



**Southfields
Academy**

**Week Commencing
24th June 2019**

{ PARENTS' NEWSLETTER }

Thought for the week:

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.

Nikos Kazantzakis

Ethos statement:

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



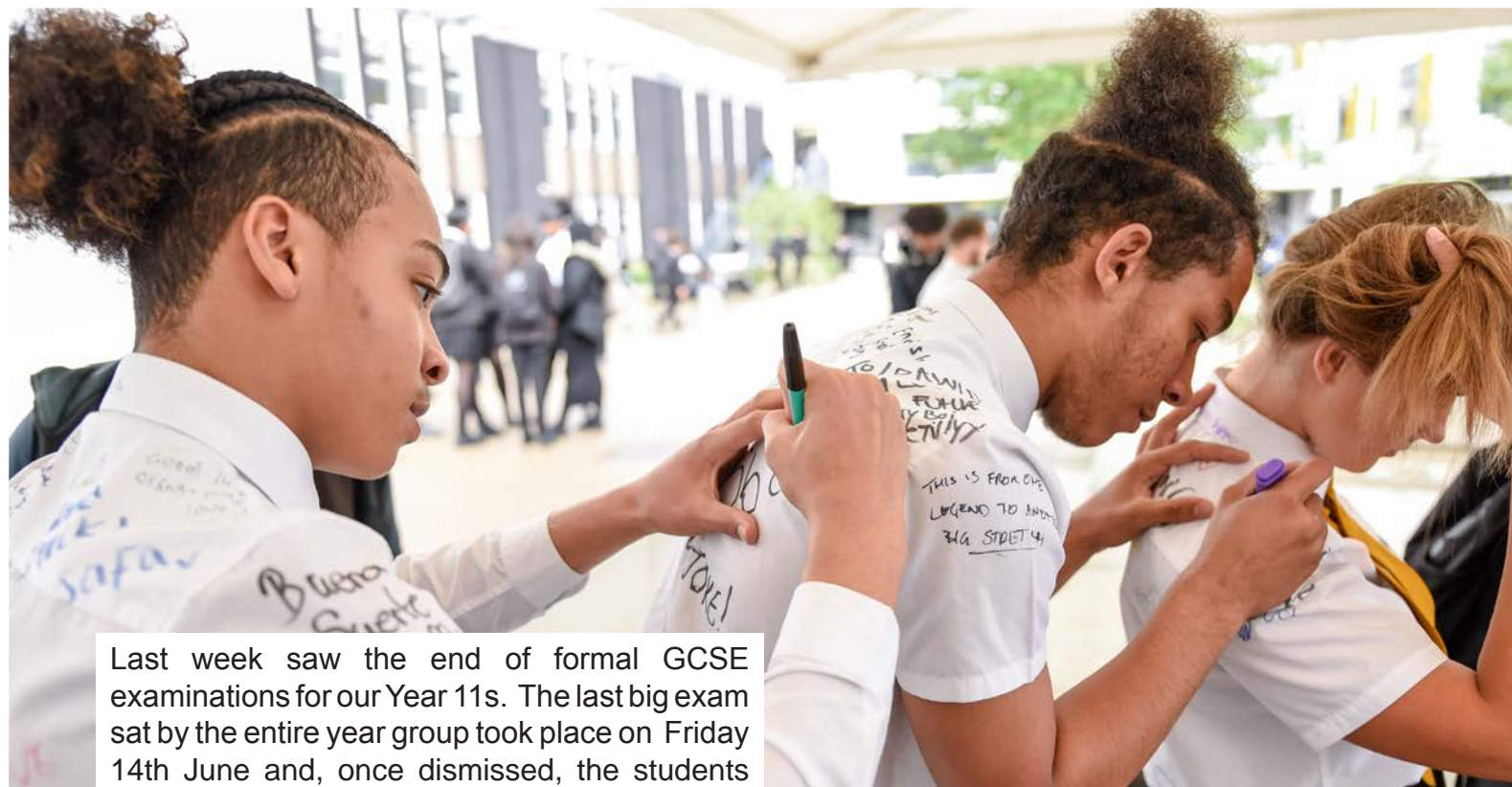
On Monday 17th June we had the honour of welcoming Prime Minister Theresa May to the Academy. The Prime Minister chose Southfields Academy to promote her mental health plan. During her visit she spoke to some of our students about mental health issues. She also heard about our School Council's involvement in selecting an App for a trailblazing project that the Academy is leading on in south west London. Ms May was very impressed by the students' commitment and understanding of the emotional and mental health problems that young people increasingly encounter at school and listened carefully to their suggestions on how her new legislation could improve the lives of young people.

