

Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing Monday 3rd October 2022



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

Year 10 News – Ms Donkor

A warm welcome back to all Year 10 students! They have settled into their GCSE courses nicely and I have received a lot of positive feedback from their teachers, so well done to them all. I am impressed by the level of dedication and maturity being shown. Please encourage them to use their time at home to consolidate their learning, particularly as their first set of assessments will be taking place in a couple of weeks.

A massive well done to the 79 Year 10 students who were taken on the rewards trip to Thorpe Park. They were a delight and represented the school well. We had a fun day and it ran smoothly thanks to their fantastic conduct.

This half term we are focusing on punctuality and attendance to lessons and school. Please continue to support us with this by booking medical appointments outside of school hours, informing us of your child's absences and helping to organise your child in the morning so that they can get to school on time. As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. The Year 10 team greatly appreciate it and I know it means a lot to your child.

MFL News – Ms Terrington



The MFL Department are pleased to share lots of fun activities that have been taking place in language lessons and around school.

On the 26th September we celebrated the European Day of Languages, during which we took time to appreciate the benefits of language learning and the diversity of Southfields Academy.

We are also running a Spelling Bee for our Year 7 students, where students compete across the whole year group to become the school's Spelling Bee Champion. In addition, we are also recruiting Language Ambassadors from Years 7-9 who will use their excellent communication skills to help promote language learning across the Academy.

We will keep you updated on these activities in due course!



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 6th October 2022 – Open Evening 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 Monday 24th October 2022 – Academy Breaks for Half Term Monday 31st October 2022 – Academy resumes



Thought for the Week

"Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind." – Eric Hoffer



St Barnabas Harvest Festival – Mr Pinder

On Saturday 24th September Southfields Academy Music Collective were invited to perform and open the St Barnabas Harvest Festival event. At 12.20 the PA was fired up and a special guest performer took to the stage, Reilly Steggles, the 9-year-old sister of Brigid Steggles (Yr10). Reilly, accompanied by Michael Gumble playing guitar and big sister Brigid, captivated the audience with a stylish acoustic version of the Elton John classic, 'I'm still Standing'.

The audience ranging from tiny tots to seniors definitely wanted more and more they got. Abigail Bishton-Down (Yr10) accompanied by Michael opened the Collective's eclectic set with a passionate version of 'Without Your Love'. Abigail was followed by Brigid singing a beautiful stylised version of 'Particles'. Melody Stanley (Yr9) followed with a somewhat emotional and uplifting rendition of the Michael Jackson's classic 'Man in the Mirror. Ruxandra Barabas-Brancoveanu (Yr11) then sang a haunting version of 'Hard Place' before Abigail brought the Southfields contribution to a close with 'Wicked Games'.

The students performed like seasoned professionals and the audience showed their appreciation.



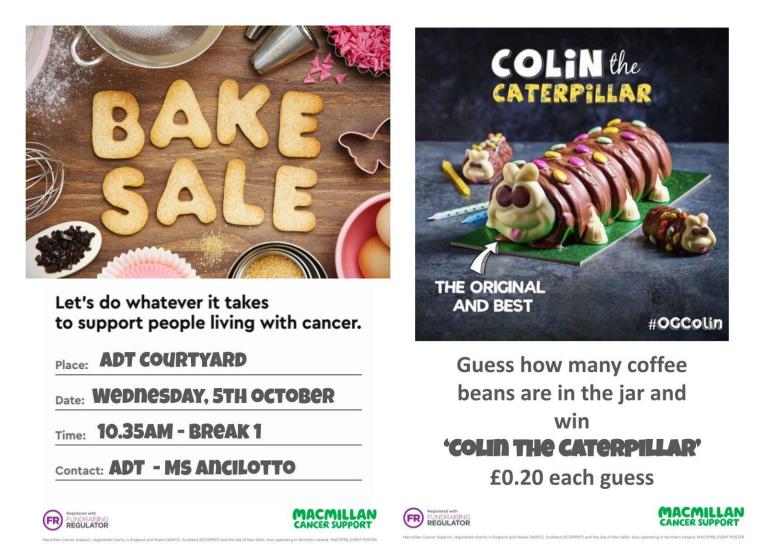






Macmillan Cancer Support – Ms Ancilotto





Open events and Open evening

Every year the Academy holds an open evening for prospective students and their families. This event will take place between 5:30pm and 7:30pm on Thursday 6th October 2022. The time is fast approaching for parents / careers to make their decisions and choose a school. The last available dates to view the Academy are listed below.

The Academy is always very grateful to the large number of students, in all Year groups, who volunteer to be ambassadors and helpers during the evening. Permission slips containing all the details will be sent out shortly.

| Tuesday 4th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
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| Wednesday 5th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Thursday 6th October | 5.30pm - 7.30pm |
| Tuesday 11th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Wednesday 12th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Thursday 13th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Monday 17th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Tuesday 18th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Wednesday 19th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |
| Thursday 20th October | 9.00am - 10.15am |