



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019



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

### Science Club Ms A. Conway *Lava Lamps*

In science club this week we continued the theme of colour by making lava lamps! This was achieved using a mix of water, oil, food dye and Alka Seltzer tablets. By combining everything together a bubbling effect is caused. We held our lamps over a torch so the colours lit up and it seemed like they were glowing as the bubbles were rising and falling. This was unlike any other reaction a number of KS3 pupils have seen this term. Lava lamps are something that can be made at home.



### Dates for Your Diary

16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Year 9 Parents' Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 – Strawberry Tea Party

27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – Academy Breaks for Half Term

*Reminder to check our website and download our School News app to keep up-to-date with events and news from the Academy*

## Thought for the Week

The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.  
Franklin D. Roosevelt



## Everyone's talking about "Everybody's Talking about Jamie"

Some of our Year 13 students took the challenge of raising funds for their prom to extraordinary lengths. Our Sixth Form theatre company took it upon themselves to stage an interpretation, quite fittingly, of the West End musical, *Everybody's Talking about Jamie*. This show is about a young man who wishes to identify as his true self for his school prom, even if this means he raises a few eyebrows and shatters a few expectations. The leading role was played admirably by Luke. The many weeks practising the arcane art of walking in killer heels clearly paid off as he strode admirably through the production.

Of course, it would not be a Southfields Academy production if a strong message of tolerance and anti-bullying had not been addressed in a creative and novel way. We can see big things looming for our performing arts students and if this self-produced piece is anything to go by, they will go far.

If you missed Jamie then fear not, the company are performing at the Tara Arts Theatre on Monday in a completely self-devised musical piece "We, The Musical". See the poster overleaf for details. This is their final major project and it would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could be there to show these very talented students our support.

***"I took these Year 13s to see the West End show Jamie about a year ago and their performance and acting on Tuesday in their own version was as good if not better than the original. I am so proud of these students and what they have achieved with absolutely no input from their teachers."*** Mr D. Whitfield, Assistant Headteacher and Drama teacher.







## Year 13 Final Major Dance Project

Our Year 13 Dancers: Daniella, Shayanne, Patricia and Luke tried to find themselves. They travelled through time all the way back to the 1980s, the 1990s and the noughties to express their youth through the medium of dance; and bring back some memories of their teachers' own youthful experiences!

**Ms J. Risolino, our Lead Practitioner for Practical Subjects, said** "It was a 45 minute production with four cast members. It was cast, choreographed and directed by the students themselves. The students used all different dance styles that they have learned over the years to devise an amazing comedy dance production. It was one of the best student performances I have ever seen."





## Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award for Outstanding Achievement Head Boy Conor Hughes in Year 12

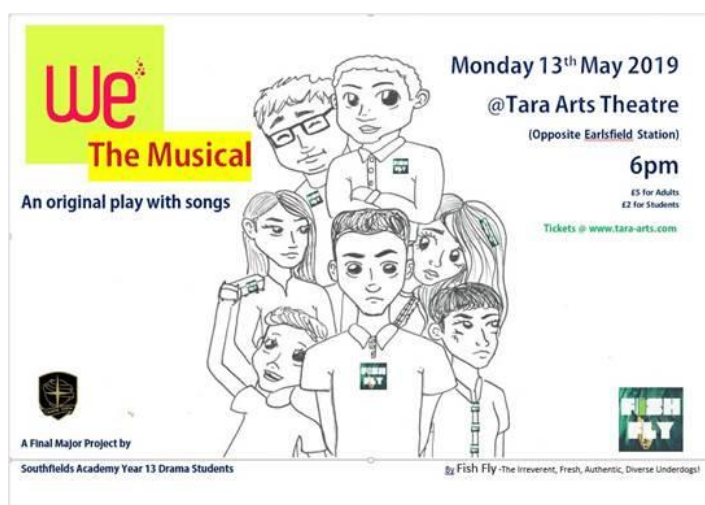


Not only is Conor our Head Boy, he is also chairman of the Wandsworth Youth Council and is heavily involved in its Mental Health Champion project. As a result, there are currently more than 100 mental health champions across seven secondary schools. He makes an exceptional contribution to our community as Head Boy. We are very proud of his achievement and honoured that our community gets to benefit from his tireless work which he does with good grace and enthusiasm on top of his not inconsiderable studies for English Literature, Mathematics and Chemistry 'A' Levels. Well done Conor.



### Visit by Russian Delegation

The Academy hosted a delegation of Russian visitors this week, who were in the UK to learn more about the UK school system. They visited a range of schools in the state and private sector to find out how arts and creative, STEM and other subjects are taught. The focus of their visit to the Academy was provision for students with special educational needs and how we ensure the Academy is inclusive. Delegates were also interested to find out more about the function of our Trustees and how the Academy leadership structure works. After a tour of the Academy and a presentation by Ms Valin, the group had the opportunity to have their many questions answered before they departed to visit another school.



### Year 11 GCSE Examinations

Next week sees the beginning of the public examinations season. Our Year 11s will be sitting the first of their terminal GCSE examinations. Our Deputy Headteacher, Ms T. Gray, has written to parents (please visit our website for more information) and has spoken to the Year 11s in their last assembly before they start sitting their exams. We are all right behind you Year 11 and wish you the best of luck in these exams. We know that you are capable of great things!