



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th July 2022



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

Year 11 Leavers' Ceremony 2022 – Mr Millington

In September it was inconceivable that the prom would go ahead this year as we were still in the midst of the Covid pandemic. By January it seemed likely and a small group of students started badgering me to start fundraising. I was a little slow so they took it upon themselves. Led by Koshik Rubamoorthy this group sold cakes on the cold days and ice lollies on the warmer days to other students. This raised a significant amount which went towards drinks, prizes and a cake made by Amelia Morrison.

The prom was to be held inside the school so the challenge was how to transform the assembly hall and dining room into stylish party venues. On the day of the prom, Cairo's mum turned up and using her unique balloon skills glammed up the hall for the presentation assembly. Ms Harb did an amazing job on the canteen using scaffolding netting and flowers from the playground. Fairy lights lit the whole room.

At 4.30 the students arrived and all I can say is the boys were all in suits and the girls had gone all out in their ball gowns, many of them wearing high heels for the first time. This is always a shock after wearing trainers. I am really pleased the venue looked so good as it matched the effort the student had put in, which you can see from the photos.

Seeing the students collect their National Records of Achievement witnessed by their parents and teachers who had taught them for the last 5 years was amazing and a real moment in their lives. Students then dined on burgers and pizza and danced the evening away in the converted dining room.

We wish all the Year 11s the best and hope to see many back in September for the Sixth Form. Equality, opportunity and happiness.

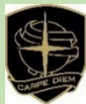




Thought for the Week

Initiative is the privilege of picking yourself. - Seth Godin



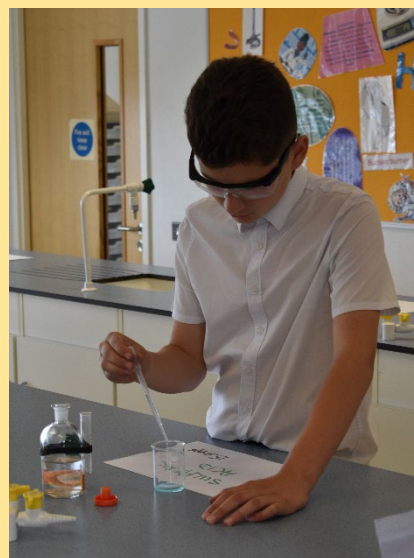


Dates for Your Diary

Monday 11th July 2022 – Year 10 & 12 Start Work Experience
Monday 18th July 2022 – KS3 Sports Day
Wednesday 20th July 2022 – Year 10 & 12 Work Experience Debrief
Wednesday 20th July 2022 – End of Term for Students
Friday 22nd July 2022 – End of Term for Staff



In this week's science club, students looked at the reactions of copper. I was going to open this with a joke about copper, but I Cu aren't interested, so I'll just talk about science instead! Students used various different substances such as hydrochloric acid, potassium iodide and sodium thiosulphate and observed the accompanying colour changes due to changes in the "oxidation state" of the copper - that is, how many electrons have been added or taken away by each reaction.



Free webinars for parents and carers on supporting the wellbeing of young people before and after exam results day

The Anna Freud Centre is offering free webinars to all parents and carers of children in Year 11 and Year 13 receiving their exam results this summer.

Waiting on exam results can be a stressful time and can be a period of anxiety for both teenagers and their family worrying about the future. Our webinars will provide parents and carers with strategies to support young people who are waiting on their results.

The webinar will also include tips for parents and carers to manage their own wellbeing during this time. There will also be opportunities to ask questions.

The free webinars are aimed at parents, carers and family members who have children in Year 11 and Year 13, and want to learn how best they can support them around their results.

Who is running the webinars?

The webinars will be led by Anna Freud Centre education and mental health experts.

[Free exam results webinar for parents and carers \(annafreud.org\)](https://annafreud.org)