

Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing Monday 21st November 2022



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

Year 9 News – Ms Gbolonyo Year 9 IEAP Day- Focus on Communication and Careers

Year 9s have made an excellent start to autumn term 2. The academy theme is 'communications.' Year 9s demonstrated their communication skills during IEAP day. On Wednesday 9th November 2022, Year 9 researched and presented high quality presentations to their tutors on their chosen careers. The calibre of presentations was extremely high quality and I am very proud of all the positive feedback I received from tutors. Parents and Carers, please do encourage your child to continue to use the Start careers website to explore different careers and help them make better choices. https://careers.startprofile.com/page/home-page

Year 9 Talent Foundry Workshop- 'The Big Idea'

On Friday 11th November 2022, 60 Year 9 students took part in a workshop led by a facilitator from the Talent Foundry and Dell. Students were given the following project brief:

"You are a social enterprise business in your local area and you've been approached by Dell who want to support to help your community"

Throughout the morning, students were encouraged to develop core transferable skills, create and collaborate. It was such a wonderful atmosphere as students were also encouraged to develop their knowledge of:

- Social issues in their community
- Business
- Marketing/communications
- Technology

Students then had to present their projects to their peers and demonstrate the following skills:

- Team work
- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Presenting
- Communication
- Listening
- Aiming High



Denise (from the Talent Foundry) and John (from Dell) had the difficult decision of selecting the winners as each group went above and beyond. I am pleased to announce the winners of the project were: Samir, Raven, Arianna, Danny and David.

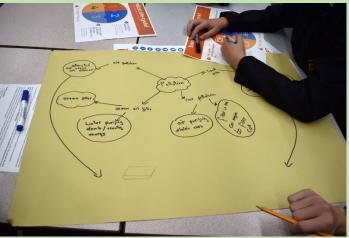
Feedback from Denise and John were incredible:

"The ideas and energy of the group were wonderful and the focus and engagement were everything that one would hope for from a group of young people. They are a credit to the school."











Year 9 Tutor reps and Student council

It is my great privilege to announce that the following students have been nominated to represent their tutor groups and be an advocate and leaders for their peers:

9HRB Fadal Ahmed Luci Walker-Hay 9AMD Codi Weston Shayaan Farooq 9CAR Sahill Mayar Yacqub Hussein

9CRL Isaiah Gardner Maham Akram

9HUN Stanley Stainton Ali Ampou El Ela Oliver Varns

9LEN **Scarlett Spencer** Charles Vardon Odonkor 9ROZ Dominik Gawor Shayna Rubamoorthy

9TOO Declan Dormer Christian Demetrius

The three students who will be representing Year 9 at each student council meetings are Ali (9HUN), Scartlett (9LEN) and Oliver (9HUN).

I look forward to seeing all the great projects these students will be doing this academic year.





Thought for the Week

"Say a little and say it well." Irish proverb



Black History Month 2022 Competition Winners – Ms Atley

KS4 had a Black History Month competition to write an essay about why Black History Month still matters. Congratulations to Lola Walsh 10NOR for winning this with a well-researched and thoughtful essay. The KS3 competition was to create a poster about an inspiring Black British person. The posters were then judged by the School Council in their meeting last Thursday and three winners from across KS3 were picked out. The quality of the posters for the Black History Month Competition was incredibly high, and the School Council had a very tricky decision on their hands.

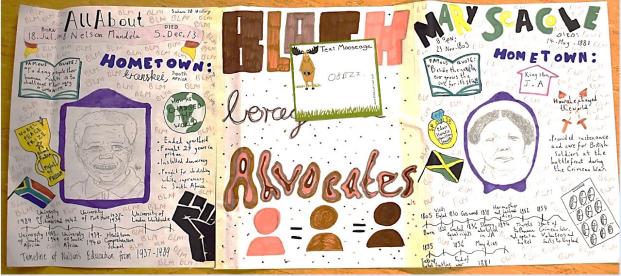
The competition winners are below – congratulation to you all! Bogdan, Karmella and Sahara all received a copy of Black and British by David Olusoga.

On behalf of the history department, I would also like to thank everyone who put in the time, effort and thought into their posters and to the Council for judging so carefully and feeding back the winners in KS3 assemblies this week.

