



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 9th March 2020



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

Year 13 Study Skills Workshop – Mr Browne

On Tuesday 25th February, 160 Year 13 students took part in a study skills workshop. Inspired by speed dating, each workshop lasted just seven minutes, which allowed every student to learn seven study techniques, including mind maps, condensing, flashcards and effective ways of using colour to aid revision.

Our Year 13 students are entering their final few months of their time in compulsory education. These can be very stressful times. So, a big thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting your sons and daughters throughout their time at Southfields Academy.



Jack Petchey Achievement Scheme – Ms Marshall

On the evening of Wednesday, 27th February 2020, Ms Valin accompanied some of the Academy's Achievement Scheme winners to the annual presentation ceremony. All January-December 2019 winners were invited to the ceremony, to celebrate and recognise the achievement winners across the Wandsworth schools.

As well as a huge celebration of the achievements of students and staff in the Wandsworth borough, the evening also featured entertainment performances from students across the different schools who participate in the scheme.

Student Achievement Award Winners who attended the ceremony were:

Ajla Vukalic 8LNT
Jonathan Bolea 9SAM
Valentina Rendon Suarez 12BON
Firdaws Nanfuka-Kasule 11CRL
Nehan Khan 13BOD
Brenda Guimaraes Cuzzuol 13IG

A massive congratulations to all winners!



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
Friday 13th March 2020 – Pi Day
Thursday 19th March 2020 – Year10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25th March 2020 – INSET Day
Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st April 2020 – Parents' Forum



Thought for the Week
“Diversity creates dimension in the world.”
— Elizabeth Ann Lawless



Year 8 News – Ms Douglas

The wet, rainy and windy weather did not stop this event. On Friday 28th February Year 8 students participated in a ‘Sports Relief Fun Run’ organised by Ms Nilsson. Good fun was had by all, as they attempted to run around King George’s park in the rain and mud.

The year group contributed £1.00 each and raised £131 for the ‘Sports Relief’ Charity which raises money regularly to support young vulnerable children in Great Britain and other parts of the world. They also ran 170 miles collectively. Well done Year 8!



Globe Theatre Workshop – Ms Sulliman

On Tuesday, as part of the World Book Day celebrations, students in Y8 were invited to participate in a workshop with an actor from The Globe Theatre.

A Royal Shakespeare Company actor immersed the students in the world of Macbeth! Theatre in education methods were used to encourage students to see the text the way that it was intended to be seen: a piece of physical theatre.

Students will go to see the play at The Globe on Friday 6th March.





London Youth Games – Wandsworth Team Selection – Judo Trials – Ms Davies



The London Youth Games Judo trials are coming up over the next weeks and will take place at **Ernest Bevin**:

Trial 1: Date: Tuesday 12th March 2020

Trial 2: Date: Thursday 19th March 2020

Age Groups (both trial dates)

Under 14's 6-7:30pm

Under 18's 7:30-9pm

If you would be interested in attending this year's judo trials please complete the registration form which can be found on Enables website: www.enablelc.org/lyg . The trials will be used to select the team to represent Wandsworth at the London Youth Games 2020 competition, where the 33 London Boroughs compete. For more information on the London Youth Games please visit: <https://www.londonyouthgames.org/>

EasyJet Visit – Ms Hodgson

On 3rd March two members of EasyJet cabin crew delivered a presentation about the roles within their company to the Year 12 and 13 Travel and Tourism students.

They learned about different recruitment teams including cabin crew, cabin manager and pilot and what a life in the sky is really like!



Author Visit – Siang Chern

We welcomed Louis de Bernieres, a celebrated author to Southfields Academy on Monday, 2nd March 2020. Louis taught at Southfields School (a predecessor of Southfields Academy) in the early 1990s, during which he wrote Captain Correlli's Mandolin, an international best seller. Sixth form students had the opportunity to listen and ask Louis about his life, choices he made which led to varied exciting adventures shaping him as a person and influencing his writing. Louis also spoke to our A-Level English Literature students on writing as a career and the "secret" formula towards writing a gripping bestseller that appeals to both men and women.

His talks were peppered with many interesting anecdotes and insights. One of these, "People with a negative attitude don't get anywhere", is resoundingly relevant to our student audience as they were challenged to make and seize opportunities for themselves





London Youth Games Final – Ms Risolino



On The 4th March the Year 9 BTEC dancers took their winning dance piece to the London Youth Games dance final at The Copper Box Arena to represent Wandsworth, competing with 25 other borough representatives in the key stage 3 category.

