



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 23rd January 2023



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

Year 13 News – Mr Browne

Bridge to M&G

Nine Year 13 students have been accepted on the prestigious Bridge to M&G programme. Degree apprenticeships are notoriously competitive - the M&G Degree Apprenticeship, for example, accepts less than 1% of applicants. The Bridge to M&G programme entails intensive mentoring sessions that boost each student's chance of getting onto M&G's Degree Apprenticeship. It is worth bearing in mind that successful candidates will eventually gain a degree while also being paid, making contacts and gaining vital workplace experience. Degree Apprenticeship providers also pay for each student's degree costs - which means no tuition fees need to be paid.

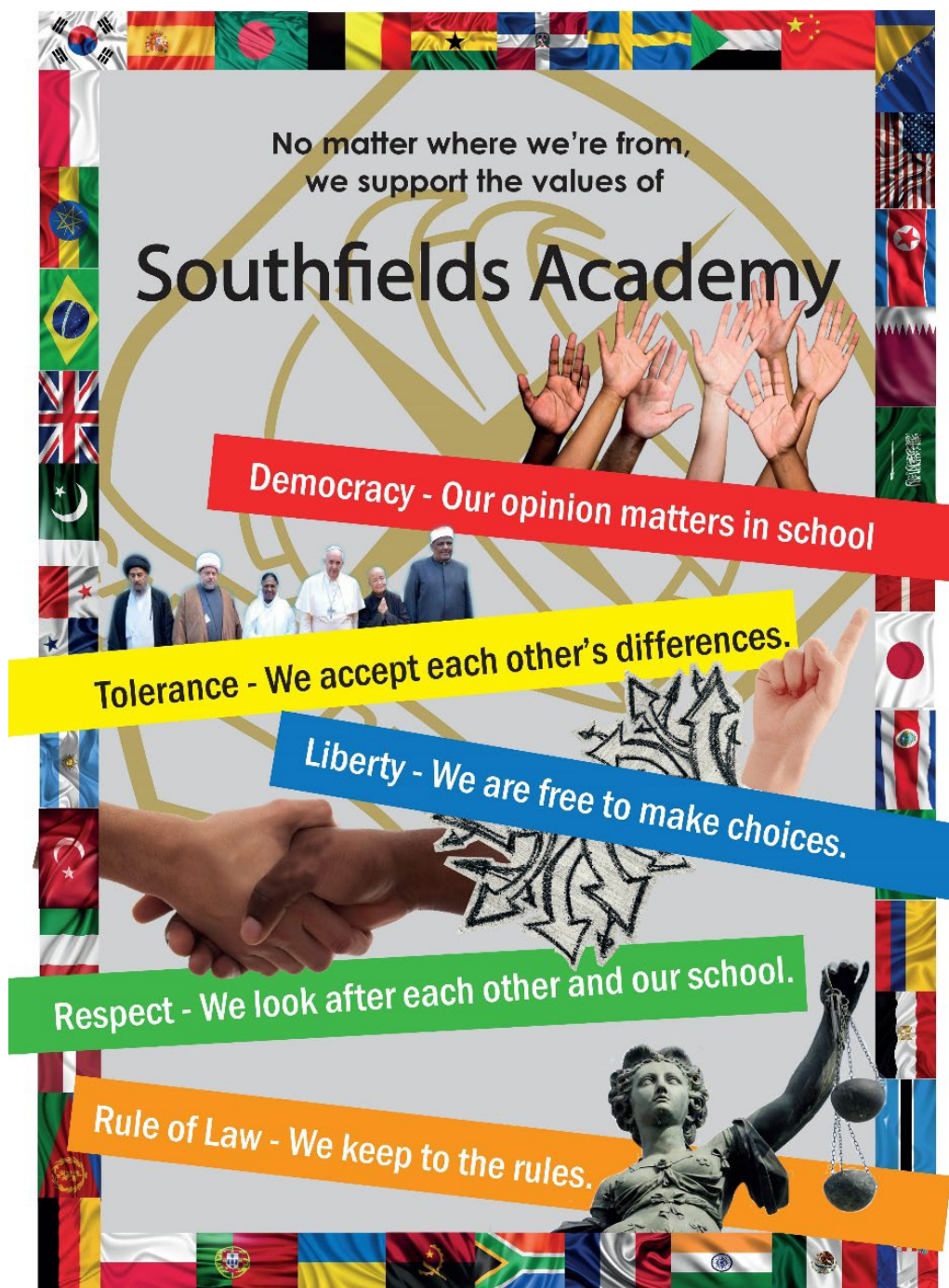
Last year we had four students enrolled on this programme, and one of them, Robesha Ahmad, is now working for M&G. At a recent event in London, she attended as an M&G mentor, much to the delight of our current cohort.

British Values Poster

At the start of the autumn term the Academy Student Council were asked to redesign our British Values Poster to reflect the student voice and the values that we subscribe to at Southfields Academy.

After much debate and consideration the new poster was designed and created with the councils input, by Mr Smith, teacher of art and design, and is now on display throughout the Academy.

Many thanks to the student council for their hard work.





