



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 14th November 2022



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

Prize Evening 2022

On Thursday 3rd November we held our annual Academy Awards prize evening.

This ceremony takes place to recognise and celebrate the achievement of students in Years 8 – 13 for the previous academic year and to recognise those Year 7s who have achieved most in their first half term with us. This was a lovely ceremony, hosted brilliantly by Scarlett Spencer and Oliver Varns, with three wonderful musical interludes from musicians Anika Ching, Daniel Angus, Eran Ching and Charlotte Lewis ably assisted by Mr Gumble from the Academy music department.

In front of their peers and parents, a large number of students were presented with awards for their achievements by Ms Marshall, the Heads of Year and our special guest, Vinta Morgan.

Vinta is a successful actor on television, in film and on stage. He has played Ronnie Bailey in the popular soap Coronation Street since February 2021. He has also appeared in The Bill, The Sight, Casualty, Doctors, Silent Witness, EastEnders, 50 Ways to Kill Your Lover, I Want My Wife Back, Butterfly, Ted Lasso, The Irregulars and Unforgotten. His film roles include; Nine Lives, Red Light Runners, If It Be Love, What Happened to Monday and Official Secrets. He has also worked in the west end and in theatres around the world including working for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

It was a lovely awards ceremony and the Academy was delighted and pleased that Mr Morgan, along with so many parents and carers could join us to celebrate our students' achievements.

Special Awards were awarded to:

Sara Arshad

- David Edwards Creative Writing Award

Alexia Caliwara Tario

- Oliver Builders Award for Design Technology

Summer-Rose DeLeslie

- Humanities Award

Daniel Angus & Anika Ching

- Lab Studio Achievement in Music Award

Nikoloz Maghradze Khvedlidze

- SAS Copiers Award for Business Studies

Kacey Scotland

- Marta Stroczyńska Award for Mathematics

Alexia Caliwara Tario

- Early Builders Achievement in Humanities Award

Alex Davey

- Robin Reeves Award for Overcoming Adversity

Enzo Tejero

- James Murray Award for Determination

Hashir Awan

- Trustees' Award for Most Improved Boy

Anisa Washington

- Trustees' Award for Most Improved Girl

Julia De Jesus Lazzarotti

- Principal's Award for Attainment - Girl

Koshik Rubamoorthy

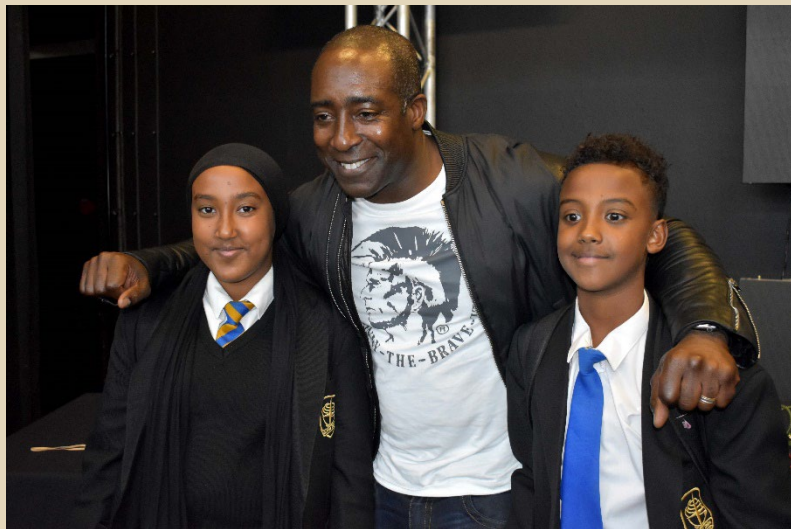
- Principal's Award for Attainment - Boy



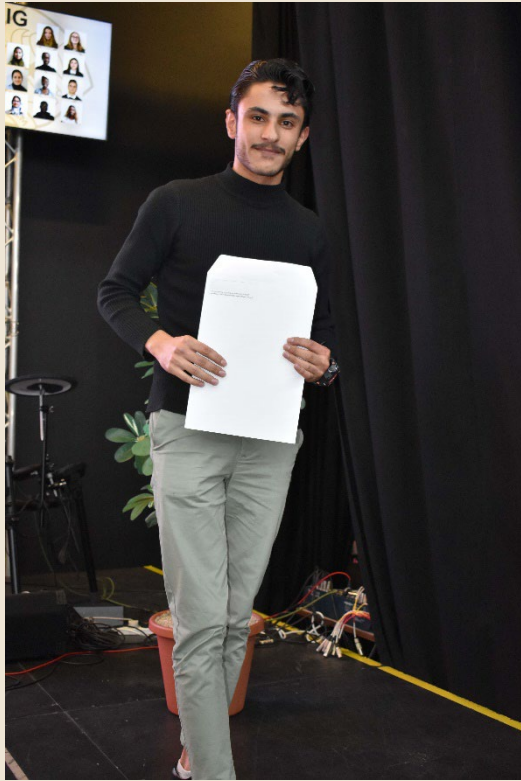


Thought for the Week

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."
George Bernard Shaw



Prize Evening Continued....



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 14th November 2022 – Year 12 Vocational Mock Exams Begin
Monday 21st November 2022 – Year 13 A Level & Vocational Mock Exams Begin
Thursday 24th November 2022 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 5th December 2022 – Year 11 & International Group Mock Exams Begin
Thursday 15th December 2022 – Students Break for Christmas Holidays
Friday 16th December 2022 – INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Academy Resumes

Year 13 News – Mr Browne

On Monday 7th November, The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) delivered a talk to 19 of our top-performing Year 12 students. The SMF supports students into top universities and coveted professions and provides the means and networks to make this a reality. The students enrolled on their Aspiring Professionals Programme (APP) will receive additional university application support, internships with employers, professional mentoring, and tailored skills sessions and career workshops. The APP gives students from low-income backgrounds the skills, guidance and confidence to access and thrive in higher education and top careers.

