



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 24th January 2022



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

Spotlight Dance – Ms Risolino

Monday night saw the return of Southfields' annual dance show, Spotlight.

It was a smaller affair than we have had for the past ten years but the quality of work from the students was excellent.

Daphne in Year 8 made her debut and left the audience in awe. MJ from IG performed a freestyle K.R.U.M.P. solo, demonstrating outstanding musicality in this really difficult technique.

This year's dance club company were fantastic, confident and so impressive, definitely our best dance club company to date! The Year 11 dance students choreographed their own mini productions, sourcing costumes, editing their own music, creating work that had really clear intentions as part of their mock assessment.

We wish them the very best of luck as they now enter their real assessment phase. Last, but certainly not least, our Year 10 dancers' first performance was outstanding, closing the show with a performance of Boy Blue's 'Emancipation of expressionism', what an exceptional group of dedicated and talented dancers.

Well done to all of our performers.



Spotlight Dance Continued





Thought for the Week

"A great person attracts great people and knows how to hold them together."
~ Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



Tara Theatre Collaboration with Southfields Academy – Ms Risolino

Southfields and Tara Theatre in Earlsfield have a special relationship, where the academy and the theatre aim to provide work experience and opportunities through working with industry professionals in order to learn how to work as part of a theatre company. Last year students from Southfields were the opening act as Tara Theatre re-opened its doors after the pandemic theatre closures. It was a really proud moment and the students and theatre staff had a great time being creative once again, devising and performing a piece about their perspective of the post-pandemic world.

We are really keen to keep this going and this year there is another opportunity for girls and non-binary students of Southfields to have their voice heard again.

Outline of Activity

Working with Director Beth Kapila and a documentary Filmmaker, a group of young women will explore the daily experience of occupying public spaces. Through documenting their daily interactions in public spaces, from walking to school, getting the bus, playing sports and going to events, they will use this footage and first-hand accounts to work collaboratively to create a live performance. The process of creating the performance will be a safe space for young women to process their experiences and to come together to uncover what they want to see change in society so that they can thrive. The piece will be an opportunity for young women to agitate and be advocates for change in the causes, reporting and repercussions of street harassment.

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A group 14-18 year old female & non-binary people based in or with a relationship to the borough of Wandsworth will work from 1 FEBRUARY to 10 APRIL to make an empowering performance at Tara Theatre

Rehearsals after school every Tuesday at Tara Theatre, with 1 week intensive & 4 performances the week commencing 4 APRIL

You can get involved in a number of different roles from performance, to stage management, set design, writing and editing

**To find out more and how to get involved, go to our website:
<https://taratheatre.com/participate/our-streets/>**

Details

We are looking to work with 10 to 15 young female-identifying and non-binary people in Wandsworth borough aged 14-18. There will be opportunities for young people to support the project in technical and other assistant roles. 2-hour weekly rehearsals 5-7pm on Tuesdays over 10 weeks (starting the 1st February 2022). 1 week intensive over Easter 2022 (w/c 4 April) culminating in 4 performances 8th-10th April All rehearsals and performances to happen at Tara Theatre in Earlsfield.

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Biology residential Course – Mr Bhatti



A-Level Biology students recently attended a 3-day residential course at the Field Studies Council Juniper Hall, located in The Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Students were not only able to immerse themselves into the world of conservation and ecology but they were also able to carry out their A-Level Required Practical outside of the classroom and laboratory, bringing a real-world relevance and context to their research and investigations.

It was a proud moment for the Biology department to see our Southfield students decide upon their own investigations, independently decide upon methods and choice of equipment and then autonomously collect data to statistically analyse for significance. In short, they carried out a mini version of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the particular species they had identified.

The sixth form students were also able to experience what it feels like to stay in halls of residence and maturely put themselves to bed at a (relatively) reasonable hour after a long working day (8:30am - 7:00pm).

Other interesting activities on the trip included applying snail varnish to a species of snail and Mr Bhatti's questionable early-morning-wake-up-singing (OOOhhh what a beautiful morning, ooohhh what a beautiful day).

Thank you to FSC Juniper Hall and generous funding from Generation Green that made this trip possible for our students.

Mr Bhatti - Ms Toffolo - Mr Norris





Science Club – Mr Clarke



Our young scientists were putting their construction skills to the test this week without too marsh trouble! Using just spaghetti, elastic bands, tape and marshmallows, they attempted to design and construct a bridge.

A bridge was marsh too difficult for some but all achieved great shapes. The students were very restrained and didn't eat any of the marshmallows whilst constructing...the same cannot be said for Mr Clarke who was concealing his munching behind his facemask!



