



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022



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

### Southfields Celebrates Black History Month

Southfields Academy is celebrating Black History Month 2022. The theme for this year is “Time for Change: Actions Not Words”.

A competition is open for all KS3 students to create a poster celebrating an **inspiring Black British** person. The winning posters will be picked out by the school council and go into a permanent display. KS4 and KS5 can submit an essay “Why Black history month still matters.” If students are interested in this, please ask a member of the history department for more details. Competition entries need to be submitted by the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries.

Black History Month falls in October each year and is a great time to learn about and celebrate Black history and heritage. However, Black history can, and should, be recognised and celebrated all year round. At Southfields students study Black History in Year 7 in the migration and Islamic world units, in Year 8 in the British Empire and the American Civil Rights units, in Year 9 student’s study the Empire’s contribution to both world wars, the trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Black British Civil Rights Movement and in history A level the coursework is focused on the American Civil Rights Movement.

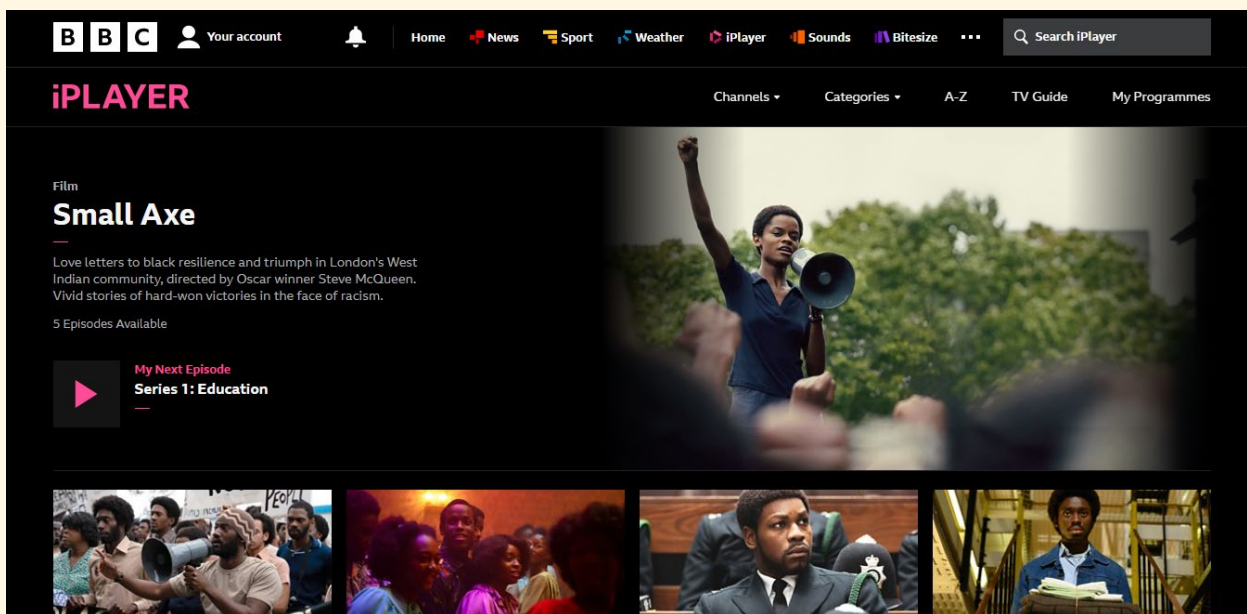
If students and families want to find out more about Black history this month, the History department would recommend watching the ‘Small Axe’ series on BBC iplayer, listening to ‘The History Hotline’ by Deanna Lyncook or reading ‘Black and British: A short, essential history’ by David Olusoga. This is an excellent summary, and we have copies in the history department if students wish to borrow one. (See further details below.)

We are also aware of families with younger children who might want to engage in Black History Month together. We would recommend the BBC iplayer CBeebies feature on Black History Month called 'Celebrating Black Stories: Throughout Black History Month. Perhaps siblings could watch these together.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/cbeebies/featured>

Have a wonderful Black History Month.

Miss Atley and the History Department



“Love letters to black resilience and triumph in London's West Indian community, directed by Oscar winner Steve McQueen. Vivid stories of hard-won victories in the face of racism.”



## Thought for the Week

“Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.” –  
Lucius Annaeus Seneca

## Black History Month continued...



The History Hotline is the hottest line for all things Black history and beyond... A space to have honest conversations about Black history and how it impacts the world we live in. We're here to explore some of the facets of Black history ignored by the mainstream, your teachers and the textbooks.



This is a brilliant introduction to Black British history by David Olusoga. He has written a children's version which is an excellent summary if you are short of time!

### Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Careers Fair
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Academy Breaks for Half Term
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – Academy resumes
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – IEAP Day
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Prize Evening
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Year 10 Parents' Evening

## PE Sporting Success



**A massive thank you to the students who gave up their own time to volunteer on INSET day with a girls' football event.**

**The students were amazing and showed excellent enthusiasm, kindness and leadership.**

**Keep up the good work!**

