



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 20<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

#### ***Make (and in some cases taste) the rainbow!***

In Science Club this week the students found out what happens if you add water to Skittles. They discovered that they can make appealing rainbows by carefully placing Skittles on a paper plate and adding water. They also looked at whether different colours moved at different speeds, which colours had the most distinct lines, what happened to the Skittles and whether using hot water made a difference and, if so, what. Some students, also, decided to find out what the Skittles tasted like!



### Dates for Your Diary

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

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 – Spotlight Dance Showcase

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

Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.

Conrad Hilton





## WE! Year 13 Performing Arts Students Final Performance

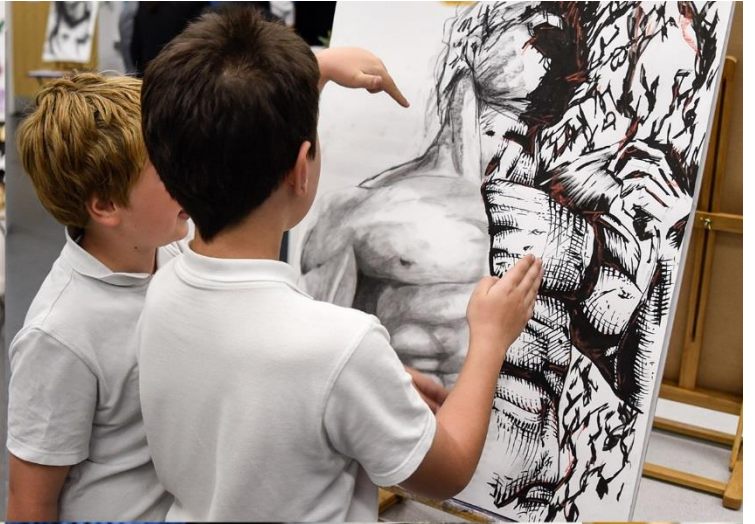
As you would have read about on these pages, our Year 13 performing arts students have relentlessly produced, performed and choreographed some amazing work in the last few weeks. Their final piece 'We the Musical' was a fitting triumph to end their final season. Having taken over the Tara Arts Theatre in Earlsfield for the night, the students staged, wrote, choreographed and devised a powerful and thought-provoking piece of musical theatre that managed to balance very raw and biting emotion with observational comedy and light-hearted satire. The piece spoke, fittingly, at the beginning of Mental Health Awareness week, about one man's struggle with his inner demons. The dénouement reveal that all of the characters had been the multiple personalities of one man was dealt with sensitively.

The audience was full with families, students and teachers (some of whom brought their own families), all in attendance to support these amazing students. The applause and ovation received from the audience should have let the students know how much the audience had been bowled over by the performance.

This evening brought its own sadness in that this is the last major performance these students will perform while students at Southfields Academy and I know that as a community we will miss them a great deal. However we wish Amitesh, Daniella, Eugenia, Geovanna, John, Luke and Shay all the best in their next adventures and know that we will see these students' names up in lights in the not too distant future.











## Art, Design & Technology Showcase Mr N. Reis, Artist in Residence

Is it that time of the year again? That time when we realise that all our commitment and hard work has paid off and we are able to share with the other students, teachers and the community our artistic and creative journeys?

Yes it is! The annual ADT exhibiting took place last Wednesday at the Academy. The many visitors were received with delicious canapes and taken around the hall interacting with the art & design work on display and its very talented creators.

On show was work from the many subject areas. There was architectural models, lighting and intricate jewelry from the 3D design students displayed alongside the large charcoal and acrylics portraits created by the 6<sup>th</sup> form art students. There was also work from both Level 2 and Level 3 graphics projects. The 6<sup>th</sup> form fashions students set up small stalls showcasing their fashion collections and respective illustrations and designs.

Young artists and designers were happy to interact with the many visitors and excited to explain the journeys that supported the work on display and tell of their future plans, which will undoubtedly involve very successful artistic careers.

## Staff vs SA Basketball Team Sarah McDermott, Coach

After the staff showed the students how to play basketball last year by beating them 73-37, the roles of victors and losers were reversed this time around as the students won by a score of 55-48. Valiant efforts from each staff member from nearly every department including the Spectacular Skyscrapers (the rebounding mathematical machine, Alex Spencer, and the intimidating giant of DT named Adam Smith), the awesome force of ICT Tara Minto, along with efforts from the battle scarred and tested seventeen(!) year veteran cover supervisor, Leon Cameron, were not enough against the improving Southfields Basketball club students. Both squads are even now. Maybe this might become a yearly tradition?







## Uniform Services Passing Out Parade

It was a proud moment for all in attendance to see five students from the Uniformed Service course parade at the Royal Marine Wandsworth Barracks on Thursday 16th May to mark the successful completion of a practical unit in drill. In front of friends and family, the students received their certificates from Lt Col J Durup RM, CO RMR City of London and our Principal, Ms Valin. Also there to see an impressive drill display from the students was Mayor of Wandsworth, Mr Leslie McDonnell, and the course director Lt Col Larry Davis. Most improved student awards went to Carla and Devonte. Everyone is extremely proud of our young students.

