



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 12th October 2020



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

Matthew Cox England Call-up – Mr Elson

Many congratulations to Matthew Cox, Southfields Academy Year 13 student, for his hard work in achieving this wonderful opportunity.



AFC Wimbledon had this to say:

We are delighted to announce that goalkeeper Matthew Cox has been called up to an England Under-18s training camp at St George's Park.

Matthew, who has come through the academy ranks at Wimbledon after joining us at the age of 14, made his England Under-17 debut in February versus Ukraine.

Now Matthew, who signed a pro deal with us in May, will have an opportunity to train this month with the brightest young talents in the country.

Congratulations Matthew, from all at AFC Wimbledon.

MFL News – Ms Terrington

The MFL Department is proud to report some wonderful work completed this week, including lots of homework submitted via Google Classrooms.

To celebrate students' success we will soon be awarding postcards to students who consistently impress us with their efforts. These will be sent home so that you can join us in congratulating them on their work.





Thought for the Week

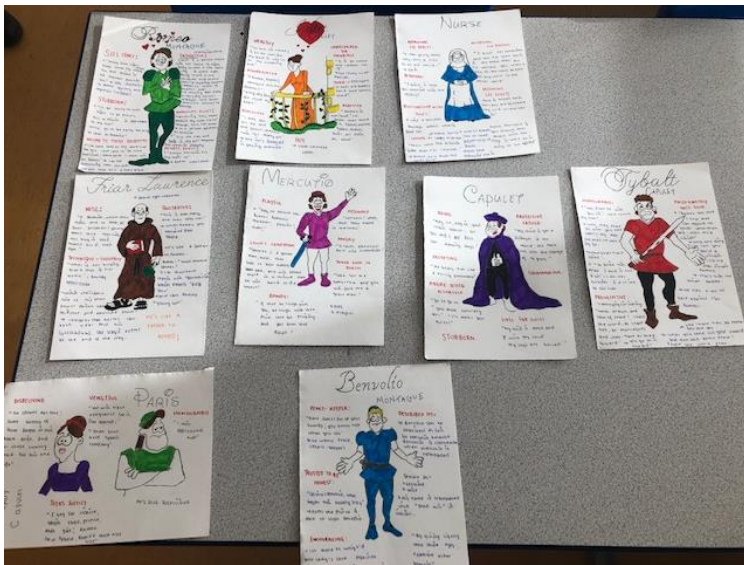
Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today.
Thích Nhất Hạnh

Year 11 News – Ms Marshall

-Preparation and sitting of in-class assessments:

Year 11 students have just sat their first round of in-class assessments. The results of these, will be issued in the Year 11 report, along with their current effort grades, attendance and punctuality. More details to follow in a separate letter.

As part of the preparation for this, students followed a tutor time programme of activities to support their independent revision, this included: active revision strategies and exploring how their brain works! During lessons too, students were taken through different revision options and some students produced beautiful revision material as part of their homework



Romeo & Juliet revision material produced by Iqra Ahmad, 11JGT

Later on in the year, I hope to be able to facilitate a study skills session, to support further assessment weeks and their final exams.

-Supporting your child at home:

Below are five top tips for supporting your child's studies, at home:

1. Ask them to show you their Google Classroom page and to talk you through the homework set and the homework they have completed/ handed in most recently.
2. Set aside a clear space for them to study – free from distractions and, preferably, with natural light.
3. Ask them if they are ok! Year 11 can be overwhelming and sometimes students need an opportunity to share this and be reassured that they are doing their best.
4. Ensure that they are supported to follow a healthy lifestyle: physical activity, healthy diet, plenty of water and time away from electronic devices after a certain time.
5. Let them know that it's ok to feel overwhelmed. Encourage them to speak with their tutors and teachers if they think they would like further support – we're here to help.

If you require any further support with this, please do contact your child's tutor.

-Auditing of IT equipment:

The use of IT has now become even more important in order to ensure that all students are able to access learning material. As well as computers being used in school, students should be accessing Google Classrooms daily in order to keep on top of homework set.

All Year 11 homework will be set via this platform, unless directed to other online resources such as Educake and Hegarty Maths. All students should now be certain of their log-in details, please contact their tutor if this is not the case.



Year 11 News Continued.....

Well done for a great start!:

It's always a pleasure to be able to congratulate students for working hard... it's not easy being a Year 11 student! Each week, either face-to-face or via a virtual assembly, students are celebrated for the merits they have received. Below is a list of the top ten students with the highest number of merits gained since we returned in September. Well done!

Holly BARTON YOUNG	11FRH
Baria SHAHZAD	11FRH
Sumeya AHMED	11JGT
Giulianna MARA	11GBE
Victoria HARGRAVES	11FRH
Tanzeela JABEEN	11JGT
Soman ESMAIL	11GBE
Shareen KADER	11RND
Amir ELNASHAR	11JGT
Mason GILLIGAN	11ENG

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 14th October 2020 – Y12 Meet the Tutor Evening
Thursday 22nd October 2020 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 26th October 2020 – Half Term
Monday 2nd November 2020 – Students return to the Academy
Wednesday 4th November 2020 – Prize Evening
Wednesday 11th November 2020 – Extended Project Launch Evening

Open Events – Mr French

Our tours have proved overwhelmingly popular; we are one of very few schools allowing parents the opportunity to actually visit the school during the school day. These have been booked solidly up until the end of November.

Our Open Evening is normally our opportunity to open our doors to hundreds of families and put on a show for them with our students and departments giving parents and Year 6s a feel for what life at Southfields Academy might be like. However, unable to accommodate large numbers of visitors and still keep our staff and students safe we had to go virtual. The event consisted of several videos made by our staff and students and a live discussion and question & answer session with the Principal, Headteacher and Mr Whitfield with his Key Stage 3 expertise. The videos from the evening are all remaining on our website for those parents who could not attend last night, and for existing parents of our students to view. Please visit our website and click on Open Evening 2020 to view them. We plan to add more content and a recording of the live portion from 8th October over the coming weeks.

If you or anyone you know is currently looking at secondary schools for a Year 6 student, then do not hesitate to get in touch with me: sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com to arrange a tour. Or if you had any admissions related questions that you would like us to answer email: questions@southfieldsacademy.com