



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing 16th March 2020



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

### Admiralty House Spending Challenge – Ms Hess

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 28 A Level Economics students were invited to Whitehall's Admiralty House to take part in a UK Economy Spending Challenge where they were divided into 4 government departments. Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Health, Defence and Education.

They had to negotiate with each other in their teams, as ministers do, to maintain or increase their budget. Having weighed up different spending pressures and opportunities to reform public spending, they then pitched their budget needs to the 3 "chancellors".

All departments fought hard to increase their budgets but the chancellors rose to the challenge and managed to cut almost all of them apart from Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

The civil servant volunteer leads were impressed and said that they could use some of our student's fresh perspective and honest opinions in their budgeting meetings.

Our volunteer leads then arranged a surprise visit to Number 10 Downing Street for a photo.



### A Year 12 production – Ms Brown

A Fantastic Panto show '**Don't become the wolf' created** by our lovely Year 12 students. The play followed a girl called **Red** who took us on an exciting journey of choosing your friends wisely and to always listen to adults. An adapted narrative from the well-known children's book '**Little Red Riding Hood**'.



### Academy Updates

The Government has announced that it is moving to the next stage of dealing with the effects of Coronavirus in the U.K. but it has made clear that **schools will remain open**.

We will update parents/carers if this changes.

Please check our website regularly for updates.







## Thought for the Week

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things."  
Mother Theresa



Presents

## GIRLS FIT'N FUN DODGEBALL



@ Aspire, Southfields  
337 Merton Road, SW18  
5JU



10+ Girls Session

Wednesdays: 4.00-5.15  
PM

- MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY & GET FIT
- GREAT WAY TO SOCIALISE WITH FRIENDS
- PLAY A NEW FUN SPORT WITH FRIENDS
- AIMED AT GIRLS IN YEARS 6-9

- New weekly sessions start From 16th March 2020



## Sports Leaders: Inclusion 2020 – Ms Davies

A massive thank you to Helen, Sirla and Joanna who were excellent role models at last week's Learning and Discovery festival hosted by Southfields Academy as Lead Inclusion School for the Youth Sport Trust with Mr Miller.

This event brought pupils of all abilities together to experience a variety of Para sports and get the opportunity to compete. The Learning and Discovery festivals focused on inspiring pupils with and without SEND to play and enjoy unified sport together; challenging attitudes and perceptions of disabilities.



## Dates for Your Diary

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

Monday 6th April 2020 – Academy breaks for Holiday

Monday 20th April 2020 – Academy resumes

## Year 9 News – Mr Cameron

The past couple of weeks have been very busy for the Year 9 students.

On Pancake Day, the Year 9 students from 09CRT and 09SAM made and sold pancakes to all students for their Extended Project. They made over £48 which will contribute to their future projects for their year group. Staff and students across the school enjoyed the students' pancakes and even came back for seconds the day after.

Also, last week the students of the fantastic Miss Risolino's Dance competed in the London Youth Games. They represented the borough of Wandsworth and went up against a whopping TWENTY-FOUR different boroughs. They showed their incredible skills and performed in front of famous judges and choreographers but unfortunately, they weren't able to grab the gold medal.







We were delighted to welcome 35 visitors from industry to our Inspiring Futures Day on Friday 28th February. All students in Year 12 had the opportunity to prepare for, take part in and receive written feedback on a mock job interview with one of our visitors. Some students also took the opportunity to get some feedback on their CV, as well as find out about work experience and apprenticeship opportunities. The volunteers also ran a number of career workshops on a range of topics; Investment Banking, Civil Engineering, Working in the Media, Hospitality Industry and Working in Human Resources are examples of a few. Here are a few comments from our volunteers on the day:

"I really enjoyed the day and it seemed the young people got lots out of the day."

*Julia Bodkin – Policy & Data Manager, The Careers and Enterprise Company*

"I thought the students were so involved and asked some amazing questions, I was blown away at how engaged in the talk they were"

*Gabby Saper - Goalhanger Films*

"It was a real pleasure to present to the Southfields Academy last week.

I thought the staff was very helpful and the environment professional yet informal so I felt at ease.

It all went well and I really found the experience rewarding. Thank you for allowing me to contribute"

*Annelise Pesa – Company Coach*

"I thought it was a very well-organised and nicely run event, with a variety of people, companies, backgrounds and talks for the students."

*Jill Douglas – BP*

"I really enjoyed my time conducting the mock interviews. The staff and students were all very friendly, and the pastries were very welcome!"

*Nythia Rae – Senior Project Editor Little Brown Book Group*

"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, teachers in my session were very helpful and engaged. It was great I could stay in the same room and the session time was good, lots of time for questions."

*Georgia Thompson from Bam Nuttall – Talk on Civil Engineering.*







## World Book Week – Ms Reynolds



It was World Book Week last week and the English Department stepped it up a gear to make this year's celebrations the most exciting yet!