In previous years, students taking part in this programme have routinely gained places at Russell Group Universities and have landed jobs in a range of highly-regarded professions. This year, we have more eligible students than normal, which is testament to the excellent GCSE grades our students achieved last year.



Many congratulations to Deshaun Gager Brewley in 13HLR for being nominated as an 'Outstanding Achiever' by his peers and awarded the Jack Petchey Award for November 2022.

These awards are to recognise a personal triumph for someone who has faced a challenge, a young person who has pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone or it may be an opportunity to recognise the outstanding efforts of a team player.

The award winner receive a certificate, pin badge and a book from Sir Jack himself. They also choose how to spend a £300 grant to benefit their school or organisation. Well done Deshaun

French Institute Trip – Ms Frith

In October, 10Z enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Ciné Lumière at the French Institute, where we watched a film in French and expanded our understanding of French language, music and culture. All students had a great time and represented Southfields Academy well.

We also took the opportunity to take in the sights of the area, including the Natural History Museum (pictured).

A great day was had by all!



Art & Design Trip – Ms Ancilotto

This week the Y12L2 Art and Design class went to visit some arts venues. First, they had the opportunity to enjoy some great examples of urban art in Leake Street Arches. They then head to the Victoria and Albert Museum to see first-hand more examples of art and design from the past centuries.

Students were excited to recognise some of the artworks they have been researching over the past weeks and they were amazing at transferring their knowledge into observational skills.



The dangers of gambling and gaming addiction

On Tuesday Year 12 had a visit from the company 'Nowt Left to Lose' and a presentation from Ryan Pitcher on the dangers of gambling, gaming and cyber bullying. Nowt Left to Lose is an educational platform that provides awareness and knowledge of gambling-related harms to help prevent addiction and associated trauma.

The feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many pointing out that harm among women is prevalent within our sessions. One student wrote, 'my favourite part of the session was displaying women that gamble, as it shows a part of gambling not usually seen among society.' Dozens of other evaluation forms referenced this particular section and the insights given.

Year 12 found the presentation very interesting and informative.



Mock Interviews – Mr Olumegbon

All students were given the opportunity to have a mock job interview with a professional. In order to make the experience as real as possible, students were given a choice of jobs to 'apply for' and spent some time preparing for the interview in advance with their form tutors. The Career team set up a reception and waiting room where students nervously waited to be called for interview.

After the interview, students had a discussion with the interviewer about what went well and what could have been improved. They also received valuable written feedback from the interviewer.



News from the world of Science – Dr Kruppa

The science department is considering buying a new microscope. The model we are aiming for has a digital camera for taking photos and videos. Why are microscopes so important? Microscopy as a science really took off due to the work of Antonie van Leeuwenhoek from Holland in the 17th Century. The lenses he made were far superior to any available at the time and with them, he was able to make the first observations of bacteria and other microscopic life. Van Leeuwenhoek knew the small objects he observed were living, because he could see them moving and movement is characteristic of life structure.

Even stationary cells exhibit movement within their cell structure. However, perhaps because he was not a trained scientist, many were at first suspicious of his claim that a vast unseen world of life exists all around us. Now of course we understand that although some microorganisms are harmful, all life on earth is dependent on our microscopic cousins. They recycle the nutrients in the biosphere and maintain the composition of the atmosphere. Their existence and the roles they play would have remained unnoticed without the invention of the microscope.



One of Antonie van Leeuwenhoek's original microscopes

Wandsworth Wellbeing Service

Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service are running free workshops for parents / carers of all secondary school students. So far, the workshops have received very positive feedback from parents – please scan the QR code or follow the web address to sign up.



Education Wellbeing Service



Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23 Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

**22ND,
26TH OR
27TH
SEPT**

Mental Health during the teenage years -
an introduction and overview
For year 7 & year 8 parents

**9TH,
10TH OR
15TH
NOV**

Supporting your teen through emotional
storms - emotion regulation skills and
strategies
For all secondary school parents

**26TH,
30TH OR
1ST
JAN/FEB**

Understanding and supporting anxiety
during the teenage years
For all secondary parents

**13TH,
16TH OR
17TH
MAR**

Supporting and managing exam and
assignment stress: top tips and ideas for
parents
For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus

**4TH,
9TH OR
11TH
MAY**

Understanding and supporting teen sleep:
an overview of the research and
recommendations
For all secondary parents

We also provide free 1:1 support programmes for parents to support with their child's anxiety or behavioural challenges. Speak to your school to find out more



Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or
search:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Children attending clubs outside school

We recognise that your child's engagement with extra-curricular activities and clubs has never been more important, particularly given the opportunities they missed as a result of the pandemic. We all know how much enjoyment they get from being involved with sporting activities and the physical and mental health benefits they provide. However, to maximise this enjoyment their safety and care when taking part must be considered and paramount.

When deciding on the right club for your child, please ensure that you check that the club is affiliated to a national body, for example the British Gymnastics Association. Affiliation to a national body provides assurance that those delivering the activity meet the professional standards and follow the safeguarding expectations of the national body, hence providing the level of protection you and we would want for your child. Also check if the club has any accreditations. This can either be Clubmark accreditation from Sport England or an accreditation from the sport's national governing body or from Active Surrey. The achievement of this accreditation means the club meets minimum operating standards for a safe and effective sports environment.

Yours sincerely

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