Ms May also spoke to our C.E.O. and Principal Ms Valin about the measures she was taking to ensure all Southfields staff are trained to spot the signs of emotional and mental health problems in young people and she introduced the Prime Minister to our Designated Leads for Mental Health. Southfields is proud that its pioneering work in this field has been recognised by the Prime Minister and is fully committed to furthering this work to ensure that school is a place where children feel safe and happy.



Prime Minister Theresa May visits the Academy to discuss her plan for Mental Health training and education in schools.





Last week saw the end of formal GCSE examinations for our Year 11s. The last big exam sat by the entire year group took place on Friday 14th June and, once dismissed, the students took part in what has become a Southfields Academy tradition of shirt signing and thank yous to staff and friends. The students have worked tirelessly through their GCSE years and we wish them every success with their results in August.

The end of Year 11 is not the end of the vast majority of our students' careers at Southfields as more than 90% of the Year 11s have elected to stay on at the Academy to complete their Post-16 studies.

Another tradition that we have is the annual Year 11 vs staff football match which also took place on Friday last week. Full report on the facing page from Mr Munro.

Farewell to Year 11



Year 11 vs Staff Football

On Friday 14th of June, the annual Staff vs Students football match took place at Southfields Academy. Before the game started, the staff knew that this Year 11 side was much stronger than the previous. The game started and the staff knew that they were in for a tough game. Marcus Scotland and Mattia Saladi were dominating the midfield, giving Mr Philpott and Mr Spencer a terrible time. It didn't take too long for the Year 11 team to score their first goal. Dwayne Clarke picked up the ball on the right wing, cut inside past Mr Charlton and struck the ball past a helpless Mr Ananthasigamany.

The second goal came minutes later, and it was a carbon copy of the first, 2-0. The game was more even for the next 15 minutes, with Mr Spencer and Mr Duffy controlling the ball a bit more. But goal number three came and that was a tough one to take for the staff, as it came against the run of play. Saladi with the goal this time. The staff went very quiet at this point and not even Mr Munro on the side-lines could motivate. Clarke got his hat trick, when he cut down the left, beating Mr Price and hammering the ball home.



Further misery was heaped onto the staff, one minute before the interval, when Roh'mario Hanson scored a simple tap in. Half time came and the score was 5-0. The staff came into the break very dejected. Mr Munro and Mr Arthur trying to give the motivational words to try and prevent this becoming a cricket score. The second half was much more even. The staff got a goal back from Mr Wilson early on, 5-1 now. However, the game stayed this score until the end, with no team creating any more chances.

The final whistle blew, with the Year 11s ecstatic and the staff gloomy. The game was played in a fantastic spirit and the support was excellent. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported. Congratulations to the Year 11s. For the staff, there's always next year.