Thought for the Week

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others." Robert Louis Stevenson



Science Club – Ms El Maadi

This week in science club the students had to build a boat using different materials. The main goal was to build a boat that could float and that could take weight and not sink. The students built some very creative boats using tinfoil, lollipop sticks, paper, straws and cardboard.



Anti-Bullying Ambassador Applications – Mr Samuels

Towards the end of last term, we opened applications for Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to help support student affected by bullying behaviour. We received 75 applications from students eager to become an Anti-Bullying Ambassador with lots of great ideas about how to support students and improve the Academy. However, we only had ten spaces and the quality of applications were so high it was a tough decision! The students below made the final cut and were selected with the help of their Head of Year:

Ruby Stafford 7LAN
Cora Whyte 7HNS
Evie Treves 8WWD
Bogdan Balint 8DRN
Codi Weston 9AMD
Attila Halbritter 9AMD
Saffron Williams 10MSH
Danni Weston 12AHM
Chahd Sabre 12OLA
Kosha Desai (IGJNE)

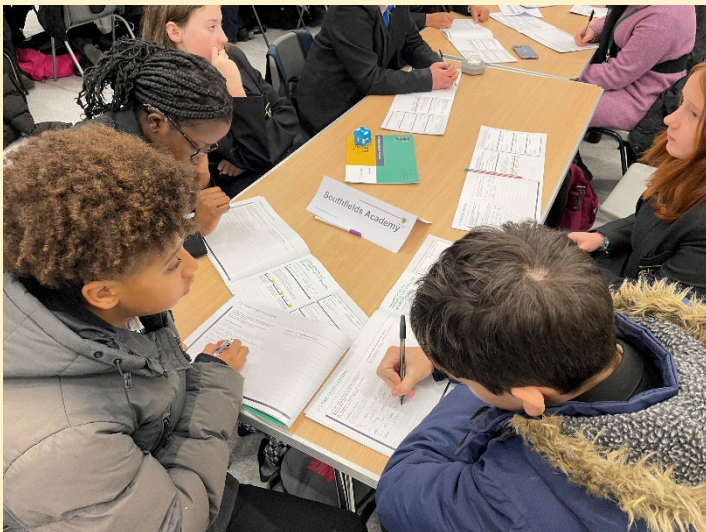
Congratulations!



Anti-Bullying Ambassador Conference – Mr Samuels

On Wednesday 18th January, these students attended an Anti-Bullying Conference facilitated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance in partnership with the Diana Award and the DFE. The ambassadors took part in a training session learning how to support students in school who may experience bullying behaviour.

The ambassadors came up with some great ideas such as a google site and online reporting tool, tutor time activities, whole school surveys and much more. All students did exceptionally well during the training and are looking forward to supporting students in the school. Exciting projects are on the way!



Year 11: Celebrating this week's successes

Tutees of Week- congratulations to you all!

Every week, tutors select and recognise a standout member of their tutor group that have demonstrated excellence. Please see below for this week's Tutee of the Week



Abhinand

Rarely gets any negatives, but lots of positives, and I'm often hearing great things about how he is doing in his lessons.



Zainab

For excellent effort during tutor time



Aimee

For great effort in this week's revision tasks in tutor time.



Jharne

Achieving the most positives this week for effort in lessons.



Manthan

For having the highest number of positive logs this week, and for positive contributions and excellent effort in tutor periods.



Fatima

Some solid mock results. Well done.



Daniel

For having good or outstanding effort across all his subjects and for having great attendance and punctuality and always being polite and friendly in tutor time.



Luca

Engaging with tutor time activities and having a mature start to the term.

Star of the Week

Every week a student is nominated by a member of SLT and the Year 11 Team for upholding our school values



Well done to Shemiah for consistently showing kindness and going above and beyond to support students in her Drama class.

KS3 Reading Awards – Mr Sawbridge

We're delighted to announce the winners of the KS3 Reading Awards for the Autumn Term 2022.

Our 18 winners - from Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 - had read over 8 million words between them since September, at an average of nearly 500,000 words each, and followed it up by acing the Accelerated Reader quizzes.

Congratulations to all the winners!

All students in KS3 are expected to read fiction or non-fiction for 20 minutes per night. These students won awards for achieving their Accelerated Reader Target by reading regularly and scoring highly in quizzes on their books afterwards.



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AFC WIMBLEDON FOUNDATION

Multi Sports Camp

Date:

Friday 17th February

Time:

9am-12pm

Cost: £15

Location:

Southfields Academy,
Burr Road, SW18 4SS.

Entrance via King
George's Park



MAKE FRIENDS - HAVE FUN - PLAY SPORT

This camp will be for children with learning difficulties,
Special Educational Needs or EHCP.

For more information contact:
Doruk.Ahmet@afcwimbledonfoundation.org.uk





Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 8th February 2023 – Year 12 Level 3 Parents' Evening

Friday 10th February 2023 – Academy breaks for Half Term

Monday 20th February 2023 – Academy Resumes



U16 London Youth Games – Ms Clark

Well done to the U16 Basketball team who travelled to APA for a friendly before their big game on Monday for the first Round of the U16 London Youth games against Harris Academy.

The boys played really well and won 34-17. Thanks APA for hosting .

Good luck to the boys and coach Cameron for Monday!

Education Wellbeing Service

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

Wellbeing
Support Service
NHS In-School

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

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.

