



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 16th December 2019



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

### Candlelight Concert 2019

The PA was humming and the stage was lit. 'Tis the time for mince pies, mulled wine and Southfields Academy Music department's annual candlelight concert at St Barnabas Church. The concert, which had 25 students taking part, and thirty songs performed, was an eclectic mix of world music.

There was a rich mixture of musical heritage ranging from classical to blues, from rock to pop, as well as classical Christmas songs including 'Hallelujah' and 'Somewhere only we know'. The concert came to a sparkling conclusion with all performers stepping onto the stage to sing a rousing rendition of 'Feliz Navidad' in Spanish.

The changeovers were seamless and the performers all exuded talent and exuberance. Mulled wine and delicious mince pies were on offer and the collection for The Glass Door charity managed to raise a generous amount of much needed money. Many thanks to Mr Pinder, Mr Q, and Mr Gumble for playing, organising and running the concert in such superb fashion; all very much appreciated by the parents and staff that attended. Superb photos as always, taken by Rob Walker – thank you.



As London's largest emergency winter night shelter, Glass Door provides a safe, warm place to sleep for at least 100 men and women every night in winter – from November to early April. They are able to do this thanks to the partnerships with churches across the boroughs of Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea and Wandsworth. Guests of their emergency shelters also receive a hot supper and breakfast in the morning, cooked and served by volunteers. These free services are a life-line to those who would otherwise be sleeping on the street.

Many thanks to the Revd. Ian Tattum and St Barnabas for supporting the Academy in this and many other ventures over the year.





### Thought for the Week

“Self-respect is the fruit of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to Oneself.”

Abraham Joshua Heschel

## Measles Outbreak in Wandsworth Schools – Wandsworth & Richmond Public Health Team

We have been notified of a measles outbreak in some Wandsworth schools.

A vaccination catch-up clinic will be held for all children (primary and secondary) who attend Wandsworth schools who are either unvaccinated or have had only one MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) dose. This will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** between 4-7pm in the Council Chamber in Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU. Free parking available from 4.30pm.



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### Southfields Election Results

Southfields held their own General Election on Thursday 12th December 2019. The results were:

- Brexit Party: 4 (1.9%)
- Conservative Party: 13 (6.2%)
- Green Party: 19 (9.1%)
- Labour Party: 167 (79.9%)
- Liberal Democrats: 6 (2.9%)

A clear landslide victory for Labour Party, with a resounding 80% of the vote.

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## Cambridge University Mathematics Applicant Mohammad Rehman - Mr Alex Spencer – KS5 maths coordinator



Congratulations to Mohammad Rehman (Year 13 student – pictured on the right) who on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December will have an interview at Emmanuel College, Cambridge to study mathematics.

This is the #1 university in the world to study mathematics so it is a fantastic achievement to get through to the interview process.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Mohammad had a mock interview by Cambridge University ambassador and current 4<sup>th</sup> year maths student Muhammad Manji (pictured on the left) at Southfields Academy.

A big thank you to Muhammad for giving up his free time to help Mohammad prepare.

Thank you to Cambridge University for their ongoing support in mathematics.



### Bath Bombs – Ms Baxter & Mx Rance

Year 7s kicked off the fizz-mas cheer in science club this week... Science club gets effervescent as the students hand-craft their very own bath bombs! Attendees hugely enjoyed this opportunity, both because it allows them to get their hands dirty in a fun scientific way, and because it means that they have a sure-fire holiday gift for anyone in their life who appreciates a good soak!

Students made some fantastic smelling bath bombs all wrapped and ready to bring some Christmas joy to a loved one!



### End of term arrangements

All students have worked hard this term and we hope that they will enjoy the winter break, albeit with some homework to complete.

#### End of term arrangements – autumn 2019

- All Year 12 students will have their final lessons on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, periods 1 to 5, and then will commence their winter vacation from Wednesday onwards.
- Year 11 students will complete their mock examinations by the end of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and will end the autumn term with an assembly during period 6 on that day.
- Years 7 to 10, International group and Year 13 students will have their final day of term on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Students will come in for periods 1 to 5 and achievement assemblies will take place on this day. They will be released at the end of the school day to commence their winter break.

We will all return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to commence the spring term at 8.20am with a normal school day.



## A week in PE – Mr Munro



Year 7s in Ms Davies's class had an added challenge in their health and fitness lesson today. Inspired by Joshua Cheptegei's new 10K road world record in Valencia, crossing the line in 26 minutes and 38 seconds. The students were set the challenge to see how far they could run on the treadmill in 2 minutes 40 seconds, equivalent to Cheptegei's pacing over 10km. There were some great runs and motivation from the whole class.



Mr Munro's Year 8 class rounded off their health and fitness by competing in an indoor athletics competition. Pupils were challenged by a variety of races that worked their speed, muscular endurance and cardiovascular endurance. All pupils gave a fantastic amount of effort in every race and they showed great sportsmanship throughout. Pupils enjoyed the lesson so much that they were already asking when they would be doing athletics.



Mr Philpott's Year 7 class continued with their artistic unit of work. This week looking at flight using spring boards and boxes. Pupils were challenged to use either tuck, pike or straddle jumps from the box, before landing on the mat on their feet. Pupils were encouraged to get as much height, when jumping from the box, to give them more time to perform their jump and stick the landing. It's a 10 from me!



Ms Knight's Year 8 class competed against Ms Myers's Year 9 class in a HIIT session. Pupils performed exercises such as burpees, leg raises and press ups, to test their muscular endurance in their pectorals, abdominals and quadriceps. Pupils worked extremely hard and showed excellent attitude throughout.



Ms Myers's Year 7 class completed their trampoline assessment this week. Pupils completed gold, silver and bronze routines. Some of the skills were seat drops, front drops and swivel hips. Pupils then performed their routines in front of the class. They all congratulated each other and showed fantastic support throughout all routines.



### Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 20th December 2019 – End of Term
- Monday 6th January 2020 – Academy Resumes
- Tuesday 7th January 2020 – 6th Form Application Deadline
- Tuesday 14th January 2020 – Y8 Students Options Fair
- Tuesday 21st January 2010 – Y8 Recommendations Evening



## Year 7 News – Ms Hughes

Last Wednesday our Year 7 Choir members made the Academy and themselves extremely proud with their involvement in the Annual Christmas lights celebrations which took place in Replingham Road. Lots of people from the Local community as well as staff members came out to support the students as they performed a number of songs.

They were also joined by a special guest and Tennis Superstar Annabel Croft to mark the occasion. What a wonderful way to start the festive period!

We have had an eventful term with lots of fun activities and learning taking place including Primary to Secondary Transition groups, (see picture), Year 7 careers fair, trips to Bletchley Park and Battersea Arts Centre, road safety performances, Student Council nominations, the launch of the Year 7 football team and tournament, The Young Commissioners Project and much, much more. Year 7 students have outdone themselves and participated greatly.



### Holidays

Holidays are fast approaching and our last school day will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at the usual time of 2.50pm. Students will return to school on January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 8.15am. Students are expected to be in full school uniform. Remember all overcoats must be black.

Please check the Academy website if you require any further information.

Please be reminded, during the holidays all homework must be completed and 20 minutes of reading undertaken per day. All students now have full access to the Accelerated Reading programme so please ensure they are using it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Parents and Carers for the hard work and dedication you have put in to the children this term. It has been a smooth transition and I look forward to next term.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday period and remind our young people to be safe in all they do in their holidays.

Ms Hughes and the Year 7 team



The Academy would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, peaceful and safe holiday.