

# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021



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

#### Sixth Form News - Ms Minto

As we know, it has been an unprecedented year but to say we are proud of the Sixth form students and the resilience they have shown is an understatement. The students come in every day and work towards securing the future they want and have taken up many opportunities offered to support them on that journey whether that is through the Social Mobility Foundation, Zero Gravity, DWP Workshops, Virtual Careers Talks, etc.

We have made many changes to the way we run the Sixth form that have allowed students to thrive and the focus to be on their academic success and post-18. As we edge closer to the end of this academic year we have said goodbye to our Level 2 students and moved towards supporting them virtually, through the use of Google Classroom, while our Level 3 students continue with their progression exams.

We must also congratulate the Year 13s who successfully completed their A Levels and have applied to universities throughout the country or sought employment/apprenticeships. The achievements of all these groups are to be celebrated through trips and end of year celebrations in the coming weeks.

# London Challenge trip - Ms Reeve-Tucker

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June the Year 13s spent the day on the annual Explore London Challenge trip.

The challenge involves teams of students finding and photographing 20 of the most iconic locations in London, including London's smallest police station, York Water Gate to a real live pelican, some well-known locations and others more onerous.

It was a beautiful sunny day spent on the Southbank.

Some of the students quickly used their initiative and hired Santander bikes to get the fastest time. The winning team, who made it first back under the Clock at Waterloo Station, will be announced at the Year 13 Celebration on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.





## **Thought for the Week**



"To err on the side of kindness is seldom an error." —Liz Armbruster

### **UKMT Junior Maths Challenge – Ms Frost**

Last month a record number of Year 7 and 8 students put themselves forward for the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition run by the Mathematics Trust with the purpose of, 'advancing the education of young people in Mathematics.' The competition is renowned for being extremely tough with Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates being extremely difficult to win.

The Mathematics department were thrilled to award the following students with their certificates this week. Achieving Bronze, Kavinran Puthuvlakan (7), Saad Dogar (7), Preston Archambaud-Chao (7), Imogen Grant (8), Abdelhadi Zakour (8), Eleanor Forman (8) and Jamal Aziz (8)

Achieving Silver, Aaron Walker (7), Ali Ampou El Ela (7), Qundeel Bhatti (7), Sahima Sidiqui (8), Arnav Singh (8)

Gold certificates were won by Atif Khan (7) and Kaiyah Noel (7) who also achieved Best in School. A fantastic achievement, well done.

Congratulations to all of these students and to all the other students that took part. Each student has received a participation certificate, which should be kept somewhere safe as evidence of their bravery, determination and ambition!









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# **Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 11 Prom Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Year 12 Level 2 Celebration Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Key Stage 3 Drop Down Day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – KS3 Extended Project Symposium Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – Achievement Assemblies Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 – Summer Holidays Commence.

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# Year 7 celebrate Windrush Day 2021 - Mr Durdin

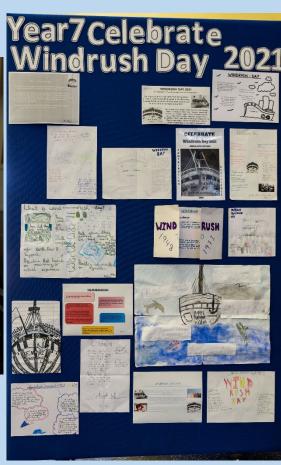


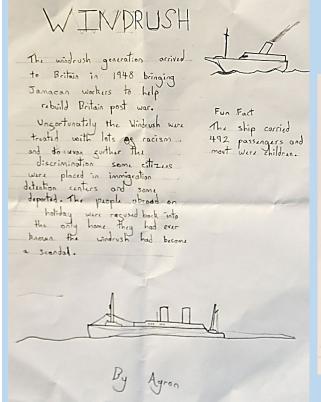
Windrush Day took place on Tuesday 22nd of June. Windrush Day is an important day to honour the contributions of the Afro-Caribbean and Asian communities that migrated to Britain after the Second World War. Named after the first ship, the Empire Windrush, it arrived in London in 1948 carrying hundreds of migrants from the Caribbean. They were invited to Britain to help rebuild the country following the destruction caused by the Second World War. However, many faced racial discrimination and prejudice upon arriving in Britain.

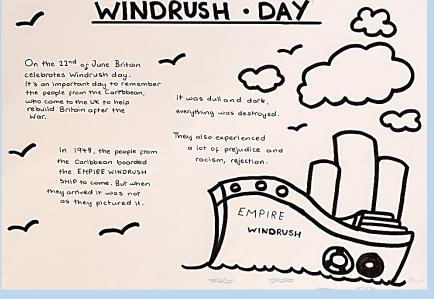
To mark Windrush Day, the History Department set homework last week for students in year 7 to complete posters, which honour Windrush Day, recognise the contributions of the Windrush Generation and celebrate diversity and multiculturalism in British life and society. The best posters were chosen be to put on display in the foyer of the Southfields Academy.

Well done and thank you to all the students who helped to mark this day!











# National School Sport Week - Ms Clark

After a year in which young people have missed out on so much and had their worlds turned upside down, sport and physical activity are playing an essential role in their recovery.

National School Sport Week 2021 will celebrate the return of youth sport and its power to bring people back together with a week of school sports days held up and down the country. The theme of this year's campaign is Together Again.

This week Y7-IG have competed in a range of tournaments, sporting activities and after school clubs as part of their National school sports week. National school sports week is all about bringing everyone together and getting pupils active and involved in sport. The PE department have been so proud of all the pupils this week with their resilience, teamwork, communication and effort in PE.

We have had a jam-packed week of sport including, frisbee, netball, volleyball, dodgeball and much more. In after schools clubs some pupils have been competing in a euro festival and had the opportunity to wear their team colours. It was fantastic to see so many students getting into the Euro spirit.

A massive thank as well to our sports leaders and football activators for leading their Euro football tournaments.

The PE department would like to thank all the students for their involvement this week in National School Sports Week and we cannot wait for more sporting fun including SPORTS DAY!

#### **Drowning prevention week**

This week in our tutor period, the students have been learning all about the benefits of learning to swim, and the important of water safety.

In swimming club, as it is drowning prevention week, the students had an opportunity to take part in an introduction to a water safety course. The students had lots of fun and demonstrated excellent communication and teamwork throughout the course.

#BETHEBESTYOUCANBE #TEAMPE #NSSW #DROWNINGPREVENTIONWEEK



# NATIONAL SCHOOL'S SPORTS WEEK









