



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 8th May 2023



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

Junior Maths Challenge – Ms Lunt

90 pupils from Year 7 and 8 competed in the Junior Maths Challenge (JMC) last Wednesday.

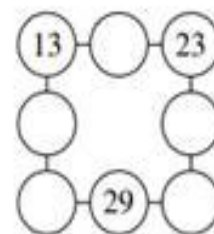
The JMC is a 60-minute, multiple-choice challenge which encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency. The questions are designed to make pupils think and apply the skills from their lessons in different and interesting ways. It was great to see the students so focussed – you could almost see the cogs turning as they tried to tackle the problems.

We will look forward to sharing the results in the coming months.

Here are a few of the questions to challenge the newsletter readers! The answers are displayed further on in the newsletter.

6. When this prime number square is completed, the eight circles contain eight different primes, and each of the four sides has total 43.
What is the sum of the five missing primes?

A 51 B 53 C 55 D 57 E 59



11. To save money, Scrooge is reusing tea bags. After a first 'decent' cup of tea, he dries the bag and uses two such dried bags to make a new 'decent' cup of tea. These bags are then dried again and four such bags now make a 'decent' cup of tea. After that they are put on the compost heap.
How many 'decent' cups of tea can Scrooge get out of a new box of 120 tea bags?

A 480 B 240 C 210 D 195 E 180

24. Beatrix was born in this century. On her birthday this year, her age was equal to the sum of the digits of the year in which she was born. In which of these years will her age on her birthday be twice the sum of the digits of that year?

A 2027 B 2029 C 2031 D 2033 E 2035

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday
Wednesday 17th May 2023 – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 26th May 2023 – Academy Breaks for Half Term
Monday 5th June 2023 – Academy Resumes
Thursday 29th June 2023 - Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 4th July 2023 – Year 6 Induction Day
Tuesday 4th July 2023 – International Group Leavers' Celebration
Friday 14th July 2023 – KS3 Trips Day
Monday 17th July 2023 – KS3 Sports Day
Thursday 20th July 2023 – Academy Breaks for Students for Summer Holiday
Friday 21st July 2023 – INSET Day



Thought for the Week

"It does not matter how strong and well prepared you are, if you have no direction"— Yulia Peralta



Year 9 News – Ms Gbolonyo

Final term in Year 9....where did the time go!

The last three years have been incredible. Ms Boothe and I are extremely proud of the journey Year 9 have been on since they started the academy.

As we are now in the final term of the academic year, I would like to remind you of the amazing spring term we had!

Students took part in the following:

- Foundation and Core Mock exams
- Gambling addiction awareness assembly
- Mental Health Week- key speaker from Kooth
- Options Parent's Evening and form deadline
- National Careers Week
- Loudmouth Workshop
- PGL residential weekend
- Coca-Cola Virtual Work Experience

At the end of spring term we also celebrated the following students for achieving 100% attendance:

