

# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing Monday 24<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.

## **Year 13 Graphics – Mr Smith**

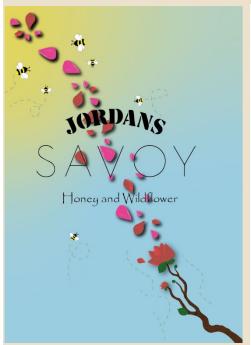
Year 13 graphics presented their three developed ideas for a new premium granola, pitched as being a special collaboration between Jordans cereal and luxury London Hotel, as a new breakfast option.

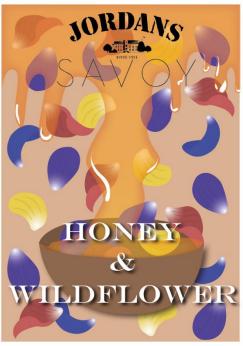
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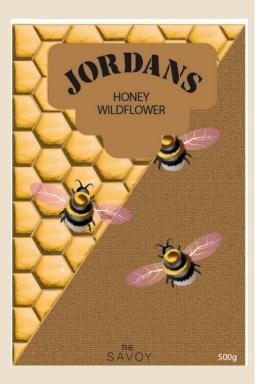
Not only did they present their work to the class, they also did it in front of the new Year 12 class, who were truly impressed by the level reached one year on from where they are now, as well as giving some fantastic feedback. This was also good practice for the Year 13s with a number looking to take a creative subject further with an interview likely with a university professor who they have not met before.

The class have had to look into the two different brands as well as what defines premium branding in aesthetic - sketching 8 initial concepts before developing three.

They were given three flavours to choose from, these were Honey & Wildflower, Dark Chocolate & Pomegranate and Maple Syrup & Pecan. They chose one flavour to develop, but will have to design a box for each flavour for the final design. These will be developed and refined through our Adobe package in the Graphic suite, before being printed and made into cereal boxes for the end of year creative Arts Exhibition.









#### Donated Books - Ms Millward

We were thrilled to have received a large donation of books for our SEND from our local community.

The school is always thankful and hugely grateful to boost our resources here at the academy.



# **Thought for the Week**

"A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees." – Amelia Earhart



#### **Houses of Parliament Trip - Mr Samuels**

GCSE Sociology, GCSE Citizenship and Year 12 Public Services students went to Parliament on Friday. They had the chance to tour both chambers and took part in a debating workshop in the Parliament building. This provided a great opportunity for students to understand the history of democracy in our country to support content in our specifications. Students really did us proud in the workshop and their behaviour was exemplary!





# Safety First Workshop – Mr Samuels

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Year 8s took part in a 'Safety First' workshop. Andrew from London Ambulance service, Jonynul from London Fire Brigade and PC Hume from the MET police came to the academy and delivered high quality sessions on Road Safety, Arson, Sexting and Drugs and Alcohol.

The workshops were designed to complement the current Pastoral Programme and give students the opportunity to learn and ask questions about the law and what do in certain situations from experts within those fields.







The visitors were impressed with how engaged students were throughout the day and asked for special recognition for the following tutor groups for excellent engagement in the workshops:

- 8DRN
- 8DOD
- 8BZI
- 8WWD
- 8NYR

Well done Year 8!

#### Work Experience at Assael by Oskar Berknov

https://assael.co.uk/

In July 2022, I completed a week's work experience at Assael Architecture located in Putney.

I was given an induction with my supervisor, Julie, who explained what happens in the company as well as routes and pathways into a career in architecture and I was given my own workstation alongside a team of architects.

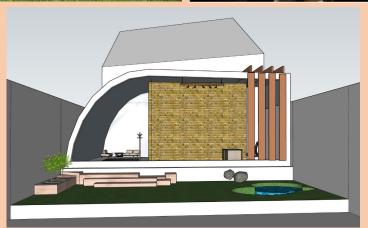
I was given a project to complete which involved designing a garden office space. I was provided with a design brief by the supervising team of architects who showed me how to use software which is common to the industry. I had to learn how to use Sketchup, Photoshop and Vectorworks to complete the project and also provided a presentation to my supervisors at the end of the placement outlining my ideas for the project.

I'm really grateful to the team at Assael for being so welcoming and supportive. I have learnt a lot during my placement and I would love to pursue a career in a design industry such as architecture. After completing my placement, I received some really generous and useful feedback; my supervisor commented that I was enthusiastic, quick to learn and applied myself brilliantly, that I asked great questions and became a part of the team quickly.