The students were incredibly professional, especially as 20 minutes before their performance the event organisers told us that our dance was too long by 35 seconds. The team pulled together, found a space in the arena and with 20 minutes to spare we edited our dance. The performance was outstanding with Southfields easily getting the biggest cheers of the day, one judge commented, "It was a vibe! I just wanted to dance with you." Another judge commented "Your energy and sheer mass of you was amazing, good job! You looked like you had so much fun out there." The dancers were confident, full of character and a force to be reckoned with.

Congratulations to our talented year 9 dancers, you are inspiring!



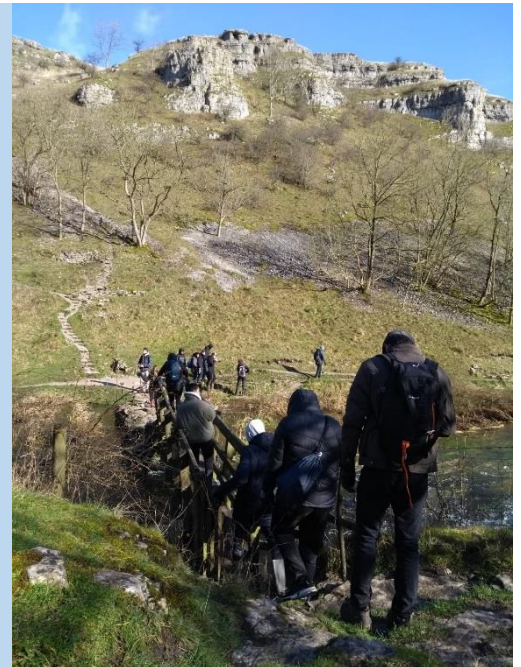
Peak District Field Trip – Mr Benfield

Last week the Year 12 and 13 Geographers went on a field trip to the Peak District. Along with the three best Geography teachers at the Academy, they blazed up the M1 and took over an entire youth hostel near the old mill and mining town of Bakewell. This is a delightfully quiet and sleepy town which had no time to prepare for our students descending upon them...

As the extremely intelligent and ethnically diverse Southfields Geographers criss-crossed the countryside, analysing the geography in everything they saw, the locals could do nothing but stare in wonder. Meanwhile, the young geographers themselves were left aghast as their white Australian teacher put on his Head Chef hat and made them a bland meal they called 'White Man's Curry.'

Safe to say, jokes were had by all.

It will be a long time yet until this merry group will forget the sight of the beautiful snow-dusted hills, of Naumann admiring his new-found triceps, or of Daniel, eyes closed, finding peace as he sang along to Adele.





Science Club – Ms Baxter



Our budding scientists were delighted to get their hands on a sheep's heart! Students used a scalpel to dissect the heart and discover the inner workings of the heart, including muscles and tendons.

Next week, there will be more dissections to come!



This Week in PE – Mr Munro

Mr Boyce's Year 7 students continued their invasion unit of work this week, through rugby. They were taught how to catch the ball on the move and run forward with the ball to increase the chances of scoring a try. Students worked in teams to put these skills into practice.

Mr Munro's Year 7 class continued their net and wall unit of work. This week, using the skills they had previously learned in the last lesson and applying them to a game of "four square". The game was introduced to the class by one of the pupils, who led excellently on it. Pupils then competed against each other to see who would be king!



The PE Department ran their very own World Book Day celebration on Thursday, in the form of orienteering. Students were given a map of the school with 15 locations on it. At each location students found extracts from some of the most popular books in the school with questions about the text. In order to complete the course, students had to orientate their way around the school site, collecting answers that tested their understanding of what they had read. By the end of the course, student had encountered many of their literary favourites: Matilda, Macbeth, Harry Potter, Oliver Twist and Mr Stink to name but a few!



This Week in PE Continued...



Mr Arthur's Year 10 class continued their invasion unit of work in the form of rugby. Students learned how to attack the opposition using width or attacking down the middle. After they had learned the positives and negatives of each, they implemented their choice into games. Students found success with both tactics.

However, one team used both tactics in the same game and these were the most successful, as they won all of their games.



Games Workshop – Mr Hillman

Southfields Academy wargames club visited Games Workshop on Tottenham Court Road for an activity organised by the store this week.

Year 8 and 9 students got to practise their painting skills before being taken through a game that saw the students battle against the staff of the store. I am pleased to report that through teamwork, good tactical planning... and perhaps a little luck... the Southfields' team emerged victorious.

It was a great afternoon and the boys represented themselves and the Academy superbly.

War gaming is a great way to make friends, it encourages and improves reading and requires quick mathematical calculation. In addition to this many players get to express their creative sides through the modelling and painting aspects. Above all else it develops a sense of fair play and enjoyment.

Southfields' Wargames club runs every Thursday 3 – 4 in A123 and is open to everyone from Year 8 to Year 13. See Mr Hillman for more details.

