



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 31st May 2021



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

Year 9 News – Ms Gavin

It has been tough for students to adapt back into school life over the last term but Year 9 has shown how resilient they can be through all of their achievements this term.

Ms Douglas and I are so proud of our Year 9 drama students who have been working hard to prepare for a performance that they will be putting on at the Tara Theatre in June. The students have been attending a 1-hour zoom call after school every Thursday and will spend 3 days during this half term doing rehearsals. One student has shared with us that this has had a positive impact on her well-being and given her something to focus on after lockdown. We cannot wait to see the final performance!

The girls have also shown their leadership skills as they took part in a programme run by the PE department. This was a great opportunity for the girls to take part in a wide range of activities. Ms Clark said, "They are all ready to inspire and encourage girls at Southfields to get involved in football and sport, which also supports the department's motto "be the best you can be". Well Done Girls!

Ms Douglas and I would like to thank all the parents / carers for all your support and would like to ask for your continued support with uniform, behaviour and equipment. A breakdown of the uniform is in your child's diary.

Please have a restful half term and we look forward to your return on the 8th June.

Drama Good News – Ms Risolino

I wanted to share with you some good news. Caprice and Tamia signed up for an amazing dance opportunity at the Royal Academy of Dance to perform with professional company Tavaziva for Wandsworth Fringe Festival. They will be working with professionals, performing with professionals and to a paying public. I am so proud of them.

Southfields' Girls Can Nominations

Well done to all the girls who got involved with Southfields' Girls Can week, it was a huge success.

During SGC week, students were nominated in their PE lessons and in extra-curricular clubs for being star of the lesson and star of the club. Well done to all students who were nominated. Your excellent effort and hard work has been recognised by your PE teacher and the rest of the PE department. Well done and keep up the hard work!





Thought for the Week

“Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the recognition of this is the beginning of wisdom.” – *Theodore Isaac Rubin*

Year 10 Study Skills Session

On Monday 24th Year 10 students took part in a Study Skills Session. It was so lovely to see the students engaging in so many interactive activities including memory hooks activity, train like an athlete, a 'Race to Remember', different ways to use revision clocks and mental contrasting to name but a few.

Small groups of students moved in a carousel every 10 minutes to glean tips and strategies for coping with exams, making revision easier and staying healthy.

The students will now complete a reflection activity where they will be asked to think about how these activities can support them with their mock exam preparations.

Many thanks to all the facilitators: Ms S Gray, Ms Davies, Mr Bhatti, Mr Whitfield, Ms Risolino, Mr Samuels, Ms Sulliman, Ms Molloy and Ms Nearn for putting so much time and energy into the session and finally to Ms T Gray for her organisational skills.





EU Settlement Scheme



If you or someone in your family is an EU National, you have until June 30 to apply for settled or pre-settled status and secure your right to live, work, study and receive benefits and services in the UK.

You need to apply even if you:

- are a child
- have a (blue) Permanent Residence document
- have lived in the UK for many years or are married to a British national
- have children that are British
- are a non-EEA citizen and have an EEA Residence card/ Family Permit



If you live in the Wandsworth Borough then please visit this page on their website to find out how they and Citizens Advice Wandsworth can support you: <https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news/news-may-2021/apply-now-for-settled-status/>

If you live in the Merton Borough then please visit this page on their website to find out how they and Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth can support you: <https://www.merton.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/brexit/euss>

For other boroughs, please visit your local authority website.

Bank Zoom Meeting - Mr Herz and Ms Boddy

Some of our Year 12 and Year 13 economics students had the opportunity earlier this week to spend a virtual hour with Charlie Robertson, an economist at Russian investment bank Renaissance Capital. The Zoom meeting gave students the opportunity to learn more about potential career opportunities for economists and what skills and qualities employers are looking for in graduates. Charlie stressed the importance of our students developing their human capital by gaining a good degree as well as doing things which make them stand out from their peers such as travel or volunteering.

Charlie's area of expertise is developing countries and his talk coincided with our Year 12 students looking at these countries as part of their economics course. You can find out more about our guest speaker on Twitter: #RenCapMan

COVID-19 Testing Over Half Term

As lockdown eases, taking a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear.

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

We want to thank you for your continued support in testing. Over 40 million tests of school staff and students have now been conducted as part of the education testing programme. Further Lateral Flow test kits will be distributed to students to ensure adequate supply over the half term break and into the remainder of the summer term.



Please remember to register your child's result using [TestRegister](#) and please, in addition, let the Academy know as soon as possible if your child receives a positive test result. Please also remember to register your child's kit and result on the NHS Test & Trace website.

If you have any questions about home testing then do not hesitate to email:

testing@southfieldsacademy.com



Tara Theatre Performance – Ms Risolino



Over the past 2 months the expressive arts department has been collaborating with Tara Theatre in Earlsfield. Each week (and sometimes twice a week), a group of Year 9s, Ms Risolino and two playwrights have been creating and shaping a show.

In the half term, this group will be meeting for the first time in real life to put the students' creative ideas into a show. The students have been courageous with their ideas, sharing performance work, creative writing, drawings, animations and Lego sculptures. These students are:

Blu Halley-Hutson	9HLN
Willow Baker	9MNO
Anika Lorin Ching	9LNT/SWT
Alexander Price	9HLN
AjlaVukalic	9LNT/SWT
Wiktorija Dadok	9HLN
Starr Macauley - Toomer	9HLN
Miriam Meite	9QRA
Madia Amiri	9QRA
Nevaeh Taylor	9HLN
Celeste Jore Minke	9QRA
Makkie Eccleston	9SMH
Summer-Rose	9DAS

We have four shows coming up.

