



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 12th September 2022



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



Queen Elizabeth II

Southfields Academy is mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth II, along with the UK and the rest of the world. The Queen is a great loss to us all as she embodied and represented all that we aspire to: constancy, loyalty, resilience, kindness and an unwavering dedication to serving to her utmost ability.

We send our condolences to her family and all those who mourn her loss.

New Year 7 Information – Ms Frost

Letter to our new Year 7 parents from their Head of Year, Mrs Frost.

Meet the Tutor event Thursday 15th September – 17.00 to 18.30

I hope your child's time at Southfields so far has been enjoyable. The students have been busy getting to know each other in-between learning their new timetables and finding their way between classes. Secondary school is vastly different from primary school and it is perfectly understandable that you may have a few questions and queries. To that end, you are invited to the Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening. The tutors should be your first point of contact for any queries and a good working relationship with them will strengthen the home-school partnership.

The evening provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's tutor, ask questions and get to see the school in more detail. It is a very important evening that will solidify our home-school partnership; ensuring that your child makes the very best out of their education. During the evening you will hear a welcome message from myself, the Head of Year and also hear from other key members of staff about our new behaviour system and the high expectations we have of our students both in and out the academy.

So far, it has been a great start to the year. Students have been kind, courteous and engaged and I have seen many positive behaviour entries. I have heard lots of positive news from around the Academy since the start of term and I hope this continues for the next five years.

Your child's tutor will be happy to help you with any queries you may have. Should you have any queries about the event, please do not hesitate to get in contact with your child's tutor or me, using the details on this letter.

The agenda for the evening is:

- 17.00 to 17.20 – Welcome from Head of Year and key members of staff
- 17.20 to 17.45 – Parents in classrooms with tutors for presentations
- 17.45 to 18.00 – Q&A with tutors
- 18.00 to 18.15 – Farewells and Q&A with key members of staff

I look forward to seeing you soon at the 'Meet the Tutor' evening.



Thought for the Week

“Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness and caring to change a person’s life.” – Jackie Chan



Attendance Support in School 2022- 2023 – Ms Ramirez

Every term our attendance team monitors those children who are at risk of becoming persistently absent as well as those who have a history of low attendance. Therefore, if your child falls below the expected attendance target of 96%, you will hear from us!

Attending regularly is the key to academic *and* social development. When children are absent from school, they often feel unsettled as they find it difficult to catch up on the work they have missed *and* feel out of step with their peers.



Attendance is monitored by the year teams and attendance team. If your child’s attendance falls below 95% and you hear from us, it is extremely important that you share as much information as you can regarding your child’s habits and areas that may need support. If their attendance falls under 90%, you may be invited for an informal meeting with the pastoral team to discuss these things. If after this meeting your child’s attendance does not improve, you may be required to attend a Statutory Attendance Panel meeting in school alongside the Attendance Welfare Officer. At this time, we will make the last attempts to engage with you and your child, and to set up any further interventions. Failing to improve after such a meeting will result in referring your case to Wandsworth’s Education Welfare Service.

There are many factors that contribute to persistent absence and low engagement with school, such as:

- Friendship or relationship issues
- Problems at home
- Work-load stress (caused by poor time management or organisational skills, gaps in learning, undiagnosed educational needs, etc.)
- Difficulty managing feelings (stressed, anxious, misunderstood, angry, depressed, etc.)
- Too much screen time (often a way to disconnect or avoid other things)
- Sleep disruption/exhaustion
- Physical health problems

If you think any of these could be the reason for your child being late to school or not attending, please consider your options for supporting your child both in and out of school.

A great place to start is by understanding where they are at emotionally and educationally. But, don’t forget to consider how you are doing as well! Are you struggling in some way? Do you have enough support? How can we help? If you need some guidance, start with our ‘**Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Butterflies**’ booklet which is full of information and resources for both you and your child. (Download it [here](#).)

Feel free to get in touch with me (nancy.ramirez@southfieldsacademy.com), our Parent/Carer Liaison (gemma.hughes@southfieldsacademy.com), or our Mental Health lead (tricia.nearn@southfieldsacademy.com).

With parents and carers working in partnership with the school to tackle problems early, we can give pupils the best chance to be happy and achieve their full potential.

May the 2022-2023 academic year be full of success for all students and families!



ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS



This 5-session course is aimed to support parents and carers to improve their knowledge and understanding of the risks their children may face online.

TOPICS COVERED:



1 Learn about social media, online gaming and different apps

2 Explore risks young people face online including grooming, inappropriate consent and cyberbullying



3 Receive advice and learn practical strategies to support your children online

4 Gain useful, practical, and trustworthy information on identity theft and internet scams

Location and Time

Mondays | 9am-11am | 19th September – 17th October
Ronald Ross Primary School,
145 Beaumont Rd, London SW19 6RY.

More Info

To register please sign up via our website or contact the Power to Connect Team by call/text. Spaces are limited.

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Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 15th September 2022 – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
- Friday 16th September 2022 – Cultural Capital Day
- Thursday 29th September 2022 – KS4 Parents' Workshop
- Friday 7th October 2022 – INSET Day
- Wednesday 12th October 2022 – Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evening
- Wednesday 12th October 2022 – Year 13 C4C Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 19th October 2022 – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Extra-Curricular Activities

The Autumn Term extra-curricular activities list will be published next week and will be circulated to Parents and will be available on the Academy website.