



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 9th December 2019



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

### 6th Form News

During last week's 6th Form assembly students took part in a Jack Petchey vote. Four wonderful students: Neham Khan, Jodie King, Jamirah Namazzi and Mazin Shoib were nominated as contenders to receive the Jack Petchey award. A blind PowerPoint presentation was shown outlining the reasons in each case for the nominations, with the students not knowing who they were voting for, only the reason for the nomination! The students all voted and although the result was very close, Neham was declared the winner.

Neham said, "I am very surprised and delighted to receive this award. I am planning to use the money for a student trip to celebrate the end of our exams."

This was Neham's nomination:

Student A: This student has recently been appointed to a senior leadership role due to his endeavours to help others and make positive changes in the sixth form. His personal attributes include commitment to his studies, being positive, kind and thoughtful. His attendance and punctuality is always excellent and he never misses deadlines or hands in substandard work.



### Maths Mastery – Ms Thomas

Southfields Academy welcomed teachers from around the South West London area, to see how we are delivering the mastery approach to teaching mathematics. They saw a collaborative planning meeting and mastery lesson here at Southfields Academy. The feedback was fantastic!

We look forward to working with our colleagues from across South West London to help develop their own mastery approach to teaching mathematics!



### Bank of England Speaker comes to Southfields! – Ms Boddy

Daniel Arthington from the Bank of England returned to talk to our Sixth Form Economic and Business students. He discussed the role of the Bank of England, how the Bank helps in times of financial instability and his own experience of working there. It was a fabulous talk; the students thoroughly enjoyed it, with some staying at the end to ask Daniel even more questions.







## Southfields' Christmas Lights



On Wednesday night Southfields celebrated turning on their Christmas lights by closing Replingham Road so local shops could join in the celebrations, hand out mince pies and mulled wine and show the community what they have to offer. Annabel Croft, former professional British No. 1 female tennis player and current radio and television presenter, switched on the lights accompanied by Councillor Jane Cooper, Mayor of Wandsworth.

To add to the festivities, a number of local schools including Sheringdale, Riversdale and Southfields Academy were asked to perform songs on the night. A large crowd gathered in spite of the cold weather and the atmosphere was brilliant.

The Academy did a sterling job - our students sang for 3 hours! Around 35 students from all year groups sang about 40 songs, and gathered quite an audience who were very complimentary about their musical abilities.

Many thanks to the music department for all their hard work to support, play instruments and make this a wonderful event.



## Radiography - A Career in Science and Life-lessons along the way – Mr Bhatti

This week Southfields Academy Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 students welcomed David Haggerty, an NHS advanced practitioner radiographer.

Students learnt about the science behind radiography as well as interesting facts such as why they are actually called x-rays. Mr Haggerty discussed his journey from school to his current position in the NHS and described all the different aspects of working in the NHS.

Mr Haggerty shared the life lessons he learnt along the way and presented them as '10 things I would tell my younger self.' Students appreciated listening to someone passionate about their work in healthcare and learning about the ongoing education and learning that goes hand-in-hand with such a worthwhile career.

After the presentation, Southfields Academy students had the opportunity to ask their questions, ranging from what's a typical day as a diagnostic radiographer, to pay progression and even the future privatisation of the NHS. At one point, David thought he was on Newsnight.

David was incredibly impressed by the range and depth of questions that our students had and he thoroughly enjoyed meeting the future generation.





## History/Politics Trip to Parliament – Mr Durdin



On Thursday 21 November, a group of sixth form history and politics students, led by Mr Durdin and Miss Marsh, had a trip to Westminster.

On this trip, they firstly got to go into Downing Street and take pictures outside the door to Number 10 Downing Street, the home of the Prime Minister. They then received an amazing backstage tour of the Houses of Parliament, which included the Throne Room and parts normally off-limits outside of election period. The tour was incredible and was topped off with an education session on the practices of debate in the House of Commons.

The final stage of the trip was a tour of Westminster Abbey. This was very history rich, with so much of Britain's past that was part of the Abbey. The history and politics

Students represented Southfields' Academy with pride. Their love of learning, knowledge and respect shone throughout the day!



## Mr Durdin's Year 7 History Homework – Castles

Southfields Academy Year 7 students had been given the opportunity to make castles for homework.

The dedication, hard work and perseverance in creating outstanding castle models has blown the History Department away! Most of the model castles were the Motte and Bailey castle which we have been learning about in history. Well done to all the students that have put in the effort and created excellent models!



## Wandsworth Young Chef of the Year 2019/20 – Ms Waugh

An outstanding effort was made by our three runners up Levi Anderson, Ahmadou Kane and Joana Dasilva during Wednesday's cook-off. The competition was judged by Head chef Nick Valdis from Compass Group and Councillor Angela Graham. After a tough decision and over 4 hours of cooking from our fantastic chefs, Ahmadou was put through to the final with his fantastic Italian inspired three course meal. Ahmadou will go through to represent Southfields at the final next year.

Look out however - out of all 8 schools competing in the borough there is still a 'wild card winner' to be announced.





## Southfields vs Ashcroft – Mr Munro



On Tuesday the Year 10 Football Team played host to Ashcroft in the Year 10 Wandsworth Football League. After the disappointing turnout in prior training sessions, some Year 9 boys received the call up for the game.

The game started off with Southfields on top. Tyrese Wright-Wallace got one of the few chances of the game when he beat the offside trap and missed his one v one with the goalkeeper. The game continued with Southfields on top, Marvin Frimpong and Rio Grant were bossing the midfield on their call up to the Year 10 team. Maliki Adeniyi and Rohan Hayes found their new positions in a dominant display at the back. Frimpong and Grant were causing Ashcroft trouble again, when he hit the bar from a free kick from 25 yards, leaving the keeper stranded, Grant followed up with a header, which the 'keeper somehow managed to keep out.

