Thought for the week:
The secret of success is to do the common thing uncommonly well.

  John D. Rockefeller Jr

Ethos statement:
We believe that through individual commitment, self-discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.
During the May half-term, Mr Reis had the pleasure to host the last of a series of art masterclasses that have been taking place at Southfields Academy this year.

Laura Benetton, whose artwork has recently been auctioned at Christie’s, was invited to deliver this session. After meeting her during a visit to her studio earlier this year, a group of students had the opportunity to produce artwork under her guidance.

The artist produces abstract paintings inspired by the colours and movement of both birds and butterfly wings. She uses a mix of different media ranging from acrylic paint, ink, oil pastels to spray paint. She applies the paint to her canvas using a range of spatulas and palette knives and layers them mimicking the movements of birds and butterflies flying.

Laura Benetton has just arrived back from China, where she completed an artistic residency as the Italian art ambassador.

The day consisted of a series of activities exploring her ideas and techniques. In the morning the students created a series of experimental work exploring some of her techniques and materials and in the afternoon they were coached in applying those techniques while developing personal work.

It was a very special day that ended with the most amazing artwork being produced. In Laura Benetton’s own words on her Instagram page (laura.benetton.art) “It has been an incredible opportunity for me to teach such highly skilled and creative young minds. Certainly one of the most exciting experiences I have ever had…”

Thank you Laura Benetton, see you next year.

Laura Benetton
Art Masterclass
STORE is a London-based association of artists, architects and designers who share a community-first approach and a focus on driving and facilitating change in the urban environment. On 30th March 2019, they came together with Nike Sportswear to host The London Department, giving young people from local schools the opportunity to design and build products inspired by the city they live in.
The High Prior Attainment students who are involved in the Extended Project had their final planning workshop. During this they investigated climate change and discovered how to ensure that when researching a topic they could identify the difference between a reliable source and a biased or unreliable source.
Dates for your diary

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Summer 2019 Uniform Shop

Open from 11am-3pm on

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