



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 12th June 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

Understanding UCAS clearing: A guide for parents

As a parent, you play a vital role in supporting your child's educational journey. When it comes to applying for university, the UCAS Clearing process can be a valuable opportunity for students who haven't received any offers, have declined existing offers, or don't have the required grades on results day.

UCAS Clearing provides an alternative pathway to explore opportunities that align with your child's academic interests and career goals.

Please encourage your child to conduct thorough research and explore the UCAS website. This platform offers an up-to-date list of available courses and universities participating in Clearing. By identifying potential courses, your child can make informed decisions and select universities that may be a good fit.

There is also Clearing Plus that uses algorithms to recommend suitable alternative courses (based on their original UCAS application). This innovation has dramatically improved the Clearing process.

If your child needs to use Clearing, encourage them to speak with admissions offices or specific departments to discuss available courses and express their interest. It is important for your child to prepare and articulate their qualifications, grades, UCAS ID number and personal statement, showcasing their suitability for the course. Inform your child about the UCAS clearing hotline, which is staffed by knowledgeable advisors. These advisors can provide valuable guidance and assistance throughout the Clearing process.

Assist your child in making their application through UCAS Track, the online platform used for Clearing. This process involves entering the university's details, course codes, and personal information required for the application.

Time is of the essence - results day and the day after are when many courses will still be available. Top tip: early on the morning after results day is the best time to get through to admissions - some open as early as 7.00am. As they say, the early bird gets the worm!

Once a decision is made, your child can accept the offer through UCAS Track. Be sure to stay informed about enrolment procedures and any pre-arrival tasks provided by the university.

A Level results day is on the 17th August - Year 13 students should aim to collect their results in person - not least because there will be staff available to help with Clearing. Here's hoping that it's a successful day!

Donation Drive – Fleur Anderson MP

Before the half term, the Academy joined with Fleur Anderson MP to donate goods for her donation drive. She said:

“Thank you for all your help and all the kind and generous donations to the donation drive for our foodbanks. Please pass on my thanks to pupils and parents.

During the day, I started off at Southfields Academy picking up donations and was just so grateful for donations from local schools, the Synagogue, Southfields Mosque and so many Churches. Having sorted it out in the warehouse, I then took a large donation to St Pauls Pantry which is very low on food and took nappies and supplies to the Alton Playschool who are very grateful.

Together everyone donated 604 kgs – nearly two thirds of a tonne! These are now being distributed to local people in hardship through our foodbanks as there are so many more people needing to use the foodbank to get them through a difficult time.”





Thought for the Week

“The human capacity for burden is like bamboo- far more flexible than you’d ever believe at first glance.” — Jodi Picoult



Science Club – Ms El Maadi

This week’s science club planted some radishes. We chose to pot some radish seeds as radishes grow quickly usually in about 6 weeks.

The students should get some results by the end of the school year. The students have first used small pots and will hopefully transfer the sprouting radishes to the Southfields garden in a few weeks time.

All being well, the students will eventually have some radishes to take home!



Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 29th June 2023 - Year 11 Prom
- Tuesday 4th July 2023 – Year 6 Induction Day
- Tuesday 4th July 2023 – International Group Leavers’ Celebration
- Thursday 6th July 2023 – Year 13 Leaving 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

Jack Petchey Winners – Ms Gbolonyo

At Southfields Academy, we do have remarkable young people and always look for opportunities to celebrate our students.

The Jack Petchey Award recognises the achievements of young people's progress, contributions to the community and outstanding efforts/ achievements across the nation.

Towards the end of last term, a few student council reps supported by their Heads of Years, decided that the criteria for students to be nominated should be 'students that go above and beyond in our community'

The prizes include:

- A framed certificate and pin badge
- £300 to spend, within school, as they wish, such as a *trip/ experience (Tutor Group, class, group of friends), equipment for use in the Academy, paying for a specialist to come in to deliver a session...etc.*
- An invitation to the annual Wandsworth Achievement Winners' celebration.

During tutor time, students read the reasons for the nomination and took part in an anonymous vote.

The 13 nominees from Year 7-10 and International Group were shared in assembly last term:

Alimatou 7CRT, Sofia-Alix 7CRT, Codi 9AMD, Rakaiya 8GRH, Taiyon 7SAW, Scarlett 9LEN, Rumaisa 8LOW and Melaine 10MSH, Amar 8DRN, Dillan 9CRL, Saishaan 10MSH, Madia 10FOX and Narges IGHS.

Out of the 13 students, we could only have six winners! **441 students voted!**

Well done to all students nominated and our winners!

I look forward to seeing how these students decide to share their prize with their peers!



The top six winners, anonymously voted by their peers are:

- Codi, 9AMD
- Rakaiya, 8GRH
- Taiyon, 7SAW
- Scarlett, 9LEN
- Rumaisa, 8LOW
- Melaine, 10MSH



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Gardening Club: planting up the new raised bed - Mr Millard

Gifted by the London Children's Flower society, this is one of two raised beds that Southfield Academy's Gardening club are planting up with herbs and flowers to enhance the school's biodiversity and culinary education.

The second raised bed will be planted up with more herbs, flowers and strawberry plants: stay tuned for updates!



Mason Edwards, Bernardo Sampaio Cerda Florencio and Samuel Preece (left to right)



A big thank you to the students that helped to plant, water and tend the raised beds



Before and after:

The bed has been planted with purple sage, basil, golden oregano, white and purple flowering chives, and thyme



The completed planter, with all the herbs carefully planted and watered in.

Gardening Club Change

The gardening club has now been moved from Thursday to Tuesday afternoon at 3pm.