



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

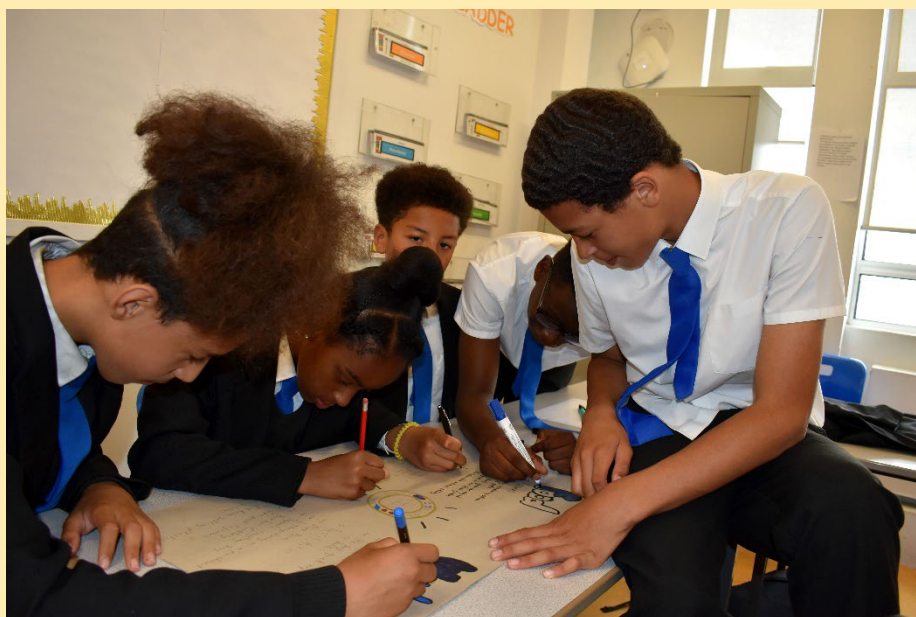


**Ethos statement:** We believe that through individual commitment, self-discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.

### Year 7 News

Personal development has always been at the heart of our pastoral programme and this summer term has been no different. We have delivered many different workshops, assemblies and tutor time resources this academic year and more recently have worked on educational trips. All of these activities have helped inform our pastoral programme as we have covered topics such as internet safety, how to communicate effectively, self-regulation and politeness. Our aim has been to deliver high-quality tutor time and assembly sessions to support the personal development of our students and below are some of the activities that have taken place.

Some highlights of the summer term are the Kingswood trip, The Dirt is Good Project by Chelsea FC and our IEAP day. Kingswood was a great experience for our students as they practised skills such as resilience and team building through activities such as the zip wire and the buggy building competition. This was a great bonding opportunity as students had to work hard to build a buggy, using only logs, barrels and some rope! ! It was such a fun activity and I had so much faith in our students' skills that I volunteered to ride the buggy! It ended up being a very enjoyable experience.



IEAP day provided a great opportunity to develop students' presentation and resilience skills. For their IEAP appointment, students had to present one way they had to show resilience this year and some of the presentations were outstanding. Students were professional and articulated their resilience skills in a confident way. Many students were also able to address points to improve from our last IEAP day presentations showing students' presentation and public speaking skills are improving.





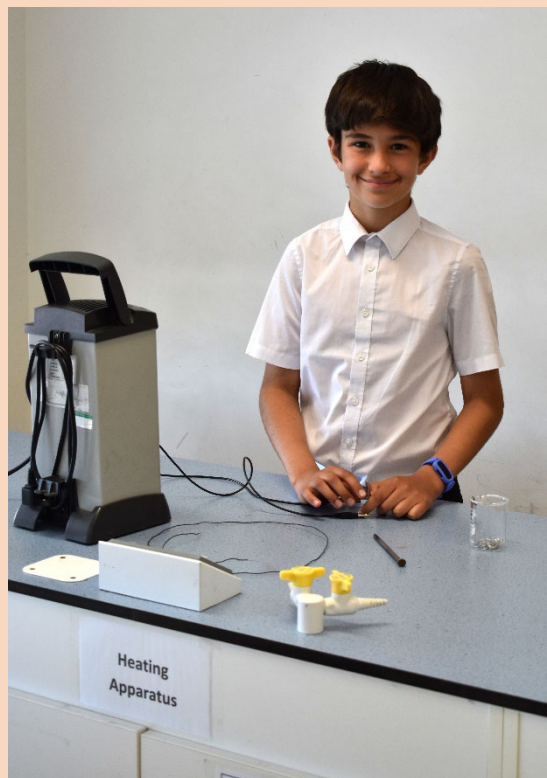
## Thought for the Week

Initiative is doing the right thing without being told. - Victor Hugo



### Science Club – Mr Clarke

In this week's science club, students investigated the curious relationship between electricity and magnetism by creating electromagnets! When wire is coiled around an object and an electric current runs through it, a magnetic field is generated. Students investigated how, by changing various factors such as the material of the object and the number of coils, they could change the strength of the magnetic field. They measured the strength of their electromagnet by seeing how many paperclips it could pick up. However, one fiddly student decided instead to make a model of a funfair ride - an excellent ferrous wheel!



### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Year 10 Mock Examinations Begin

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Year 11 Prom

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – INSET Day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Year 13 Leavers' Prom

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Year 10 & 12 Start Work Experience

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – KS3 Sports Day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Year 10 & 12 Work Experience Debrief





## Farewell Year 11 – Mr Millington

With the last exam finished, we bid a fond (temporary) farewell to Year 11. These students have had a mountain to climb and we are very proud of them.

