



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing 19th October 2020

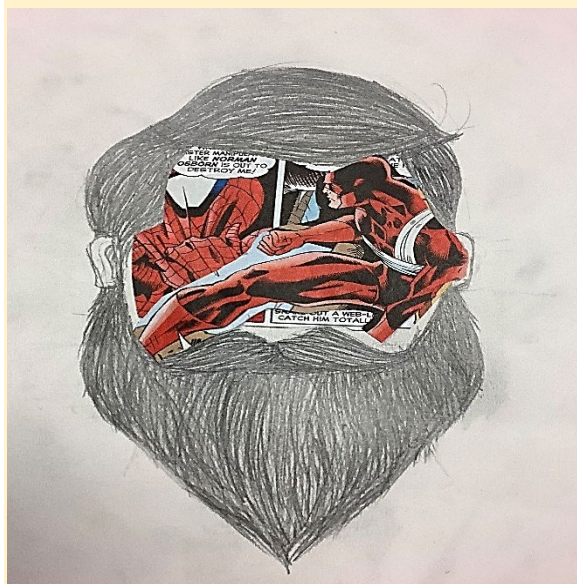


Ethos statement: We believe that through individual commitment, self-discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.

Artists at Work – Year 10 – Mr Reis

Sandra Chevrier is a Canadian contemporary artist. She produces artwork that exposes the limitations of our world. She creates masks using comic strips as an attempt to empower people with superhero powers.

Art GCSE Year 10 students used her work as inspiration to develop some personal ideas. They have been practicing observational drawing of facial features, exploring with tone and texture. This week they have used that knowledge to create these inspirational art pieces that show people performing the roles of superheroes.



Students' Online Safety

The Academy understands that the Internet is an integral part of modern life and will be more so as our lives become more connected, this is especially the case for the young people in our community. Although most social media platforms are officially 13+, most children sign up to at least one when they are much younger. We feel it is better that they are open about this rather than keep it a secret from their parents. Moreover, we want to support you and give you advice on how you can talk about the possible downsides of social media openly and in a preventative manner with your child before they encounter any problems.

Your child will address many of these issues and be given tools to stay safe online in the pastoral programme with their tutor and in assemblies from their Head of Year and during their Personal, Social & Health Education and Computing lessons as well.

We have gathered some resources to help you on this page of our website:

<https://www.southfieldsacademy.com/page/?title=Students%27+Online+Safety&pid=200>

Please take the time to look through these.

If you have any questions about online safety and your child, do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's tutor, Mr Shillingford, Director of IT and Systems or Mr Samuels, Acting Head of Social Sciences.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23rd October 2020 – INSET Day

Monday 26th October 2020 – Half Term

Monday 2nd November 2020 – Students return to the Academy

Wednesday 11th November 2020 – Extended Project Launch Evening



Thought for the Week

Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible. – Helen Keller



Science Wildlife Photograph Competition – Year 7 – Mr Bhatti

After much heated deliberation, the Science department have finally come to an agreement on the winner of the Year 7 wildlife photograph competition. In a presentation to rival the announcement of the 'Wildlife photograph of the Year' by Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, Dr Carlisle announced the winners. All the entries were of a very high standard but the winners are as follows:

1st place – Shayann Farooq (Swan)

2nd place – Hector Weir (Cat)

Max Moore (Parakeet)

Many congratulations to the winners and to all students who took part.



Here is the link to the award-ceremony video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q7f2yxBGbOux2E->

Wandsworth Local Area Special Educational Needs and Disability 'Big Plan' 2020-2024

Dear parent/ carer

Please see below. We would like all of you to respond to the LA SEND strategy so we can have the very best for our students with Special Needs. It is important that we provide the very best so they can achieve and by working with the LA we can do just that.

Thank you,
Jacqueline Valin

We want to get your help with an important plan called our 'Special Educational Needs and Disability Strategy.'

Strategy means 'a big plan' which tells everyone what we will do in Wandsworth to make sure you have what you need at home, at school and in the community.

We want to hear from you. We have designed this short survey for you to read through and complete either by yourself, with friends, or with an adult, for example a parent, carer, teacher or youth worker.

We will read every response you send back to us to see what is important to you. We are asking lots of different people – children and young people, parents, carers and teachers.

We will read everybody's answers and use them to make changes to our 'big plan' for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Wandsworth.

The survey has different questions and answers you can choose from. For each question, please tick the box you agree with the most. You can do this bit on your own or with help from your parent or carer, or another adult. There is an option at the end to upload a picture or drawing if you would like to send your ideas in a creative way.

Please follow the link to take part in the survey:

<https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworthcsd/send20/consultation/subpage.2020-09-05.2296403625/>



Southfields Panathlon – Mr Philpott

Wednesday 14th October saw the return of extracurricular PE at Southfields in the first Covid friendly Panathlon. The event was for selected students in Year 7 to take part in a virtual game against other schools. The challenges saw the students tested against each other in their athletics, basketball, cricket, tennis, hockey and problem solving skills. Shout outs to Daniel, Kavern, Deriane, Haroon, Lance, Noah and Tayah who completed all challenges and are waiting for the results to come in from the other school to see how they compare to the nation, well done everyone!



This Week in PE – Mr Philpott & Mr Munro

On Tuesday, Mr Munro's Year 9 class progressed their striking and fielding skills onto bowling in cricket. Students began the lesson with a static bowl to their partners.

This then progressed into a competitive situation, attempting to bowl out their partners. This was the students' first attempt at a game of cricket, which progresses nicely into next week's competitive game situation.





On Wednesday, Mr Munro's Year 8 class started their rounders unit of work. This lesson primarily focussed on the batting side of rounders.

Students were encouraged to hit the ball to where there were no fielders. They used skills from prior striking and fielding to field the ball and catch out opposition players.

On Thursday, Mr Munro's Year 9 class played their first mini game of cricket. Students were placed in pairs and were in competition against each other to see which pair could score the most points. However, if students were to take a risk and get themselves out, they would lose a percentage of the points they had accumulated. They were very competitive throughout the lesson and played the game with fantastic sportsmanship.



Parenting Teens During Times of Uncertainty online workshop

When: Tuesday 20 October 2020

Time: 7.00pm

Where: Virtually (Microsoft Teams)

The talk will cover a range of topics including:

Sleep:

- ◊ Why it is important and how to help your teen get more of it

Communication and Relationships:

- ◊ What parents can do when teenagers won't listen and how to manage your own feelings during parent-child disputes

Signs and Symptoms:

- ◊ What to look out for if you're worried your child might be feeling low or anxious

If you would like to join us for this workshop please email

WandsworthWP@swlstg.nhs.uk You will receive a link to the workshop on 20 October.



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