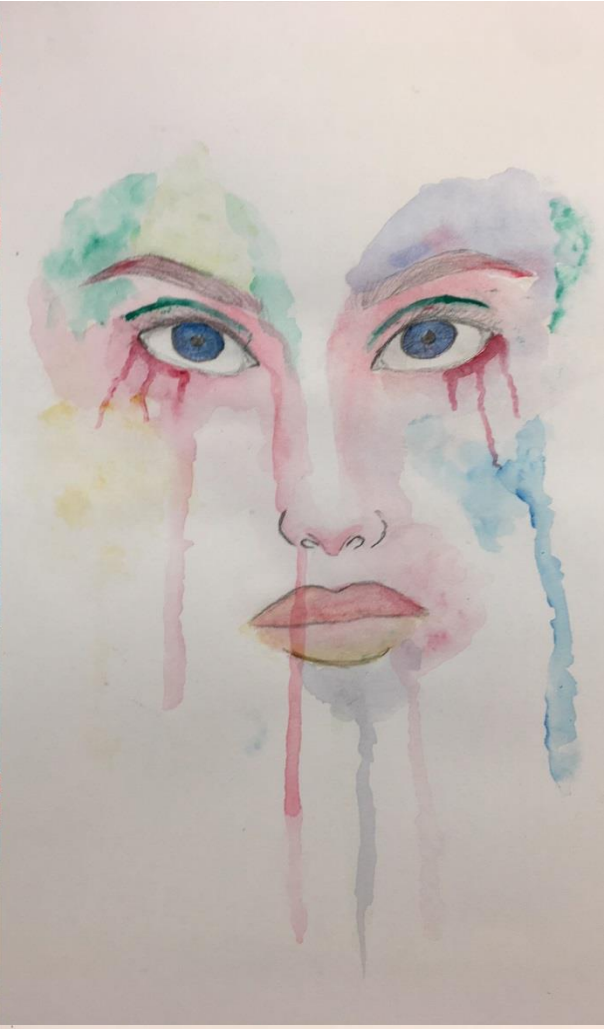
While embracing a more traditional approach to drawing, the use of ink to create monochrome portraits, the Year 12 students have again impressed everyone. They applied the techniques suggested by Mr Reis while demonstrating a creative approach to making marks and using washes, alongside some sporadic use of colour. In doing this they developed an experimental body of work that takes the topic of '*relationships*' to a new and very exciting place.

This group of Sixth Form art students have been exploring ink as a medium for drawing and painting, analysing how a range of artists apply it in developing their own artwork. They have been shown how to use washes, wet-on-wet techniques, a range of brushes and nibs and have been guided to explore with more experimental tools and techniques in producing experimental work towards the development of a personalised artistic language and a very exciting portfolio of work.

While exploring the topic '*relationships*' they have created these exquisite developmental pieces that explore both the visual aspects of their relationships with other people as well as promoting their own relationships with new materials and media.

The work will be part of the Creative & Expressive Arts Showcase taking place in May.







Year 10 News, Ms Minto & Ms Gavin, Head and Deputy Head of Year 10

Well done to all the Year 10 students! They completed their mock core and foundation assessments just after returning from the last half term and we appreciate all their hard work. With only one term left of school and the current Year 11 due to leave soon, the Year 10 students will soon get a taste of being Year 11.

I feel a special mention is definitely needed for both Jaspinder 10PND and Elizabeth 10GLL. They both made it to the Jack Petchey – Speak Out Challenge Borough finals which were held at Ernest Bevin College. This involved the students giving inspirational speeches about a topic of their choice to a large audience. We have both speeches on our Instagram page if you would like to see how confidently Jaspinder and Elizabeth performed. These two students also took part in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge on 7th February alongside the rest of the year group and managed to achieve a **Silver Certificate**, which is a place in the top 20% of students in the country! Amazing!

We have just had an IEAP day where the students took part in group sessions on revision techniques which included identifying strength and weaknesses and ways to improve their independent study. All students participated really well in the discussion and said they really liked the opportunity to speak to their peers and gather ideas.

A two day trip to Belgium to see the Battlefields took place this half term. This was a great opportunity for some of the Year 10 history students to experience the trenches and visit historical sites that, up until then, they had only read about. The students were extremely well behaved and were praised by the tour guide for their behaviour and the thought provoking questions that they asked.

The Year 10 students will also be doing work experience this year and we are lucky enough to have Wandsworth Council supporting us to find the students their placements. Unfortunately some students did not return their forms on time and will need to find their own placements but support will be given to them by our careers department.

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 4th April. All students have been given a letter providing them with the details of the day. We hope to see you all there.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – exhibition at top London salon

Mr Reis, the Academy's Artist in Residence, has opened an exhibition at the very prestigious Sergio Giannasso Hair & Beauty Salon in St Martins Lane, at the heart of the West End. Sergio, one of the country's top hair stylists, fell in love with Mr Reis' work and commissioned an exhibition to take over the entire space of the salon. The work on display features pieces with a strong urban and street art influence along with recent creations from a collection titled 'illustrations from my diary'. This is to be a permanent exhibition so don't hesitate to pop in and have a look.



Dates for Your Diary

1st April 2019 – INSET Day

4th April 2019 – Year 10 Parents' Evening

5th April 2019 – End of Spring Term

TUESDAY 23rd April – Summer Term begins, normal time for all students