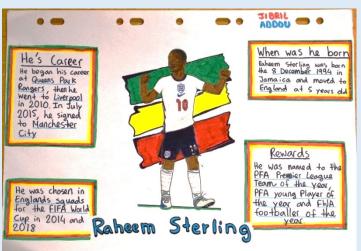
1st place - Bogdan Balint 8 DRN 2nd place - Karmella Mendoza 7 BEN 2nd place - Sahara Williams-Price 8 BZI

Highly Commended: Jibril Addon 8 CSG Kaiyah Noel 9 AMD Ksenia Borisova 7 BEN Nimra Shaikh 7 ELM Tommy Williams 7 SAW Agron Deliallisi 9AMD



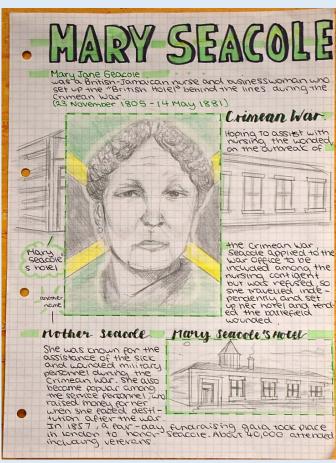








Black History Month posters continued...





Dates for Your Diary

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

Writing Competition Winners! - Ms Hillier

A group of our Year 9 students have been selected as winners of the Young Writers' Mini Saga - Twisted Tales competition. Their writing has been published in a book called 'Twisted Tales 2022 - Creative Capers'.

There were over 9000 entries to this competition, so this is a fantastic achievement. The English department is very proud of their hard work. Well done to:

Ali Ampou El Ela Arianna Bernard Iarna Cummings Jenna Goldie Aisha Hoblyn Sophia Khan Atif Khan Laila Kowlessar Nyah Rae Matharu

Nyran Mathurin Anthony Ngwu Amari Rodriguez During Ray Schemm Scarlett Spencer Oliwia Szulecka Oliver Varns





Remembrance Day

On Friday 11th November, the Academy held a minute silence to remember the fallen, the sacrifices and loss of life, in both the World Wars and in all conflicts around the world since then. The Academy also remembered all friends and relatives who have died.

Ms Valin and Ms Golinska assisted by Scarlett Spencer and Oliver Varns then laid a wreath at our War Memorial. .



HSC Dragons' Den - Saffron Williams (10MSH) and Yacqub Hussein (9CAR)

On Friday, we came up with our own individual pitches based on Dragons' Den and presented it to Ms Humphries in the HSC.

Yacqub's pitch was called "Captionsess™" and the main purpose of it was to help students who are deaf, who struggle with concentration or those who are learning English, via the use of captions.

Saffron's pitch was called "BookBunch™". Its main purpose was to create a safe space for book lovers and authors to congregate and discuss their favourite book, recommendations and new releases.

We both learnt new key terms such as net profit, gross profit and USP as well as how to request investment based on our financial projections.



Science Club - Ms El Maadi

This week was the first session for science club in Southfields Academy. We had a great turnout with over 30 students in attendance. To kick off the first session the students made some slime. Fortunately for parents we did not let the kids take the slime home, but they had good fun making it and now know the science behind slime! Looking forward to more students attending science club over the next year. A great start to science club.













News from the world of science - Dr Kruppa

This week our intrepid young scientists from the Science Club had a go at making slime! Slime is an example of a non-Newtonian fluid – which is nothing to be frightened of but does mean that it has strange properties compared to conventional fluids such as water.

Non-Newtonian fluids are found all around us in nature, and have plenty of uses in our man made world. For example, the blood in our bodies is a non-Newtonian fluid. When blood is flowing fast, it has a low viscosity or stickiness, which helps it to move quickly around the body. But when its speed slows, as in the smaller capillaries, its viscosity increases. This increase in viscosity helps blood to clot and plug the leak if you cut yourself.

Another everyday example is tomato ketchup! People unfamiliar with its non-Newtonian properties, often have great trouble getting it out of the bottle but if you give it a good shake, the viscosity decreases, and it will then pour easily.

Student Thoughts on Presenting to the Academy

As an Academy, we often ask and involve our students in presenting to parents / carers and other visitors on special occasions such as prize evening and open evening. They are asked to write their own speeches and deliver them to a packed hall, which is quite a feat even for people used to public speaking. Here are the views of two of our most recent Year 9 presenters:

Scarlett Spencer

I personally really enjoyed hosting the Southfields Academy 2022 award assembly. It was an honour and I'm glad the teachers had trust in me to do it. I enjoy public speaking even if it can be frightening sometimes.