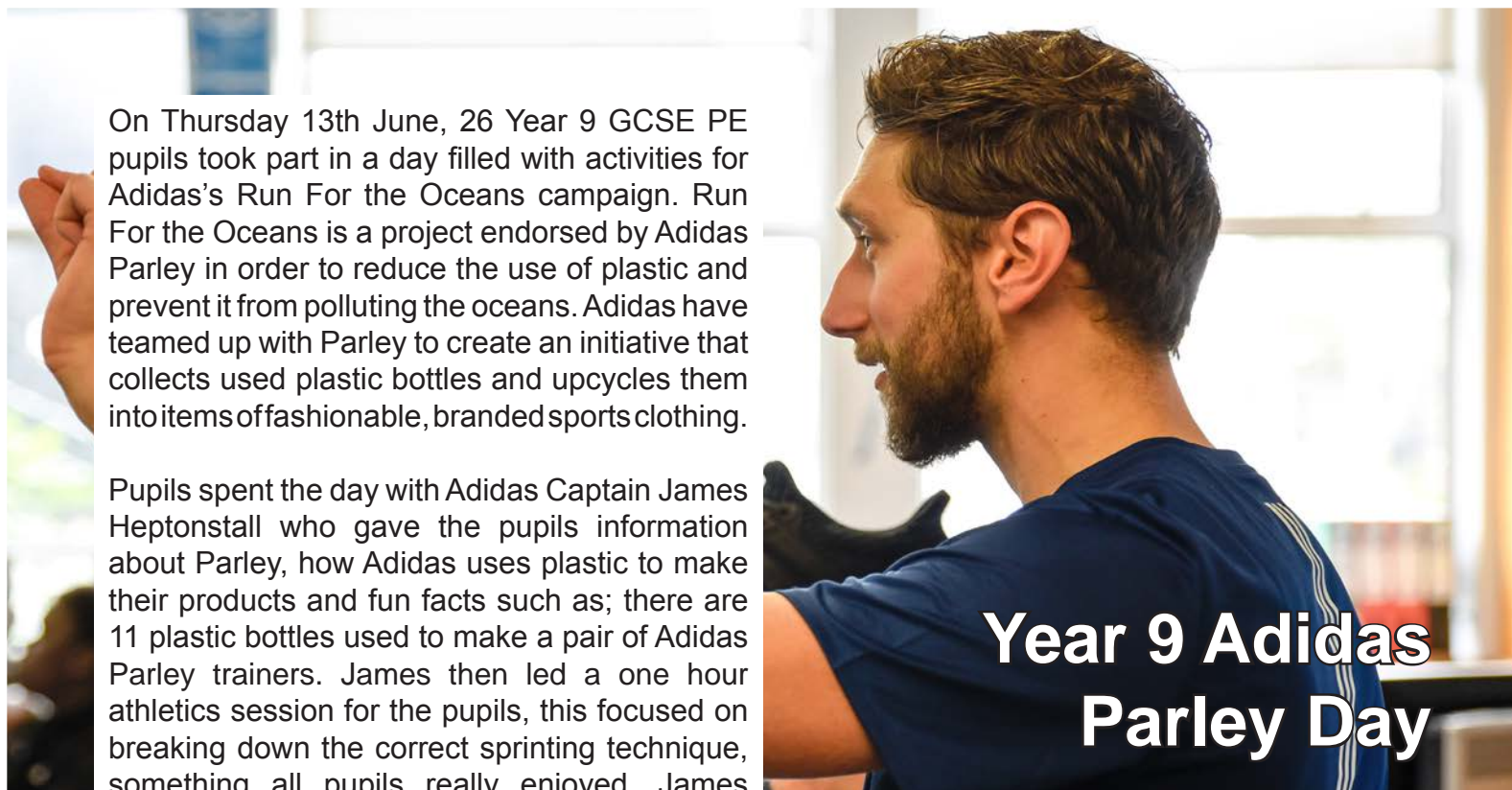
On Thursday 13th June, 26 Year 9 GCSE PE pupils took part in a day filled with activities for Adidas's Run For the Oceans campaign. Run For the Oceans is a project endorsed by Adidas Parley in order to reduce the use of plastic and prevent it from polluting the oceans. Adidas have teamed up with Parley to create an initiative that collects used plastic bottles and upcycles them into items of fashionable, branded sports clothing.

Pupils spent the day with Adidas Captain James Heptonstall who gave the pupils information about Parley, how Adidas uses plastic to make their products and fun facts such as; there are 11 plastic bottles used to make a pair of Adidas Parley trainers. James then led a one hour athletics session for the pupils, this focused on breaking down the correct sprinting technique, something all pupils really enjoyed. James then introduced a 'trash collection relay', pupils collected as much trash as possible from King George's Park in 30 minutes - separating the rubbish between recyclable and non-recyclable (8kg of rubbish was collected in total).