On **Monday 2nd March**, the international bestselling author of Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Louis de Bernieres, delivered two presentations to some of our Key Stage 5 students.

During the talk, Louis de Bernieres spoke about his life experiences and inspirations, which triggered lots of thought-provoking questions from the audiences. His honesty, humour and anecdotes made for a memorable day for all who met him and it was a great honour to have him be a part of the celebrations leading up to World Book Day.

On **Tuesday 3rd March**, the Royal Shakespeare Company delivered drama workshops for our Key Stage 3 students. Classes developed skills to make their presence on stage engaging, entertaining and unforgettable.

Key Stage 3 students also enjoyed meeting the author of 'Wheeling East', Jamie Tinklepaugh, on **Wednesday 4th March**. He delivered two creative writing workshops with a picture stimulus from his book. Students wrote fantastic stories and poems inspired by Tinklepaugh's chosen photograph. Their creations can be read and watched on Southfields Academy's social media accounts.

Staff costume fun took place on **Thursday 5th March**. Two Year 8 students were judges and they had the difficult task to pick the winners for the categories below:

- the best dressed male
- the best dressed female
- the best dressed department
- the best dressed SLT

Winners will be announced soon...



The two Year 8 judges also took over Southfields Academy's Instagram account to post stories about their World Book Day experience. Please make sure you check this out!

On **Friday 6th March**, a group of 30 Key Stage 3 students went to The Globe Theatre to watch a production of 'Macbeth'. The weather was on their side that day and the group enjoyed the bright and rain-free outing.

Quizzes and creative writing competitions were also available for students throughout the school to participate in. Prizes for winners will be given out in assemblies over the next few weeks. Some of these prizes were given to Southfields Academy from Book Clubs in Schools - a huge THANK YOU to them!







## This Week in PE – Mr Munro



Mr Boyce's Year 7 class continued with their invasion unit of work. This week they were focusing on passing backwards and on the move. Students completed drills where they had to pass backwards. They then discussed the importance of running forward, if the ball had to be passed backwards. Students competed in a competition to see which group could pass the ball correctly whilst running across the pitch.



As part of Sports Relief, Mr Munro's Year 8 class competed in a Kinball tournament. Students were in six teams and had to land the 42" beach ball on the floor to win a point. They were engaged and had high levels of competition throughout.

Sport Relief saw Mr Munro's Year 10 GCSE class test themselves against Mr Cameron's Year 8/9 basketball team. The game was competitive throughout, with the score at 8-8. But then the skill of the basketballers shone through in the last five minutes as they won the match 12-8.



As part of Sport Relief, Mr Munro and Ms Ciarocci hosted a Tug of War tournament for their Year 8 PE classes this week. Students were placed into six random teams and competed excellently throughout the lesson. At the end of the lesson, as the two classes were made up of two tutor groups, a mini tutor group competition took place. Firstly, 08LNT's girls took on 08MNO's girls, with 08MNO's girls winning that tussle. In the second game, 08LNT's boys took on 08MNO's boys, with 08MNO also winning that one. The final match saw all of 08LNT take on all of 08MNO. With 08MNO winning that as well. All students were competitive, respectful and showed great sportsmanship throughout the lesson, regardless of whether they won or lost.



The PE Department finally found their World Book Day competition winners. Harry, Adam, Alan, Kasper and Arnav (Year 7) were the quickest to find all 15 answers and get them correct.

To make this achievement even more amazing, they were the only group in the whole school to get all 15 answers correctly first time. Each of them received a book and an Adidas T-shirt as a prize.



# SOUTHFIELDS GIRLS CAN



## CREATE CHANGE

Our goal is to **get more girls active**. But we need a squad of girls to lead on this and help  
**#CRETECHANGE**

## WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

- Girls are less active than boys at every age.
- Only 10% of girls achieve the recommended levels of physical activity
- Only 28% of girls really enjoy taking part in physical activity



## HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF IT?

**Apply now** to become a campaigner to help lead on this exciting new project in three easy steps:

1. Collect a SOUTHFIELDS GIRLS CAN Postcard from Ms Davies.
2. Complete with your answer.
3. Hand back by **15:00 Friday 27th March**

## WHAT TO DO NOW...

- Complete the following statement....

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO ME  
MEANS...**



## TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THINK ABOUT...

**Inspiration**... who encourages you?  
**Motivation**... your reasons to be active?  
**Activation**... what is practical for you? Are there any barriers?

*Empowered  
Women  
Empower  
Women*

# SOUTHFIELDS GIRLS CAN

## 5 REASONS TO APPLY



To feel  
good



To build  
confidence



To give  
something  
back



To shape PE  
lessons and  
extra-  
curricular  
clubs



To make a  
**CHANGE**



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