I'd also like to give a well done to everyone who won an award and to the musical performances. Everyone should be extremely proud of you all. I hope that the parents enjoyed it too and had fun.

Oliver Varns

On the 3rd November, I was given the privilege to cohost the Southfields Academy Award ceremony with our special guest being the actor Mr Vinta Morgan. All of the prizes given on the evening I believe were well deserved and I even collected one myself. The band was also phenomenal during the intervals. Southfields Academy did a great job with the ceremony and I'm sure will make it just as good in the following years.

Jack Petchey Award Winner – Year 12 – Ms Minto

Many congratulations to Koshik Rubamoorthy for being nominated as an 'Outstanding Achiever' by his peers and awarded the Jack Petchey Award for November 2022.

The award winner receives 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

Koshik is well known and liked by staff and students as he is always willing to support others inside and outside school - even paying a train fare for a KS3 student who was stranded. Koshik contributes a lot during tutor debates and actively supports the community. He is goal oriented and sees obstacles as challenges to overcome. Koshik is very proactive and has started applying for an apprenticeship during the school holiday.

He is a very worthy winner!



KS3 Week 1 fixtures - 21st - 25th Nov							
Date	Teams	Break	Pitch	Time			
Mon 21st November	Mexico vs Cameroon	1	1	10:35am			
Mon 21st November	Switzerland vs Poland	1	2	10:35am			
Mon 21st November	USA vs Denmark	1	1	10:50am			
Mon 21st November	Croatia vs Wales	1	2	10:50am			
Tues 22nd November	Portugal vs Senegal	1	1	10:35am			
Tues 22nd November	Ghana vs Brazil	1	2	10:35am			
Tues 22nd November	Argentina vs Belgium	1	1	10:50am			
Tues 22nd November	Uruguay vs Netherlands	1	2	10:50am			
Wed 23rd November	England vs Mexico	1	1	10:35am			
Wed 23rd November	Cameroon vs Switzerland	1	2	10:35am			

KS3 Week 1 fixtures - 21st - 25th Nov						
Date	Teams	Break	Pitch	Time		
Wed 23rd November	Spain vs USA	1	1	10:50am		
Wed 23rd November	Denmark vs Croatia	1	2	10:50am		
Thurs 24th November	France vs Portugal	1	1	10:35am		
Thurs 24th November	Senegal vs Ghana	1	2	10:35am		
Thurs 24th November	Germany vs Argentina	1	1	10:50am		
Thurs 24th November	Belgium vs Uruguay	1	2	10:50am		
Fri 25th November	England vs Switzerland	1	1	10:35am		
Fri 25th November	Poland vs Cameroon	1	2	10:35am		
Fri 25th November	Spain vs Croatia	1	1	10:50am		
Fri 25th November	Wales vs Denmark	1	2	10:50am		

KS4/KS5 Week 1 fixtures - 21st - 25th Nov						
Date	Teams	Break	Pitch	Time		
Mon 21st November	Spain vs Brazil	2	1	1:15pm		
Mon 21st November	Germany vs Portugal	2	2	1:15pm		
Tues 22nd November	France vs Argentina	2	1	1:15pm		
Tues 22nd November	England vs Senegal	2	2	1:15pm		
Wed 23rd November	Brazil vs France	2	1	1:15pm		
Wed 23rd November	Portugal vs England	2	2	1:15pm		



Southfields World Cup 2022 - Ms Lenton

We are all very excited for the World Cup to start on Sunday 20th November. To celebrate this sporting event we have our very own Southfields World Cup tournament, which is starting on Monday 21st November.

We have had 146 students from all year groups sign up to play.

Please see next week's fixtures below.

Hopefully all students know what team they are in by now, if not they can check on their year group google classroom or check on the fixture board in the PE changing block.

We look forward to seeing who is in with a chance of winning the Southfields World Cup 2022.

Good luck to all teams.



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.

NHS

South West London and St George's Mental Health

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

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-72598



child's anxiety or behavioural challenges. Speak to your school to find out more We also provide free1:1 support programmes for parents to suppport with theii