Finally, Lizzie Daly, biologist, broadcaster, filmmaker and conservationist came into speak to the pupils about how she has personally seen the effects of plastic waste on our planet. Lizzie has worked as a presenter on Cbeebies, CBBC, National Geographic, BBC Two, Animal Planet and is now a host on the BBC Earth Unplugged YouTube channel, meaning pupils were able to ask her some very interesting questions about the different types of projects that she is involved in.

This was an amazing experience for both the pupils and members of staff involved, the children really enjoyed the day and are actively promoting sustainable living by using their Adidas Parley stainless steel water bottles, gifted by Adidas.

Year 9 Adidas Parley Day

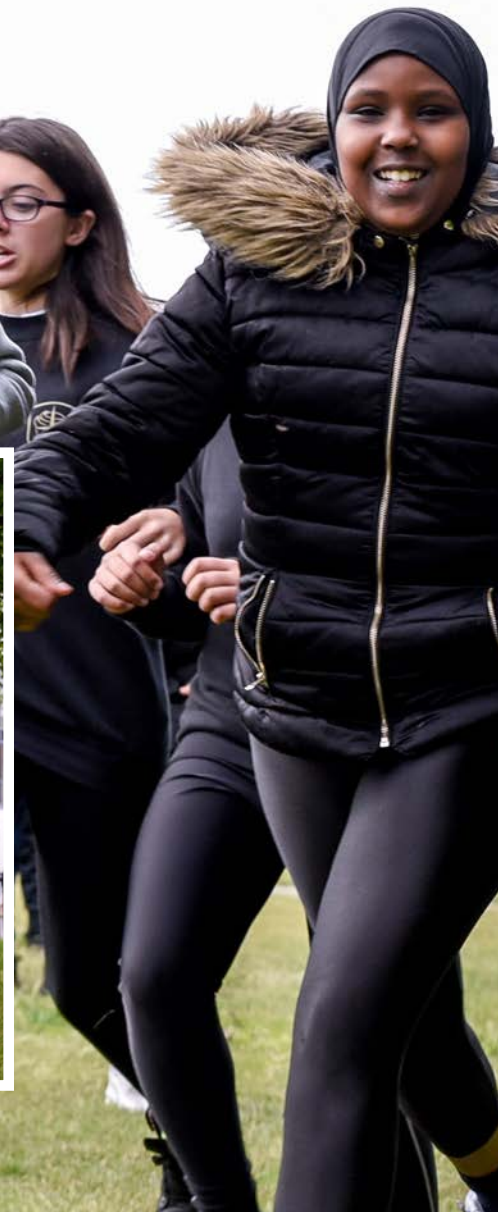




On Thursday morning every Year 7 student ran/walked for the ocean as part of a global event hosted by Adidas.

The students ran one mile around King George's Park to raise money for Parley Ocean School to educate people on how to tackle marine pollution. Well done to the students and staff who completed the course; there was some excellent running on display.

