



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 18th October 2021



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

Year 11 News – Mr Millington

Year 11 are now just about to complete their first half term culminating with their parents' evening on October 20th from 4.30 to 6.30. This half term has seen the school return to near normality albeit with the faint scent of hand sanitiser.

The term started with a number of changes; I started as the new Head of Year and our team of tutors had some new additions. The students adapted to these changes excellently and five weeks in it is all very positive.

One level of success is that for 4 weeks the behaviour of the students has been exemplary. We have had no incidents and this has made my job very easy. Students are picking up positives in every lesson.

Some notable successes have been by:

Shanaya Kenko-Leutche
Fredrick Nuamah
Ella Quartermaine
Kay Cooper
Ashaun Williams
Zobrarria Anjum
Cayla Drake
Kadijah Gardener
Ezekiel Beaumont
Mateo Felipe Brown

Koshik Rubamoorthy
Marvin Frimpong
Harlem Davis
Trayvonne Evans
Rio Grant
Matthew Kraszewski
Alisha Ahmad Hanif
Alkowthar Hassan

Excellent attendance and punctuality has been a crucial factor in students' success. To achieve 100% in both shows commitment and a desire to succeed.

A sign of normality is that football fixtures have started and the Year 11 team have won all their games.

Graveney 3-2

Ark Putney 5-3

Over half the year group have now had their first careers interview and are hopefully working towards their targets.

If you require more information about careers, please contact our advisor at sean.parsons@southfieldsacademy.com

A number of students gave up their time to help support at the recent Open Evening. They helped in departments and conducted guided tours of the school. They were true ambassadors of Southfields Academy.

These students were Caprice Dawkins, Jigne Sherpa, Israel Kabo Ngbanda, Cairo Markland, Amelia Morrison, Danial Rana, Koshik Rubamoorthy, Ashaun Williams, Tyrese Wright-Wallave, Enzo Tejero, Ruweyda Omar, Daniel Angus, Kay Cooper, Cayla Drake, Tamia Jordan, Liam De Cillia, Alkowthar Hassan and a special mention to Shanaya Kenko-Leutche who organised the students for me

All time in Year 11 is crucial but next half term is vital as this is when students have their mock exams, the first for two years. The dates for these are 6th December to 16th December 2021. There will be a study skills virtual event on Wednesday 17th December.

As always, if you require any support please contact me on jonathan.millington@southfieldsacademy.com



Thought for the Week

“Your life does not get better by chance. It gets better by change.” — Jim Rohn



Visit from Fleur Anderson MP - Ms Valin

Local MP Fleur Anderson paid a visit to the Academy this week. She visited a number of classes and commented on the calm working atmosphere within the Academy and the high quality teaching on offer. Ms Anderson was impressed by the inclusiveness of the classes she visited, speaking to SEND and International Group students. She also noted the Academy had achieved a great deal over a number of years to ensure a successful future for students.



Year 7 English trip to the Globe Theatre – Mr Peck

This week the English Department took a group of Year 7 students to see Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Nights' Dream' at the Globe Theatre on London's Southbank.

With much excitement and anticipation, we found our seats on wooden benches up high in the circle and were immediately entertained by live music. The play began and students loved the slapstick comedy, bright costumes – Bottom was dressed as a piñata – and, best of all, the performance of the 'play within a play', which featured a talking wall, talking moon (played by a teacher from another school!), and a 'very fierce' lion!

Topped off with plenty of dancing in the play's finale, one keen Year 7 theatre-goer commented, "I've never been to the theatre before but this was the best theatre experience ever!"





Southfields Academy celebrates Black History Month – this year's theme is Proud to Be . . . – Ms Atley



A couple of our Black History displays from around the Academy.



Students in 9 MSH reading Black and British by David Olusoga in tutor time.



Helping your Child in a Crisis – Ms Nearn

**Crisis
Tools**

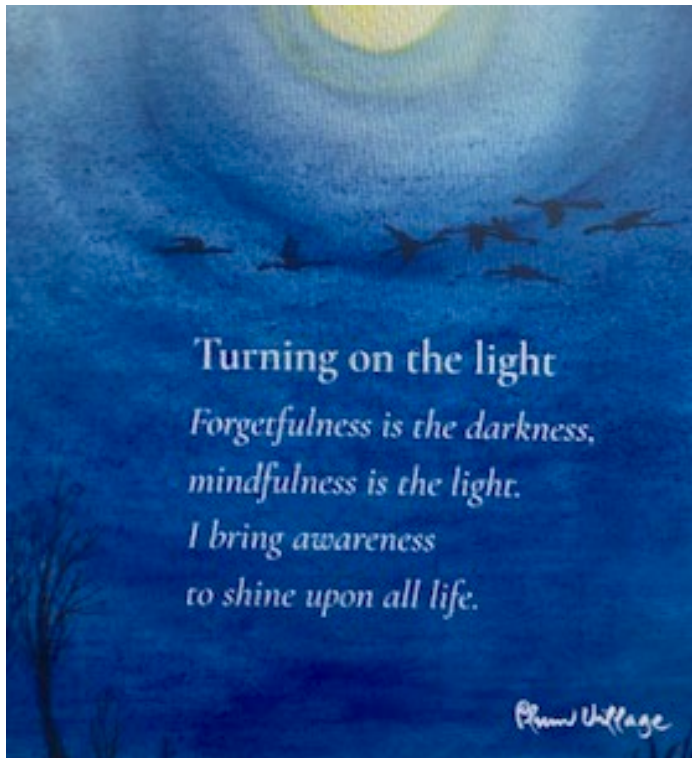
No one understands better than parents that young people's emotional wellbeing is changeable and often unpredictable. It can be tricky to know what to do or say when a child is in crisis! To help with that, we recently told you about our '[Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Butterflies](#)' booklet which is available to download on our website. We hope you have found it useful.

This week we'd like to tell you about another resource - a new website called [Crisis Tools](#). Crisis Tools was designed to improve your confidence, knowledge and skills in supporting your children when they experience a crisis. It was created by young people working in partnership with mental health experts to co-produce bite-sized learning guides and short videos to increase your knowledge and understanding of young people's experiences.

This unique resource is free, NHS approved, and is relevant to anyone who may find themselves supporting a young person in crisis, including parents or carers. We do hope you'll find [Crisis Tools](#) useful and supportive.



A Mindful Poem – Ms Ramirez



Turning on the light
Forgetfulness is the darkness,
mindfulness is the light.
I bring awareness
to shine upon all life.

Plum Village

Breathe in, recite the first line; breathe out, recite the second line; breathe in again and recite the third line... and so on.

You've just recited a 'Gatha': a mindful way of returning to yourself, and becoming more aware of each action with heightened awareness.😊 Great to do in between lessons or to transition from work to home.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 19th October 2021 – Year 19th Careers Fair
Tuesday 20th October 2021 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 22nd October 2021 – Academy Breaks for Half Term
Monday 1st November 2021 – Academy Resumes



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ADT – Ms Simms-Brown

It is lovely to see the extracurricular clubs up and running again.

On Wednesday, in cooking, the students were very enthusiastic and enjoyed baking cupcakes and of course eating them!



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