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

Year 8 News – Ms Gavin

With such an amazing term before Christmas, I look forwards to what they can achieve in the New Year. I am pleased to inform you that the Year 8s have had a good start to the new term with special mentions from the PE department. They have started with gymnastic this term and the PE staff have said ‘They have started their gymnastics unit of work excellently and have started to develop amazing routines, and we’ve only had TWO LESSONS! The level of balances and transitions they are creating is magnificent and they are challenging their own creativity to make each other, and themselves, better! It is a pleasure to watch and they are a pleasure to teach. I am looking forward to the rest of this unit with them to see what they can create!’

I can see all Year 8 students have been making an effort to gain positive merits for their tutor groups. They have managed a total of 443 positive logs so far. Although Ms Felbinger’s class did not win the most amount of positive between each tutors group within year group last week, they only received 1 negative for the whole tutor group that week. Year 8 keep up the good work!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students of the uniform dress code, this is in the students’ diary on page 5 & 6.

Also, this term in assembly we have been focussing on respect and kindness to others and the importance of both in order to be a decent citizen.

Science club – Ms Baxter

Students had a groovy time in Science club this week bringing back the 1960s trend of LAVA LAMPS!

With 3 simple ingredients from the kitchen cupboard and a flashlight, they made colourful bubbling luminous creations!

Homeless Workshop – Mr Samuels

Wednesday morning saw Depaul, a charity that works with young people to prevent youth homelessness, come in to run a workshop with our Year 12 Level 2 students.

The interactive workshop involved students making decisions for two fictional young people that would help them find suitable accommodation. The workshop was fun and students had to make decisions such as whether to claim benefits or get a job, where the best places for support were and what their rights were if they ever became homeless.

The workshop was fun and engaging and the students took away some valuable information to help prevent themselves or others from becoming homeless.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 23rd January 2020 – International Group Parents’ Evening
Monday 3rd February 2020 – INSET Day
Thursday 6th February 2020 – Year 8 Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 12th February 2020 – Post 16 Parents’ Evening
Monday 17th February 2020 – Academy Breaks for Half Term
Monday 24th February 2020 – Academy Resumes
Thursday 27th February 2020 – Year 9 Parents’ Evening
Friday 28th February 2020 – IEAP Day 2
Thought for the Week

“I know there is strength in the differences between us. I know there is comfort, where we overlap.”
— Ani DiFranco

Stunning History Work – Ms Marsh

There was some incredible work completed last week by our Year 7 and 8 historians. 'Independent research into countries which gained their independence from the British Empire', by Year 8 and 'Posters on medieval life' by Year 7.

Well done Year 7 and 8.

Southfields vs Ark Putney Football – Mr Munro

On Friday evening Southfields played host to Ark Putney in a Year 9 football fixture. The game started off with Southfields on the back foot due to some intense Ark pressure. Once Southfields had withstood this pressure, the game totally changed.

Rio Grant in the centre of midfield started to get his foot on the ball and began to dictate play. The first Southfields goal game shortly after from Tyrese Wright-Wallace. This was the start of the floodgates opening. Southfields scored three more before half time through Wright-Wallace (1) and Grant (2).

At half time the score was 4-0.

Southfields made five changes to personnel and this looked to be a mistake as Ark scored two quick-fire goals after the interval. Southfields moved into another gear and scored two more through Israel Kalo-Ngbanda.

Ark scored a consolation goal to make it 6-3. But with one minute to go, Marvin Frimpong picked the ball up 20 yards out and struck a fantastic goal into the top corner.

The final score 7-3 to Southfields. This is looking like a very exciting time to be a part of this Southfields’ Year 9 football team. As, the lyrical geniuses, The Pointer Sisters said "I'm so excited, and I just can't hide it".

AFC Wimbledon Futsal Year 9 Tournament – Mr Philpott

On Monday night Southfields Academy were invited to the first AFC Wimbledon Futsal tournament taking place at Burntwood School. The girls selected to play were those who had been attending training, after school, on a Thursday by the AFC coaches.

The Southfields team consisted of Danni Weston, Blu Halley-Hutson, Starr Macauley-Toomer, Leona Cole, Francesca Andrews, Lily Waters, Nevaeh Taylor and Ajla Vukalic. Southfields had an excellent tournament coming out as winners! Which is fantastic, considering most of our girls are in Year 8 and so faced a really tough challenge playing the year above.

All the girls played brilliantly which saw us win three out of four games, scoring an impressive 13 goals in four games. A special mention to Nevaeh for winning player of the tournament, scoring four goals and being an excellent leader on the pitch.

Well done girls, keep it up!
Mr Munro's Year 9 class started their net and wall unit of work this week focusing on volleyball. The lesson objective was to look at the set and decide when to use it and how to use it effectively.

Students developed their skills over the lesson and the lesson resulted in a competition to see what pair could perform the most sets over the net consecutively, without dropping it.

All students gave maximum effort throughout and achieved some excellent scores.

Mr Munro's Year 11 class were looking at calories and healthy eating habits in their PE lesson this week. They each had to complete any exercises they liked and log down the calories they had burned doing that exercise.

They completed the exercise and logged calories for 40 minutes. At the end of the lesson they compared what they'd burned, to the calories in certain foods.

Year 8 started their artistic unit of work this week, focusing on balances within gymnastics.

There were specific key words that they were focusing on within their balances: aesthetically pleasing, control and tension. Students worked in pairs and created routines that consisted of various point and patch balances.

They then performed these routines to the rest of the class and gave each other feedback, using the key words.

Year 11 continued with their invasion games, through football.

This week, the focus was passing and turning. Pupils participated in passing drills whilst on the move and then competed in some small sided games to put their skills to use.

The game involved two small targets, where they had to pass through to score a point. Pupils could score through either target, which got them thinking.
On Wednesday evening Southfields hosted a Wandsworth Schools Year 10 football tournament. Southfields entered a monumental four teams into the competition due to the popularity of football in the year group.

Team A played in group 1, where they played 3 games, drew 2 and lost 1. This meant that they would not make the play offs.

However, much happier times for Team C. They competed in group 2 and played 3 games, won 2 games and drew 1 game. This meant that they won their league and would play in the semi-final against Ark Putney. The semi-final ended 0-0, which resulted in penalties. All 4 of the Southfields penalty takers (Sharjeel Mir, Tejaun McFarlane, Ismael Toko and David Da Costa) scored. Meaning they won the semi-final 4-3 on penalties.

Team B competed in group 3, where they played 3 games, lost two games and drew 1 game. This also meant that they would not make the play offs.

Team D also competed in group 3, where they played 3 games, drew 2 (which they should have won) and lost 1. This meant that they also crashed out of the competition at the group stage. However, these were Year 9 pupils who were testing themselves against Year 10 pupils, so they left with their heads held high.

Southfields then took on Ashcroft in the final. This game also ended 0-0 in normal time, which meant the dreaded penalty shootout. This time, Da Costa missed his penalty. But Mir, McFarlane and Toko scored theirs. This put all of the pressure on the final Ashcroft penalty taker, who blazed it over the bar. Southfields were ecstatic with the win.