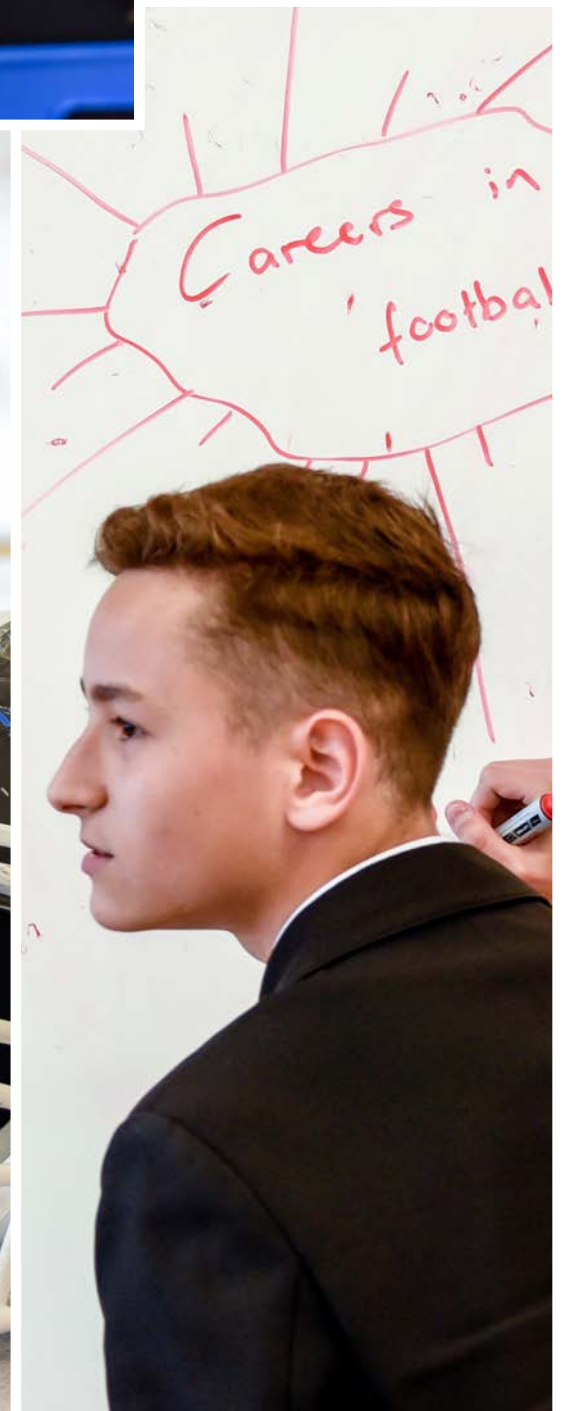
Run for the Ocean



Insight Day

On Thursday, 13th June the vast majority of Year 9 students participated in a carousel of workshops as part of their 'Insight Day'. The day was designed to give them an opportunity to gain insight into a range of different careers and activities. As such, they were able to attend workshops including: starting their own software/gaming business, a DJ-ing workshop, physiotherapy careers, a Pilates workshop, biomedical science, NHS careers, careers in the football industry and many others! The workshops provided students with an opportunity to find out about different pathways to these careers, e.g. university, apprenticeships etc.; whilst also giving many the chance to find out and experience activities they'd never heard of or tried before.

We were extremely lucky to have workshops delivered by external people in industry or university students (ambassadors), which enabled students to hear useful advice from a 'different' voice! The workshops are ahead of the one day work shadow day later in July.



The mathematics department has forged a partnership with Cambridge University's mathematics faculty.

Dr Chrissie Marr taught mathematics at Southfields from 1992-1994. She is now a lecturer in mathematics at Cambridge university and Deputy Director of the Isaac Newton Institute Mathematics Research Centre, which is the most prestigious mathematics research centre in the world.

Dr Marr visited Southfields this week and delivered two lectures to our Year 9 and 10 students. These lectures focused on the practical application of mathematics in computer algorithms, specifically those that help banks to send encrypted messages that keep our bank details safe when buying items online.

We are helpful that this partnership will help our students feel more confident about applying to study mathematics at Cambridge in the future.