Here are some of the designs I have created:









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# **Dates for Your Diary**

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

#### **Business Trip to Thorpe Park - Ms Begum**

Year 12 & 13 Business students attended Thorpe Park in Staines last week. They had an exciting opportunity to explore the grounds and the different rides available to customers. Students could ride various rides and overcame their fears by riding Stealth which is the UK's fastest ride!

As well as this, many students joined in to play the challenging games at Thorpe Park and were lucky enough to win giant teddies, which barely fit on the coach home!

The students were asked to identify how staff interact with customers and they noticed how this differed at a theme park compared to their usual supermarket trip!

All students had an exciting time and represented Southfields in the best of ways. We are ready to plan our next trip!





# Southfields Academy entered for the 2022-23 U19 National Chess Championship – Mr Spencer

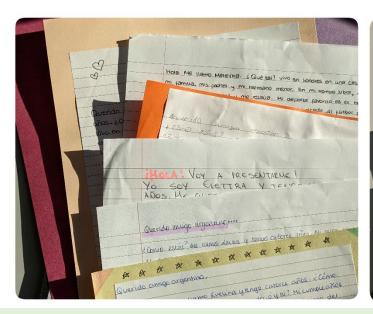
The first round takes place at King's College School Wimbledon Independent School on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This is the first time in our history we've entered this prestigious national competition.

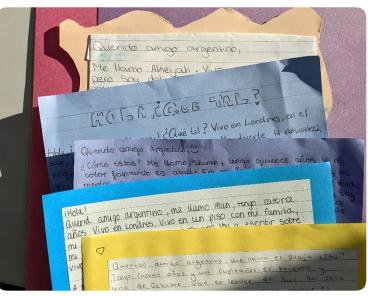
A team of 6 chess players from all ages will form our team. Here we are busy practising at chess club in A222 on Thursday 3:00-3:45.

Please contact Mr. Spencer if you would like to be part of our team.

Mr. Alex Spencer - Head of Mathematics.

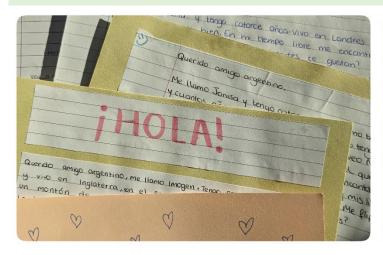






## **Letters to Argentina - Ms Frith**

Here are some lovely letters that our wonderful Y10 Spanish students have written to introduce themselves to students at a school in Argentina. We are eagerly awaiting their response and we plan to for students to exchange letters regularly with their Argentinian pen pals. How exciting!





# Spelling Bee - Ms Frith & Ms Terrington

Well done to all the French Spelling Bee finalists! Students worked really hard to learn lots of French words and their spellings and they really impressed their French teachers. The winner of the whole competition was Dabeer Khan 7HNS. Félicitations!





#### Careers Fair - Mr Olumegbon

On Wednesday 19th October 2022, Southfields Academy hosted universities and training organisations as we held our annual Careers Fair. With more than 650 students from Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 visiting the information stalls on the day, the Academy was abuzz with excitement!

Students were able to access information and advice about their potential future pathways from representatives of universities, local and national employers and training providers. Delegates in attendance included: City University, Canterbury University, Kingston University, University of Lincoln, St Mary's University, Wandsworth Workmatch, Fourth Monkey, Job Centre Plus, British Academy of Jewellery, NHS, Air Force, SE Labs, MoJ Social Mobility - Civil Service Careers, Microsoft, BT, to name just a few.

Our Careers Fair improves year on year, thanks in no small part to our students, who display exemplary behaviour when welcoming visitors. The Academy would like to thank all the organisations and professionals who

gave up their time to chat and inspire our students.













#### Year 7 Art Club - Mr Tshienda

KS3 students at the art extra-curricular club have been learning about colour theory and producing some excellent work.









# **Visiting Speaker – Mr Hertz**

John Lomax, the emerging market equity strategist at HSBC came in to talk to our Year 12 and 13 Economics students about the opportunities for Economists in investment banking and the many different paths students can take to pursue a career in the City.

He shared many of his experiences with them and gave them a fascinating insight into why developing countries are exciting places to invest and work. The students had many questions for him which showed their enthusiasm for the subject they have chosen to study for A-level.



