



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 21st March 2022



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

National Careers Week – Finance Now – Ms Anderson

Last Thursday, to celebrate 'National Careers Week', Year 10 welcomed Lucy O'Boyle, a video content producer from the company 'Finance Now', to run a morning of talks and workshops to Year 10 students.

They learnt about the career pathway to broadcast journalism and video content production and took part in a competition to design their own video on single-use plastic. Students came up with some lovely ideas – with a special mention to Leona Cole for her outstanding level of engagement. Lucy praised the students' work, saying, "some of the visuals to exemplify their presentations were of professional standard!" At the end of the day, there were several winning teams who were recognised for the excellent quality of their presentations and their professional teamwork!



Sporting Success this week

Y9/10 Sports leaders

A massive well done to our Year 9/10 sports leaders who supported Chelsea FC in running the football event at Southfields on Monday. They all supported in either being a referee, time keeping or scoring. They are extremely talented individuals who have shown excellent commitment in learning what it makes to be a Southfields PE Sports Leader. Keep up the good work.

On Wednesday 16th a new sport came to Southfields; New age curling. It was amazing to see our sports leaders in action and supporting a new generation in learning a new sport. Well done to you all.

PE STAR OF THE LESSON

A massive thank you and well done to Codi Weston in Y8 who came up and created some PE star of the lesson certificates.

Codi went away and has produced some excellent PE star of the week certificates in her own time. She did this of her own back, showing excellent kindness and a positive attitude to learning.

The PE team look forward to handing them out to students in lessons.





Thought for the Week

"It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse." Adlai E. Stevenson II



Science Club – Mr Millard

This week's science club celebrates British science week's theme: Growth.

Students extracted tomato seeds and learned how to sow them into pots of compost. They will learn to care and nurture the young plants into flourishing adults that will themselves bear tomatoes for eating, thus completing the great circle of life.





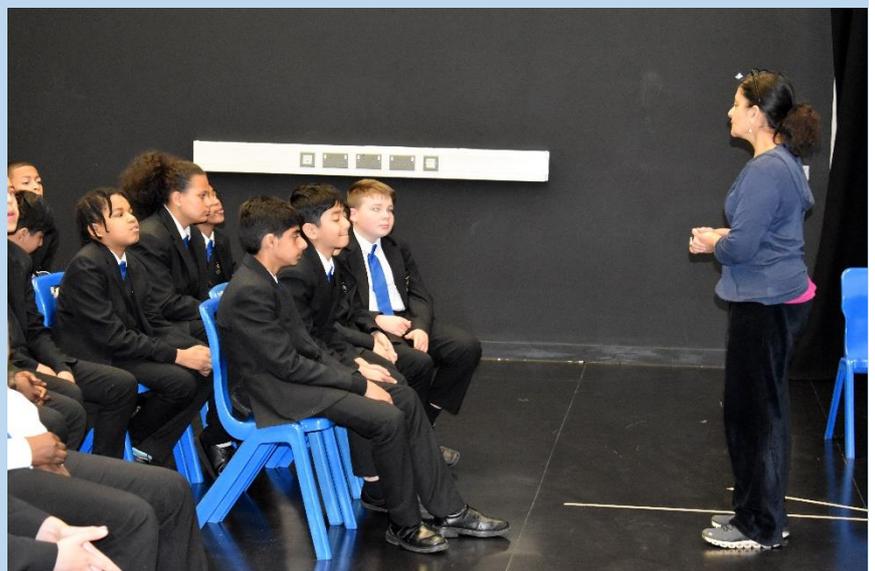
National Careers Week in Drama – Ms Risolino



As part of National Careers Week we have had a series of talks and workshops for our drama and dance students. We kicked off the week with a talk by ex-student Reda Elazour who is starring in the new Netflix film "Pirates" by Reggie Yates. Reda spoke to our key stage 4 and 5 students who were enthralled by his every word. Reda charismatically spoke about a day in the life of a working actor, the audition process, how to stand out in the industry and how he got from being a Southfields student to starring in TV, film and theatre productions. We are incredibly proud of what Reda has achieved, if you haven't seen "Pirates" we highly recommend it, Reda's comic performance is outstanding.



We then had actor, theatre company founder and playwright Sudha Bhuchar speak to our Year 7 students. The students learnt about how to work as a freelancer and how important it is to make your own work as well as learning about her role in the latest Mary Poppins film and BBC drama "Rules of the game." Sudha spoke about the importance of representation and inspired students to write their own stories to increase this.



Finally, we had another returning ex-student, Daniella Izquiedo talk to our Year 10 dance and drama students about her journey since leaving Southfields to now being in girl band Ring the Alarm. Daniella spoke about her typical working week, the audition process and answered all of our students questions before running a dance workshop where students learnt the choreography from one of Ring the Alarm's latest release 'Maybe I want u 2' . We are so incredibly proud of the work she is doing at the moment. Daniella's new single 'lose control' is being released on March 18th.



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 24th March 2022 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 1st April 2022 – Academy Breaks for Easter Holiday
Friday 1st April 2022 – INSET Day
Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Academy Resumes
Thursday 21st April 2022 – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Jack Petchey Achievement Scheme – Ms Marshall

On the evening of Tuesday, 15th March 2022, along with Ms Gbolonyo, Mr Pinder, and Michael Gumble, I had the pleasure of seeing some of our Achievement Awards winners receive a special medallion at the annual presentation ceremony. All January-December 2021 winners were invited to the ceremony, to celebrate and recognise the achievement winners across Wandsworth schools. Medallions were presented by the Mayor of Wandsworth, Sir Richard Field.