Cambridge University Partnership





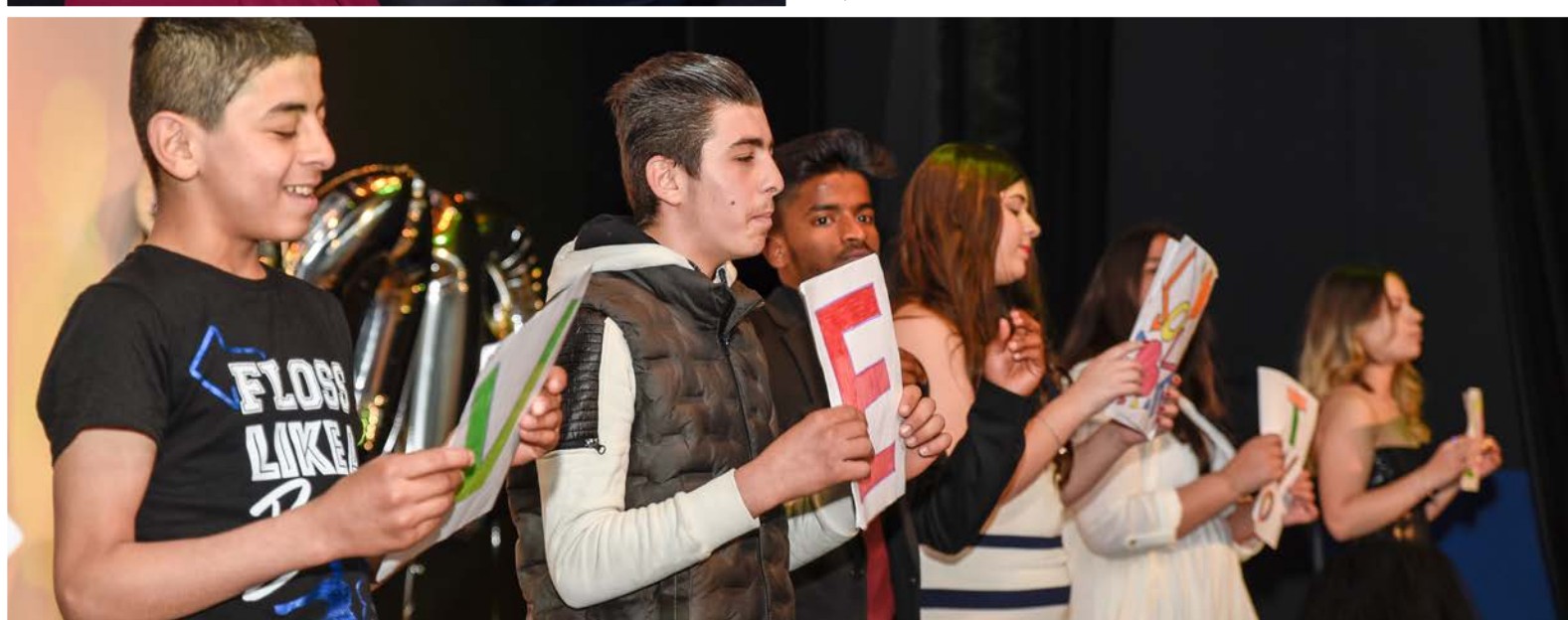
International Group Celebrations



Thursday 20th June marked our International Group end of year celebration. Students arrived dressed up to the nines in beautiful clothes, including the occasional bow tie. Basking in the summer sunshine, attendees all enjoyed a light buffet before the ceremony began in the main hall.

The inspiring event included a number of special awards including the Headteacher's award and Deputy Headteacher's award. There were also some memorable performances from Nikol, the Kew Group (there rendition of L.O.V.E. was truly wonderful), a thought provoking video created by the students with a strong anti-bullying message and a dance performance beamed from Brazil by a student who could not attend the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, the students enjoyed a lively party to a brilliant playlist including dance favourites from around the world. For those students moving on, we wish them all the best for the future.

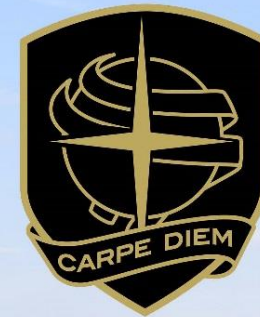




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Celebrations

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Open Events 2019

Summer Term	
Wednesday 12 th June	08:45 – 10:30
Wednesday 10 th July	08:45 – 10:30
Tours throughout summer term by appointment	
Autumn Term	
Wednesday 11 th September	08:45 – 10:30
Thursday 12 th September	08:45 – 10:30
Tuesday 17 th September	08:45 – 10:30
Friday 20 th September	08:45 – 10:30
Thursday 3 rd October	17:30 – 19:30
w/c 7 th October and w/c 14 th October tours by appointment	
Personal tours are available by appointment email: sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com	

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 25 th June	Year 11 Celebration
Monday 8 th July	Year 9 Holocaust Day
Thursday 4 th July	Sixth Form Prom
Wednesday 10 th July	Parents' Forum



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Summer 2019 Uniform Shop

Open from 11am-3pm on

Wednesday 14th August

Wednesday 21st August

Wednesday 28th August

Thursday 29th August

Tuesday 3rd September

Wednesday 4th September



Join us for our
LOVEPARKS
picnic
Coronation Gardens
Saturday 6th July
12 - 3pm

Bring your picnic • bring your families • enjoy our Edwardian Gardens