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 27th January 2022 – Year 12 Mock Exams begin

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 – INSET Day

Monday 7th February 2022 – Year 10 Mock Exams Begin

Wednesday 9th February 2022 – Year 13 Parents' Evening.

Friday 11th February 2022 – Academy Breaks for Half Term Holiday

Monday 21st February 2022 – Academy resumes

Wednesday 23rd February 2022 – Year 12 Level 3 Parents' Evening



Year 7 have had a fantastic start to the new year. With it being a new year, new year's resolutions and goal-setting are on everyone's mind, whether it's Veganuary or some other more personal goals. Our half-termly theme for Spring 1 is Leadership. In tutor time students have been setting SMART goals they will try to achieve this year.

In addition to this, as part of IEAP day, students had to create a presentation on an inspirational leader or school subject and produce a presentation on an inspirational leader. The students delivered presentations on Malala Yousafzai, Nelson Mandela and Jamie Oliver, to mention a few. Ms Stearn and I want to give an extra special mention to Saraha Williams-Price and Nana-Osei Yeboah for brilliant presentations.

Looking forward, towards the end of this half-term, we will have Dell Employability mentors running workshops with some of our Year 7 students to help motivate and challenge them to develop employability skills. The students selected will have to pitch a 'Big Idea' to a panel of facilitators from Dell who will choose a winning pitch. This activity will help students develop leadership and presentation skills that will be crucial for the world of work.



Finally, Year 7 students submitted some fantastic homework over the Christmas break. Special mentions for Luca Tudor (7DIN) who produced a wonderful model of the Empire Windrush and included some traditional herbs and spices immigrants bought with them at the time.

Free introduction to Girls Rugby at Battersea Ironsides RFC – Sunday 23rd January

Female participation in rugby has been rapidly growing over the past few years, led by the continued successes of the England Red Roses. Battersea Ironsides Rugby club are harnessing this momentum to open the door for more girls to get involved in this great sport and reap the numerous benefits playing has (rugby promotes equality, boosts self-esteem, encourages resilience, is empowering and forges friendships for life!).

On Sunday 23rd January we are holding a **free 'come and try it'** event for **girls aged between 12-17 years**.

It will take place on Garratt Green in Earlsfield, SW17 0JG from 10-13:30am. **England international player Bryony Cleall will lead the event.**

If you know any girls who would be interested in giving rugby a go, please spread the word and get them or their parents/guardians to sign up

here: <https://forms.gle/M4gE69gwFvAR2dpCA>



Sunday 23rd January
10:00-11:30AM

Garratt Green,
SW17 0JG

FUN. FRIENDLY. INCLUSIVE.

No experience needed. Free come and try it session - 12-17 years.

The session will be led by
England Red Roses'
Bryony Cleall



Scan me!



Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/kWry373ehsnr7GQ29>
For more information contact: girls.manager@ironsidesrugby.com



Sporting Success this week



Y9 Southfields vs Ashcroft

Another week means another match for the Year 9s. The boys put a real shift in coming out comfortable winners, winning 6-0. Goals coming from Isiah x2, Lewis, Arnav, Josh and Anthony. On to the next one #WeMove Y9 Southfields vs Ashcroft

During Break times students have the opportunity to take part in some sporting activities such as basketball and Volleyball. Great to see so many students getting involved and working together. All year groups are able to participate, just need to bring trainers.

#BETHEBESTYOU CAN BE



Digital Skill Sessions - Ms Ramirez

Thank you to those who attended our coffee morning on 'Teens and Screens'; we had great feedback from the parents who joined us. Coming up next week, we have deliberately scheduled a follow-up event on 'Digital Skills for Parents'. We are hoping that this session will be of help to answer some of the questions raised by parents around topics such as, 'Setting up parental controls, why and how to smart passwords and understanding the safe use of different social media platforms'

If you have questions around these topics or need any guidance with basic digital skills, please drop in for a free session facilitated by 'Power to Connect'. Laptops will be provided by the school for this session, which will be run from 9am-10:30am.

FREE INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL SKILLS SESSION AT SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY - THURSDAY 27th JANUARY AT 9AM



POWER TO CONNECT ARE RUNNING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN DIGITAL SKILLS

THESE ARE BEGINNER SESSIONS AND INCLUDE LEARNING ONLINE SAFETY, PRIVACY SETTINGS AND KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

- SESSIONS ARE **FREE**
- SESSIONS ARE **90 MINUTES LONG**
- SESSIONS ARE **DELIVERED BY POWER TO CONNECT VOLUNTEERS**

***ACCESS TO LAPTOPS IS NEEDED FOR THE SESSION (BY THE SCHOOL OR PARENTS OWN)



PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILD'S TUTOR OR HEAD OF YEAR TO SIGN UP!

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