As well as a huge celebration of the achievements of students and staff in the Wandsworth borough, the evening also featured entertainment performances from students from our school: Sosna Daniel 13BYD and Abigail Bishton-Down 9NOR. Both vocalists were accompanied by Michael Gumble from the music department. Thank you for showcasing your talent!



Student Achievement Award Winners who attended the ceremony were:

Gusts Peterson 8AMD
Kacey Scotland 12HLR

Achievement Award winners who were unable to make the ceremony were:

Nyran Mathurin 8ROZ
Nezake Dogan 9NOR
Samanta Gjoka 11HBG
Melak Ouguna 12BON



Gusts Peterson 8AMD and Kacey Scotland 12HLR with Sir Richard Field, Mayor of Wandsworth

A massive congratulations to all winners!



Pi Day – Ms Ahmad



The Pi Day competition was back at Southfields Academy this week!

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th around the world. Pi (Greek letter “ π ”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159.

Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, Pi’s infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorize, and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

Every year the Academy holds a Pi Day challenge at break-time with courageous students lining up to see who can remember the longest string of numbers. This year the entrants were phenomenal, setting very high records for the Academy and showing amazing feats of memory!

We were also swamped with people trying to earn their apple pie by knowing 10 decimal places of Pi.

The results are: 1st [Koshik Rubamoorthy](#) 11CRT with 221 decimal places

Joint 2nd place were Charlotte Lewis 12RSL and Kashif Khan 10STE with 73 decimal places





Little Fish Theatre performance – Ms Molloy



PSHE Department - Little Fish Theatre performance for Year 10 - 17th March

Year 10 students saw a fantastic production highlighting the struggles women face with misogynistic behaviour to support their class learning in PSHE lessons last term. The performance was realistic and perfectly pitched for their age and stage. The actors remarked on how brilliant our Year 10 were as an audience and during the workshop session there were many thoughtful questions given to the actors in character.

While we may have these problems in society, it will be our students who are the solution to it. Education on these issues is key to ensuring this. Well done Year 10, it is lovely to have the opportunity to open our doors and enrich our learning with theatre groups once more.



CONCERT FOR UKRAINE - Tuesday 29th March at 5.30pm - 7.00pm – Mr Pinder

The music department will be hosting a live spectacular in aid of Save the Children.

This fantastic music concert will take place in St Barnabas Church, 146 Lavenham Road, SW18 5EP (200 metres from The Aspire at Southfields).

We would really love all parents and staff to attend and support our amazingly talented students in their first major concert after what has been a crazy, stressful two years.

There will be, in addition to hot cross buns, a brilliant Year 7 band who will definitely rock the house as well as students from Years 8 to 13 performing musical classics and helping to create the most wonderfully harmonious event.

The students' are very keen to share this occasion with you and help the people of Ukraine at the same time. There is no entry fee but there will be a retiring collection for Save the Children.



Wandsworth Children and Young People's Wellbeing Service

Webinars for Parents/Carers Wandsworth Secondary Schools

1. Supporting Young People with Academic Demands—Monday 21st March, 7pm

This webinar will provide an opportunity to:

- Reflect on how expectations from parents, school, peers and wider society can sometimes be experienced as unhelpful by young people.
- Explore how best to support young people whose own expectations are contributing to feelings of academic overwhelm.
- Consider some new ways of communicating with young people about academic demands, which foster resilience and well-being.

2. Exam Stress and Anxiety: How to support your adolescent—Tuesday 29th March, 6pm

This webinar will provide an opportunity for parents to think more specifically about what exam stress and anxiety may look like for adolescents as well as how it impacts their thoughts, feelings and behaviour. It will provide some skills and strategies for parents to be able to support adolescents who struggle with exam stress and anxiety.



Although the workshops are designed to be helpful for parents as stand-alone sessions, we would recommend attending both sessions, particularly if your child is experiencing anxiety related to forthcoming exams.

Click the below links to register on Eventbrite:

[Supporting Young People with Academic Demands Tickets – Mon 21st March](#)

[Exam Stress and Anxiety – How to Support Your Adolescent Tickets – Tue 29th March](#)



Local Ukraine Direct Aid Update – Ms Breen



Please donate to this local micro-aid effort, which is supplying urgently needed medical supplies to treat wounded people in Ukraine. The supplies are going directly to doctors who are on the ground in Kyiv trying to save the lives of people with war trauma wounds. Please consider donating and please share on Facebook and other social media so that we can keep this vital and highly effective link with Ukraine working. It's something that we can do that really does offer help very quickly. To donate and to find out how donations have already helped since the fundraiser started last week, please visit https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tasja-dorkofikis?utm_term=MggBEBvdg



We Stand With Ukraine!

Donations sought to support Ukrainian refugees and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Southfields Academy is supporting local collections of items to help the Ukrainian people in need. The kinds of items that are needed include the list below.

- Sanitary products: pads, nappies, shower gel, shampoo, wet wipes
- Wound dressings and bandages
- First Aid Kits
- Duvets, blankets
- Baby formula and food
- Unperishable foods (dry and tinned)
- Over the counter medicines (paracetamol, cough medicine, antiseptic)
- Torches and batteries
- Socks
- Thermal clothing

Please take any donated items to:

- **Everyday Church**, Southfields, Wimbledon Park Road, between 12.30 – 2.30pm every Sunday
- **Riversdale Primary School**, Merton Road, SW18
- **Polish White Eagle Club**, Balham High Road, SW17

The Academy is unable to accept the donations directly.