

## Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter Week Commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 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

What a wonderful term it has been for the Year 10s. I would like to applaud them on the way they have approached their GCSE courses. I don't underestimate for a second what a daunting process this has been, you should be very proud of them. Thank you to everyone who made it out to parents evening on the 24th November. It's always such a pleasure to be able to meet with you all face-to-face and share the progress your children are making and to be able to work with you in helping your child further develop as young learners.

This term the Year 10s have begun discussing careers in preparation for their work experience placements, which will take place in July. On Wednesday 9th November 20 Year 10 students went to the Wild Heart Global Youth Summit in Marylebone where they worked alongside leading companies to discuss climate change, brainstorm ideas on how to eradicate climate change for future generations and took part in a mock conference where they represented different nations.

Well done to Lola and Ayat who are pictured representing Ecuador. They did exceptionally well alongside Joceline, Tyrese, Xen, Shirin and Helena. On Friday 25th November 40 Year 10 students travelled to Excel London for the Skills London event, the largest careers fair in London.

They conducted themselves in a mature manner whilst travelling on public transport and represented the school well whilst making their way around the event.



As we draw closer to the Christmas break, I would like to remind parents and carers that your children have another set of mock exams that will run between Monday 6th to Friday 10th of February. Please encourage your children to continue revising over the Christmas period.

As always, I thank you for your constant support and wish you all a happy Christmas.

### Language Ambassadors - Ms Frith

Here is a photo of some of this year's Language Ambassadors wearing their new blue badges. These students will be working alongside the Modern Foreign Languages department in order to promote languages across Southfields Academy, celebrate all the different languages that are spoken here and help to run events and competitions. Students had their first meeting on Friday and were full of brilliant ideas about how we can promote languages. We look forward to working with these students throughout the year!





### **Thought for the Week**



"Of all the life skills available to us, communication is perhaps the most empowering." — Bret Morrison

### Winter Wonderland Visit - Ms Hodgson

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 12 Travel and Tourism students visited Winter Wonderland. The students spent the day enjoying the festive activities including the rides, games and a huge Christmas market.

They managed to win a total 16 massive teddy bears! They also enjoyed a variety of delicious cuisines at the street food markets. It was an excellent day and it has put us all in the Christmas spirit!







## **Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Year 11 & International Group Mock Exams Begin Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Southfields' Christmas Lights Performance Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Students Break for Christmas Holidays Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – INSET Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – INSET Day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – INSET Day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – All Students Resume

### Science Club - Ms El Maadi

In this week's science club, to go with the space theme Year 7 are currently learning about, we launched some rockets. The students had to make their own launch pads and a mixture of vinegar and baking soda was all they needed. Although not all the rockets worked, the students got a good laugh when one went off too early and vinegar got all over me.

These rockets are easy to make at home with ingredients from the cupboard.













#### **School Uniform Dates**

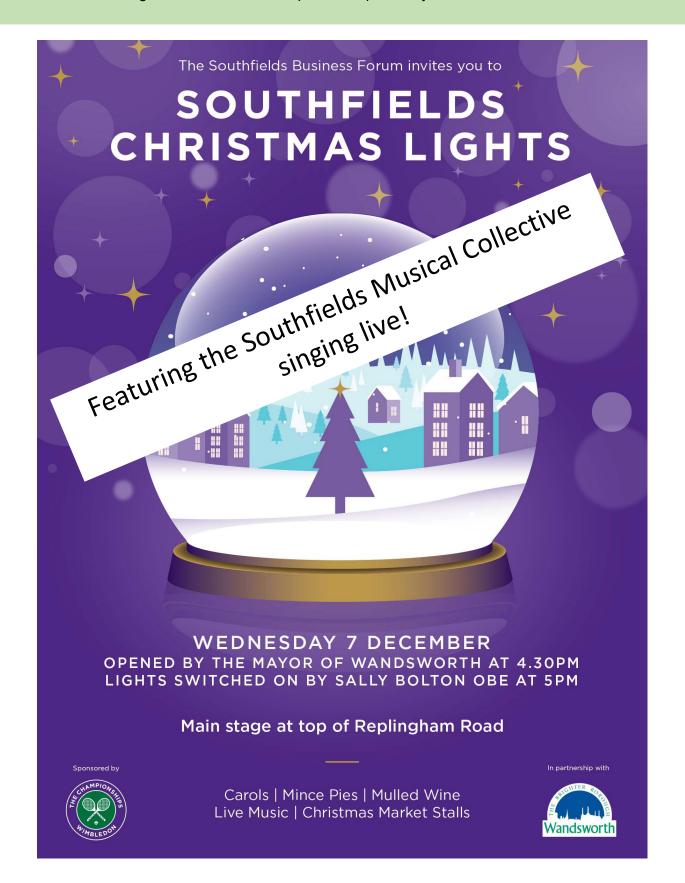
Our school uniform service providers, Stitch Design, will continue to be on site on alternate Wednesdays for the immediate future.

Date prior to the end of term is December 14th

The shop will be open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023, and every 2 weeks afterwards during the spring term. All orders placed online prior to the end of the previous Sunday will be packed on these days.

The quickest, cheapest and most secure way to receive uniform is to select the free 'Deliver to Southfields Academy... ' option. This will be available to collect on the displayed day, or will be distributed directly to your child, if not collected.

If the 'Deliver to Billing or alternate address' option is requested, you should allow a further week.



# A warmer welcome

An enhanced offer for children and families, delivered from our children's centres.

### Our winter offer

During the Cost of Living Crisis Wandsworth Council are offering Warm Spaces these are local places where families and their children (0-5) can come for free.

These buildings offer a warm, safe, welcoming place, hot drinks, food and a range of activities to support families.

### See overleaf for locations



Find your nearest warm space at wandsworth.gov.uk/warm-spaces



# A warmer welcome

### **Battersea**

1 York Gardens Children's Centre SW11 2UG Opening hours: 9am to 3pm

2 Yvonne Carr SW8 4HT

Opening hours: 9am to 6pm

### Roehampton

3 Eastwood Children's Centre SW15 4HR

Opening hours: 9am to 6pm

4 West Hill in the Park SW18 4AS

Opening hours: 9am to 4pm

### Tooting

5 Smallwood Children's Centre SW17 0TW

Opening hours: 9am to 6pm

6 Franciscan Children's Centre SW17 8HQ

Opening hours: 9am to 6pm

