



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 12th July 2021



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

Year 11 News – Ms Marshall

Marking the end of a very unusual key stage 4:

Year 11 students returned to us on Tuesday, 29th June for the leavers' event. The morning kicked off with two careers workshops, which students had selected. They then had their leavers' ceremony, which was an understated, yet lovely affair. Students received their progress files from their tutors and the following awards were presented:

Ms Valin's Virtue Awards (voted for by staff):

Category	Recipient
Virtue Award	Aidan P
Kindness Award	Sapphire A-E
Helpfulness Award	Charlie T
Grit and Determination Award	Gurveer
Consistency, Maturity and Commitment to their Studies Award	Hodan H and Deshaun G-B

Light-hearted special awards (categories created by and voted for by year 11 students)

Category	Recipient
Most likely to be Prime Minister	Maliki A
Best Vibes	Corey T
Most likely to become a famous Youtuber	Ahmadou K
Most likely to survive a zombie apocalypse	Victoria H
Most likely to become a millionaire	Charlotte L
Best Banter	Ajub
Most likely to become a famous footballer	Kieran S

The Year 13 band provided musical performances during the ceremony. We also had two vocal performances by Year 11's very own Keira, who sang beautifully! After the ceremony, students took selfies, group pictures, ate and collected their leavers' hoodies.

Many of the Year 11 cohort will return to our sixth form in September. For that group and those flying the nest, we'd like to wish them the absolute best of luck for KS5.





Thought for the Week

"A bird is safe in its nest, but that's not what its wings are made for." --Amit Ray



Year 13 Prom – Ms Reeves-Tucker

The Year 13 Prom last Wednesday marked a long awaited social event for the students, following their hard work and resilience over the past two years.

The students arrived via the red carpet, dressed to impress. They posed for photographs under the archway of rainbow balloons, beautifully created by The Balloon and Kite Company in Earlsfield, in honour of Pride month. A photo booth area drew students for more light-hearted pictures. Plenty of Instagrammable moments!

Students enjoyed a delicious spread of food provided by the kitchen team and bespoke leavers' biscuits, courtesy of a local baker, One Cake.uk. Our brilliant live band elevated the atmosphere and the event culminated in students (and even some teachers) dancing the Macarena!

Special thanks to Mr. Browne, Ms. Risolino and Ms. Reeve-Tucker for organising the event, and to the Prom committee. We wish all our Year 13s the very best for the future.





Year 13 Prom continued...





Year 8 News – Ms Hughes



I would like to give a huge shout out to Year 8!

Not only have they succeeded in reaching the end of Year 8, they have done it with smiles through a difficult year! We have achieved so much this term, including improving our Accelerated Reading, attendance and punctuality. Positive attitudes have allowed kindness to prevail and compassion be felt.

Because of school closures, Year 8 had not undertaken any formal assessment or exam and last week they completed Maths, Science and English under strict Exam protocols, which they followed amazingly well.



In our previous news, I reported that 10 of our students were undertaking the Armitage foundation project, which provides young people the opportunity to gain knowledge, experience and confidence in learning about different medical facts in the health service. The students are taught directly by Junior Doctors also called Ambassadors of the Armitage Foundation.

The students began the course in March and just last night attended the virtual online awards ceremony. Ten schools were asked to put together a presentation for the ceremony detailing what they have learned over the course of the program. The school that would win would receive the Armitage Foundation shield for a year.

I am more than proud to announce that Southfields Academy, Year 8, won the shield with an outstanding presentation about Xrays, broken bones and their experiences on the course. Well done to all of the participants – Christiana, Raul, Cienna, Diaz, Papaa, Abas, Reuben, Alaa, Nylah and Taya-May.

As the Academic year draws to a close, Year 8 are starting to wind down and are very much looking forward to a fun filled break, however we still have lots to look forward to including Sports day, Achievement assembly and a special end of year treat... My lips are sealed...

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of Year 8 and their parents, guardians, teachers and supporters a safe and restful summer break.

Is your child lonely? – Ms Nearn

Making friends and fitting in is a huge part of the school experience. When you have a child who struggles to be "socially successful" it can be equally painful for parents and kids alike. This article from the Child Mind Institute explores some of the causes of child loneliness, what parents can say to kids who are struggling socially, and how they can help.

<https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-kids-who-are-lonely/>



Mindfulness – Ms Ramirez

Nancy Ramirez, our Academy Welfare Officer has been working with students and staff on site and we wanted to share some more of her mindfulness tips with you.

for parents:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q969MxniNFTb4EA5FuEFhee9Jn3lz0cm/view?usp=sharing>

for pupils:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kjCufAYyE1Wo_YQpNvPD5wyliJojCcdW/view?usp=sharing



PE News – Ms Clark

Y9 Leadership Awards

A massive well done to the Y9s who achieved their leadership award last Friday. The PE department is very excited to have such a bunch of talented, hardworking and enthusiastic athletes representing us as our Sports leaders next year.

Keep up the hard work and we look forward to working with you next year and demonstrating your leadership skills in school events.



Y7 & 8 Pentathlon

Well the weather did not stop the Y7 and 8s from enjoying an inclusive pentathlon event run by our own football activators. The girls were amazing and the event was a massive success. Well done to all involved. We look forward to many more events next year.

Free PL Kicks (Girls Only)

Our launch of girls only PL Kicks last month has been a great success, with girls a mix of ages turning up each week to play small-sided matches. There is still opportunity to join in until the final session on Friday 16th July and this will return in September.

PL Girls Kicks (Aspire @ Southfields)

3G – Astro (entrance via Burr Road)

Time: 6pm- 7pm

Age: 11- 16 years

Friday Night League Girls Only (in partnership with Morden Girls League)

Time: 5 - 6 pm

Age: 12-17 years

Venue: Tooting and Mitcham FC (front astro), Imperial Fields, Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BF

Sign up via: PL Kicks — AFC Wimbledon Foundation



AFC Wimbledon Summer Holiday Course: Girls Only Holiday course



Alongside our mixed Holiday course*, we have a date for our **Girls Only Football week** in the summer. This will be led by Kasha at Aspire, Southfields from **Monday 2nd August - Thursday 5th August**.

If you would like to book, spaces are now available via the website: [Holiday courses — AFC Wimbledon Foundation](https://www.afcwimbledonfoundation.com/holiday-courses)



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