



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023



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

### Year 7 News - Ms Frost & Ms Millward



We have lots of exciting Year 7 news to share.



Our Year 7 anti-bullying ambassadors, Cora Whyte 07SAW and Ruby Stafford 07LAN, attended an external anti-bullying conference and have come back with lots of ideas to incorporate into our whole school anti bullying program.

A student survey is now live on google classroom for students to share their experiences.

Our Year 7 language ambassadors were announced before Christmas.

Gouri Methosh Menon 07LAN  
Sofia Alix Joa Romero 07CRT  
Jakub Kotlowski 07ELM  
Alimatou Ceesay 07CRT

During Assembly Alimatou shared a wonderful insight into her culture and the impressive number of languages she can speak fluently.



### IEAP DAY

We were hugely impressed with the effort and creativity that went into the Year 7 IEAP day presentations and posters focusing on leadership and the fight against bullying.

Students were invited to create poetry, posters or power point presentations, a fantastic example of which can be seen here by Tommy Williams 07SAW.



## Thought for the Week

"Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results." George Patton



## Year 7 News Continued....

Following this term's pastoral theme of Leadership, tutor groups were invited to create their own Coat of Arms. 7BEN's Coat of Arms was designed by Karmella and Mina with input from the whole group.

The flowers and plants represent growth and the horseshoe strength and power.



## Gambling Addiction- Guest Speaker Ryan Pitcher from 'Nowt Left To Lose' – Ms Gbolonyo

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023, Year 9 students had the privilege of listening to our guest speaker Ryan Pitcher from 'Nowt Left To Lose'.

Nowt Left To Lose is an educational platform that promotes awareness and knowledge of gambling-related harms to help prevent addiction and associated trauma. The organisation supports communities in need by providing a social enterprise revolving around gambling harms and other potential linked factors, including poor mental health, substance misuse and homelessness.

Students were engaged throughout and asked thought provoking questions.

As Year 9 have focused on researching their GCSE options and future careers so far this academic year, it was very important for students to learn about the potential risks and harms of gambling and gaming can have on finances and mental health.



## Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Year 12 Level 3 Parents' Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Academy breaks for Half Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Academy Resumes

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Year 9 Parents' Evening and Options Evening

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Year 9 Parents' Evening



# Jack Petchey Wandsworth Achievement Awards Programme 2023 - Stella Gbolonyo

At Southfields Academy, we truly do have amazing students!

Family, friends, Ms Kirkby and I attended Wandsworth Town Hall on Wednesday 1st February 2023 to celebrate five inspiring young people at the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Programme.

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential.

Fifteen schools within the Wandsworth borough attended the programme. The event started with an opening speech by VIP guest speaker Councillor Sheila Boswell (Chair of the Children's Committee) and it was just an incredible evening.

A huge well done to the students below. Each young person was recognised and voted for by their peers for the inspirational work they do at Southfields Academy (and beyond):

Sadeed Khan Y11  
Oliver Varns Y9  
Quanta Faheem Y11  
Aleksandr Bakarzhiev Y11  
Koshik Rubamoorthy Y12

The evening would not have been complete without two special performances from Mr Gumble, Daniella Torres Y13 and Abigail Bishton Y10. The audience was blown away!

Did I mention we have amazing students at Southfields?!

We are incredibly proud of all these students and know they will continue to inspire, motivate and achieve great things.

In the famous words of Sir Jack Petchey, 'If you think you can, you can!'- Our phenomenal students have definitely demonstrated this!









## Wandsworth Inclusive Indoor Rowing Challenge – Caroline Murray

The Wandsworth School Games, Inclusive Indoor Rowing, was hosted at Southfields Academy on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This was organised by the Wandsworth School Games in partnership with Enable Leisure & Barn Elms Boat House. 29 young people from three schools participated; one secondary school and two special schools. School taking part were Southfields Academy, Paddock and Garratt Park.

This event was also supported by two Sixth Form students from Southfields, as part of their work experience placement. Caroline Murray and Cairon Clarke-May worked extremely hard on the day, setting up the rowing machines prior to the event. They then took control of the scoring system by designing a scoreboard to allocate which rowing machine each child had to row in. Once each race was completed, they showcased the distance each individual had rowed in the allocated two minutes. In addition, they kept a summary of the overall scores & times from each race at the bottom of the board

This event was an inclusive event for young people with SEND and disabilities. Everyone participated and enjoyed themselves, leaving the event with bright smiles.

Nick Miller, from Wandsworth School Games said 'It was great to see the following Southfields students taking part & rowing well, particularly in the team relay races where they remained unbeatable. Congratulations; Mason Edwards, Ryan Treasure, Luke Stringer, Tayah Douglas Scarlett, Yacqub Hussein, Hayden Truss and Caroline and Cairon for representing the school in such a positive way'.