An assembly, followed by a group shot and the traditional shirt signing ceremony sees the last day of Year 11 this term. The students have worked so hard and we are certain we will be celebrating their exam success on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, we will welcome the students back for the Year 11 Prom on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 4.30pm.

The ceremony will be at 5 – 7pm with a party for the students held on site from 7.30pm.

We are looking forward to seeing as many students, with their parents / carers, as possible on the night – dress to impress!







## Year 7 & 8 girls cricket festival – Ms Lenton



Well done to all the girls that took part in the cricket festival on Tuesday at Spencer Cricket club.

The girls worked on their fielding, batting and bowling skills and then put what they learnt into a game. During the festival the girls played their first cricket fixture against Burntwood. There was some excellent batting and we managed to score 54 runs. We then managed to stop Burntwood from catching up with some great fielding by all the girls.

A special mention to Sahara and Rakaiya for two great catches and for getting Burntwood students out.

The final score was 54-34 to Southfields.

Well done to all the girls who played, they did extremely well and made the PE department very proud. We look forward to getting more cricket fixtures in the diary.



## Sporting Success this week



### Sports Leaders Y9 and Y10

A massive thank you to **Hayden Truss**, **Paapa Mawuli**, **Sean Campbell**, **Suada Lala** and **Maccunchio Eccleston** who gave up their time on Friday to support in the primary school Y5 football tournament. The students helped with scoring, refereeing, handing out medals and making sure all students had a lovely time.

A number of the teachers when leaving said, thank you and how much the students enjoyed themselves and what an amazing job our sports leaders did.

Keep up the good work.

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## Year 9 Success in the Worldwide Biology Competition – Mr Bhatti



Year 9 Southfields Academy recently participated in a worldwide Biology Competition. Our students competed with over 41 000 students from over 550 schools that took part this year. The competition is open to both Year 9 and Year 10 students.

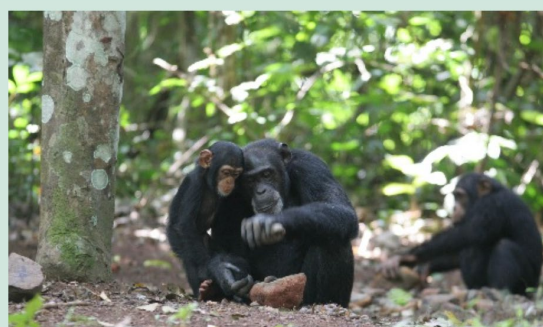
It is a great extra-curricular opportunity for our students and this year every student who took part has received a free one-year membership to the Royal Society of Biology BioNet, which is designed to inspire curiosity and Biology understanding in teenagers. Congratulations to all our Year 9 students that took part.

The Southfields Academy Biology team would like to celebrate 4 notable Year 9 performances.

**Rosemarie Marques Navarro** who scored the highest in the first paper

**Safia Omar** who scored the highest in the second paper and congratulations to our overall winners

**Bianca Didulescu and Hayden Truss** who were both awarded '**Commended**' by the completion organisers for their performances in both papers.



Western chimpanzees have a tradition of using stone hammers to crack nuts, which has endured locally for more than 4,000 years

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Each community was found to possess a unique array of traditions, such that we can often tell where an individual animal comes from on the basis of their cultural profile, just as we often can with people  
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## Hidden Violence: Exploring Child to Parent Abuse – Ms Ramirez



Has your child ever hit you, spat at you, destroyed property, or threatened you with violence? Do they use name-calling, or show abusive behaviour on a regular basis?

Do you feel scared or feel pushed to change the way you parent? Do you have to constantly 'walk on eggshells' for fear of what might happen?

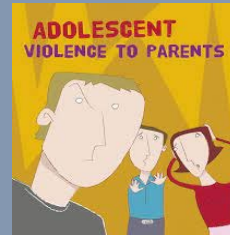
If any of the above sounds familiar, you could be suffering from a form of domestic abuse and putting yourself and others at risk, including siblings or the child themselves.

The good news is YOU ARE NOT ALONE! This type of child/parent violence affects more people than you can imagine, and it spreads across all socio-economic, religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. It is also often hidden and underreported, clearly because of the stigma and shame this form of abuse carries.

Even if this is not the case in your household, (perhaps you have a friend in this situation?) Please join us for our next coffee morning where we will be learning better ways to respond to this often hidden form of family violence.

Topics covered will include:

- Some unbelievable facts
- Four traps to avoid
- Conflicting paradigms
- Where to get help - tools and resources



This event will be held on **Thursday, 7 July, 9 -10am**. Please enter through the Aspire Centre. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided.



## Parent Support Coffee Morning (Supporting you to support your child!)



Thursday - 7th July 2022 - 9:00 am-10.00am

### Southfields Academy

(entrance through 'The Aspire Centre')

*This month we will be talking about:*

### Hidden Violence: Exploring Child to Parent Abuse (Big feelings are acceptable - violence is not!)

- Join us for a hot drink and biscuits.
- Meet other parents going through similar experiences.
- Learn how to best support your children and each other.



At Southfields Academy, we believe in working in partnership with parents, school staff, and other professionals to support pupils' resilience and wellbeing.  
Your views are important to us!

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