



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021



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

### Year 7 News – Ms Gbolonyo

#### Year 7 Reward Postcards

As we are approaching the final few weeks of this academic year, teachers will be sending postcards to celebrate all the amazing work students have been doing. Teachers will be writing home for students that are demonstrating excellent effort, fantastic homework and communicating effectively.

#### Keeping focused and take control of your revision

As exam season approaches, one of the best ways to stay on top of things and get rid of that helpless feeling is to take control of your revision.

Here is a good place to start:

- Make a revision plan that is tailored to you
- Set objectives and monitor your progress
- Limit your distractions  
(switch off your mobile phone)
- Schedule in down time to relax and have fun.

Learning these skills now will set you on the best path for year 8!





## Thought for the Week

"It is the characteristic of the magnanimous man to ask no favour but to be ready to do kindness to others." —Aristotle

## LGBTQ+ Pride at Southfields Academy - Mr Durdin

LGBTQ+ Pride month is held every June to celebrate love, diversity and the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community. Pride rejects the shame and the social stigma that used to be associated with being LGBTQ+.

Students across the school had the opportunity this month to learn about the origin and meaning of LGBTQ+ Pride in an assembly dedicated to its history and purpose.

LGBTQ+ Pride began at Stonewall in New York. Stonewall Inn was a gay bar, music venue and a space for LGBTQ+ New Yorkers. The police would also frequent this bar to intimidate, harass, beat up and sometimes arrest LGBTQ+ patrons. On June 28 1968, police stormed the Stonewall Inn. Rather than put up with the police harassment and brutality, they fought back. Marsha P Johnson, a trans person of colour threw the first stone and a riot broke out. A movement for LGBTQ+ equality was born that night. A week later, the LGBTQ+ community of New York rallied behind the Stonewall rioters and the first Pride Parade was held. Today, Prides are held every year, all over the world. People from all walks of life come together to celebrate love, raise awareness on LGBTQ+ issues, demonstrate visibility and fight for equality.

Teachers across Southfields Academy have also celebrated LGBTQ+ Pride this year by choosing to honour LGBTQ+ heroes. People they admire and respect, who may have overcome adversity and become stronger for the struggles they have endured. Heroes, who represent the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community and have been successful in their careers. Individuals from Bayard Rustin and Audre Lorde, to Olly Alexander and Mounir Baatour. The chosen heroes are on display on the foyer!



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## International Group Celebration 2021 – Ms Hilary



Last Wednesday, the 23rd June, the International students celebrated the end of their academic year. Luckily, the weather held out and the event could take place under the canopy. In true International style, and despite restrictions, students arrived full of enthusiasm, cheerfulness and optimism.

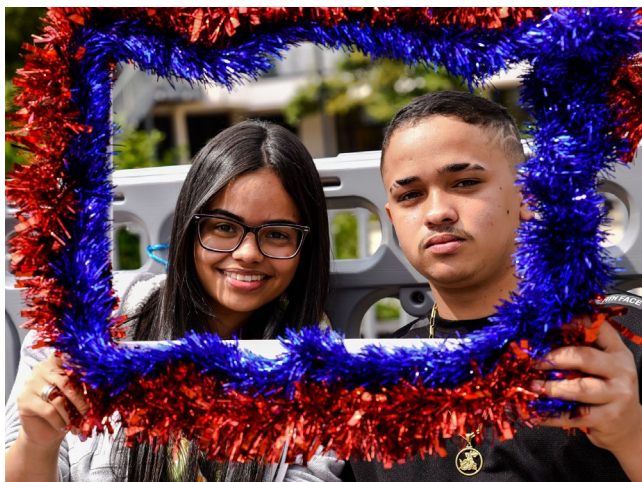
It was great that so many students were there and we were able to be all together again. It was a very special event and for those students moving on next year we wish them all the very best.







## International Group Continued...



## The Wandsworth Arts Fringe festival – Ms Risolino

On Wednesday 30th June, two of Southfields Academy's star dancers, Tamia Jordan and Caprice Dawkins in Year 10 performed a piece with professional choreographer Bawren Tavaziva. The piece was created during the May half term holiday in collaboration with Tavaziva Dance Company and the Royal Academy of Dance's Step into Dance programme.

The students worked with traditional African, contemporary and commercial dance styles to create this new work that was absolutely thrilling. The girls stole the show, they were fantastic. I want to applaud Tamia and Caprice for taking the opportunity that was shared with them in their dance class and committing during their holidays, weekends and evenings to represent the academy at such a professional level. This has been an amazing opportunity to add to their CV and an experience I hope they will always cherish.

The work was part of a huge dance showcase with professional companies and performers from Wandsworth, performed in King George's park on the main stage in the big top circus tent. There is still a chance to catch dance, comedy, circus and music events. It is not to be missed.





# NSSW Certificate Winners



Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as either star of the lesson, club or leadership. The PE department selected a number of students who showed determination, effort, resilience and sportspersonship. Well done!!



## YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD



On Friday 25th June a select number of Y9 students had the opportunity to meet GB Olympic medalist Thomas Haffield, a Welsh competitive swimmer, who is best known for his participation in the individual medley events. He represented GB in the Olympics and Wales in the Commonwealth Games.

During the Workshop Tom met with the Year 9 students and spoke about his journey as a swimmer and inspired them through different activities, showing what they can do to make a difference to young people's lives.

Well done to all involved Ajla, Nevaeh, Rafel, Haider, Damien, Tashi, Sean, Rhayne, Mufleh, Aaliyah, Anikia, Letyrell, Maciej, Kishan and Kaua.

Miss Clark, Mr Miller and Tom were so impressed by the respect, engagement and positive attitudes the students brought.



### Dates for Your Diary

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.