Sahill 09CAR

Derin 09HRB

Aisha 09HRB

Daejean 09HRB

Kavinran 09HRB

Sidra 09HRB

Melody 09HRB

Anush 09LEN

Rio 09LEN

Oliwia 09ROZ

Mouhamed 09TOO

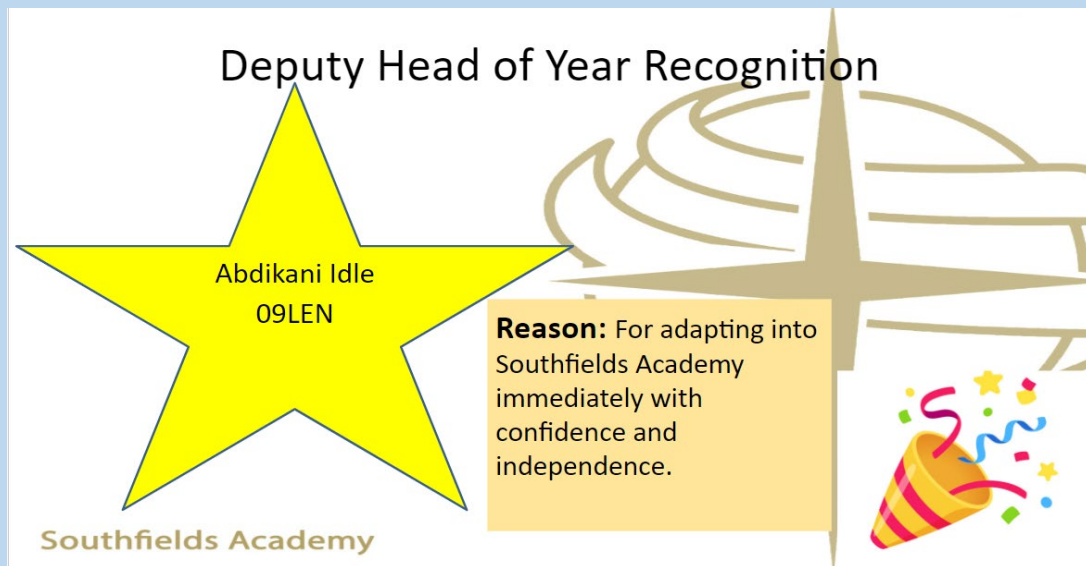
Kaiyah 09AMD

A special well done to Oliwia and Kaiyah for not only having 100% attendance but also being on time to school every day.

Year 9s have been set the challenge that for the rest of the academic year they must attend school every day and be on time!

Spring Term Head of Year and Deputy Head of Year Recognition:

More celebrations... last term Ms Boothe and I selected two students who we felt deserved recognition for their hard work and contribution to Year 9.



Head of Year Recognition



Reason: For being a delightful student to have in the year group, her excellent behaviour across the academy and working hard in all her subjects.



Summer Term

During assembly last week, I reminded students of the effort grades they received from their subject teachers. This final term students have the opportunity to give it their absolute all! Please speak to your children and ask how they are getting along with their preparation and revision for their final summer exams.

Year 9 tutors and students are collaboratively planning the KS3 end of year trip. I look forward to seeing the suggestions.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Rewards, Trips and KS3 Graduation



Key dates for Year 9s:

IEAP Day Monday 12th June 2023

Year 9 Foundation Mock Exams (in class) Week beginning Monday 26th June 2023 - Friday 30th June 2023

Year 9 Core Mock Exams from Monday 3rd July 2023 - Friday 7th July 2023

Year 9 Work Shadow Day on Thursday 13th July 2023

Year 7 Careers talks – Ms Millward

As Year 7 continue to explore careers, 07LAN were lucky enough to be joined by a parent who came in to discuss their career in financial planning; what it takes to help clients to achieve their life goals by ensuring their finances are sorted.

The insightful presentation gave the students a deeper understanding of the skills needed to assist clients in thinking about their pensions, investments, life insurance etc and planning their financial journey from starting out in life gaining their first proper job to when they retire.

The talk was followed by an impressive Q and A session with the ever inquisitive 07LAN



King Charles III Coronation

The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla, as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 6 May 2023, at Westminster Abbey.

In celebration of this event, the Academy has a colourful display showing the Royal family and explaining the ceremony and relevance of the coronation and the line of succession.

Answers for JMC questions

Question 6 = D
Question 11 = C
Question 24 = E

TEEN SLEEP, SELF CARE, & SUMMER PLANS

A parent webinar to help understand & support
your Young Person



There can be many challenges with teen sleep - difficulties with regular routine, intrusion of social media and technology, poor sleep hygiene, sleep disruption and reversed sleep cycles. These cycles can also become worse over summer and holiday periods for some.

This session looks at some of the research and science around sleep hygiene, teenage sleep. thinking together about the challenges - and some options for supporting from the perspective of parents.

The second part shares up-to-date resources for supporting self-care over the summer period to support positive mental health and wellbeing over the upcoming summer break.

DATES & TIMES

Tuesday 9th May 12.30-1.30 pm

Thursday 11th May 7.30-8.30 pm

To book on to one of our two available
webinars, sign up for free on
Eventbrite using the link or QR Code
below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989>



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