From then onward, the game was pretty much a stale mate until the last minute of the game when Kieran Sullivan made a goal saving clearance off the line to keep the game level. The game finished 0-0, which was a great result, and after a hard work performance, was probably the fair result. As there were no goals and not many talking points, I guess Bjork was right when she aptly said, "It's Oh So Quiet".

We go again next week against Ernest Bevin.



Southfields Grid  
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Putney, Southfields and Roehampton  
Parliamentary Constituency

## GENERAL ELECTION HUSTINGS

Monday 9th December 2019, 8-9.30pm

Doors open at 7.30pm

### St Barnabas Church

146 Lavenham Road  
Southfields  
London SW18 5EP

Come and meet all 4 candidates  
to find out:

- Who they are
- What they stand for
- What they would do for Southfields if elected



Please submit your question for consideration on the night  
by Friday 6th December to [info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk](mailto:info@southfieldsgrid.org.uk)



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## Chelsea Foundation Development Team – Mr Meaden

Congratulation to Lily Waters (8FBR) who, following her recent success being scouted for the England Girls' Deaf Football Team, has now joined the Chelsea Foundation Girls Only Development Team.

Ben White, Chelsea Foundation Development Coach, recently visited the Rowan Hearing Support Centre (HSC) in the academy, as a deaf adult role model to give the HSC students advice on growing up as a young person with a hearing loss. During the session Lily expressed her motivation and commitment to football training and, as a result of the visit, she was invited to attend trials at the Chelsea Foundation Development Centre. Lily successfully passed the trials on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and will now begin regular training with Chelsea. This is a fantastic achievement and Lily's discipline and determination make her an inspiration for the community.

## Sports Fixtures - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Ms Davies

	Fixture	Location	Staff	Time
Monday	Panathlon Extends + [AFC Scholar Leaders]	Southfields	DAS/PLT/MYS	08:30- 13:30
Tuesday	INSET DAY			
Wednesday	Yr10 Football vs Ernest Bevin	Southfields	MNO	15:00-16:30
Thursday				
Friday	U14 Boys + U16 Girls Basketball Final	Caius House	CMM/NLN	G: 16:00 B: 17:00
	Potential - Staff vs Sixth Form Football	Southfields	PLT	16:00



## In PE This Week – Mr Munro



Miss Knight's Year 9 class continued with their net and wall theme. The pupils have started by playing 'hand tennis', in order to become confident with technique before introducing rackets. The focus of the lesson was getting back into the ready position after a shot had been played, which was done through game play.



Some Year 8 classes continued with their health

related fitness theme. This class is currently learning about different methods of training and components of fitness. This week their focus was high intensity interval training and muscular endurance.



Year 8 classes also continued with their health related fitness theme. The pupils have 1 lesson in the gym a week and this week's lesson included completing a cardiovascular and muscular endurance workout, in pairs, in the shortest time possible.

Miss Knight's Year 7 class continued with their artistic theme, within which they have been developing skills through gymnastics. The focus of the lesson was flight, looking specifically at diving forward rolls. The girls progressed onto diving over blocks and then from a spring board.



Mr Munro put the Year 9 football team against the Year 10 football team on Wednesday as a challenge for both teams, after their great start to the year in their respective competitions. Year 10 came out on top in a 3-1 victory. Competition for places is now huge.





## Year 7 Wandsworth Schools Netball Tournament – Ms Davies



On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the Year 7 girls had their first netball tournament hosted by Burntwood School. In each match there were some excellent play and we ended up coming 4<sup>th</sup> in our pool. The netball team was commended for their sportsmanship shown both on and off the pitch, which was excellent. The MVP for the tournament goes to an individual who improved in every match after listening to feedback and putting it into place on the netball court, well done Melanie Tapia Spinola. Netball club will be back after Christmas on a different day so we hope to see even more girls there for the spring tournaments!

### Football Activators – Ms Davies

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December three of our Sports Leaders attended the Game of Our Own Conference hosted by the Youth Sport Trust and the FA to learn about their new roles as Football Activators.

Their role is to promote physical activity, particularly football, and they will be developing festivals, assemblies and other exciting events to promote the positives of football and physical activity.

They were an asset to the school and ideal role models to take on this exciting new venture for Southfields Academy. We cannot wait to see their ideas be put into place.



### My Child at School – Ms Breen

This online portal enables parents/carers to view their child's performance at school, including grades, attendance and behaviour. If you have not yet activated your MCAS account, or are having difficulty, please contact [info@southfieldsacademy.com](mailto:info@southfieldsacademy.com) or see the Academy website's 'Parents' section.

### Academy Visitors – Ms Breen

The Academy was paid a visit this week by a delegation of Headteachers and teachers from the Jiaying Education Bureau in China.

They are part of a team who specialise in student mental health across the Jiaying Province and were visiting south west London to see how schools, local authorities, the NHS and other organisations work together to tackle the issue. Southfields Academy, the lead school in the south west London mental health trailblazer, was chosen to show the delegation the wide range of initiatives that are being used across the Academy to support the mental health of our students, staff and parents.

After a tour of the Academy with Mr Holt and Mr French, the group had their questions answered by Ms Valin, as well as our two designated mental health leads, Ms Hughes and Ms Nearn.

Feedback was enthusiastically positive from the group about all that they'd seen and heard.