We would love to have as many staff, students, parents and carers as possible to buy tickets to celebrate what will be an imaginative show combining students' own writing, video animations, performances and poetry communicating students' experiences during the pandemic and what they are looking forward to in their future.

The show is called, "Beyond Lockdown."

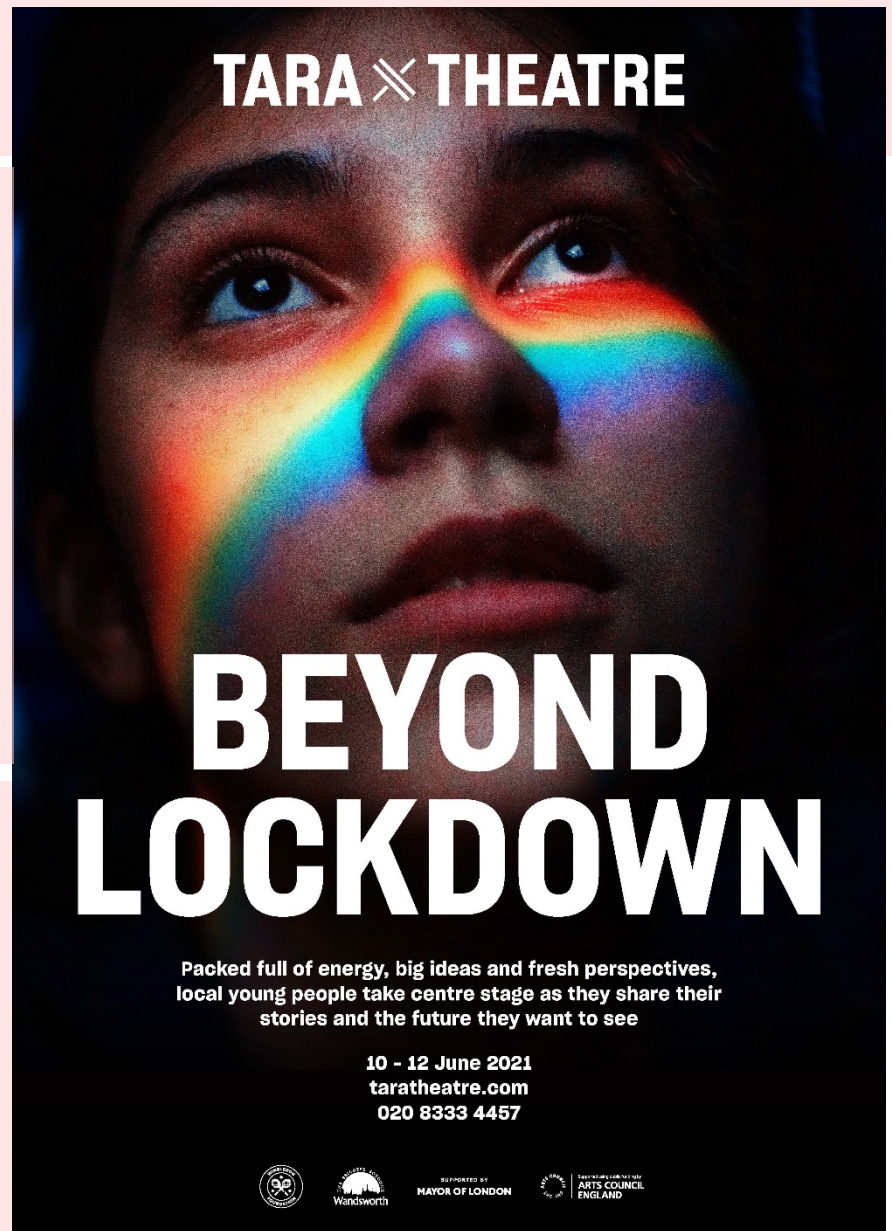
Please see the public poster but to confirm, the show times are:

Thursday 10th June
Performance 7pm

Friday 11th June
Performance - 7pm

Saturday 12th June
4pm & 7pm Performance

Tickets can be bought via this link:
<http://www.taratheatre.com>





PlayStation football week – Ms Clark



This week in PE Years 7-11 have been taking part in the PlayStation football week. The week is dedicated to developing football in schools and giving pupils the opportunity to take part in football and get people back playing football after a year of inconsistency.

All year groups did extremely well in their competitions and showed fantastic effort and sportspersonship in all lessons.

Year 7-9 also had the chance to play football in after school clubs this week and it was amazing to see so many pupils getting physically active. #PETEAM #BETHEBESTYOU CAN BE

Well done from all the PE DEPARTMENT



**U11, U13, U14, U16
DOVERHOUSE
LIONS GIRLS FC
OPEN TRIALS
SATURDAY 29TH
MAY**

**FOR CURRENT YEAR
6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 GIRLS**

**9.00-10.15 (U11, U13)
10.15-11.30 (U14, U16)
ROEHAMPTON
PLAYING FIELDS,
DOVER HOUSE RD,
LONDON, SW15 5BP**

The session will involve players taking part in small sided games on grass, so please bring suitable footwear, clothing and water.

To register please email doverhouselionsgirls@gmail.com



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 31st May 2021 – Half Term Break

Monday 7th June 2021 – INSET Day
(Academy Closed to Students)

Tuesday 8th June 2021 – Academy
Resumes For Students

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 – Year 13 Prom
Wednesday 23rd June 2021 – International
Group Prom

Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Year 11 Prom
Wednesday 30th June 2021 – Year 12 Level
2 Celebration

Tuesday 6th July 2021 – Key Stage 3 Drop
Down Day