



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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

### Year 7 News – Mr Munro

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you all, marking the beginning of a new academic year. For some of you, this newsletter may be a first-time read, and I'm delighted to introduce you to one of our key communication channels.

Throughout the journey of your child's education at Southfields Academy, this platform will serve as a window into the incredible experiences and achievements of our Year 7 students. As our new Year 7 cohort settles into life at Southfields Academy and completes their first full week, there is a wealth of positive news to share.

On their first full day as Southfields Academy students, our Year 7s gathered for tutor group photographs. These moments will become cherished memories, treasured when they leave Year 11, five years from now. In just their first week, our Year 7 students have met all their teachers and engaged with over 10 different subjects. They've impressively navigated our large site to attend classes, demonstrating remarkable kindness in helping one another find their way.

Within the classroom, our teachers have been astounded by the pupils' performance, sending enthusiastic emails praising their efforts and requesting shout-outs in our assemblies, which I've been delighted to facilitate. The positives are evident in our tally, with the year group accumulating over 500 positive points during their first week of secondary school, with nearly 300 earned within the first three days. We hope to see this positivity continue throughout the academic year.

This term, our focus is on kindness, and it's heartening to witness how our pupils have wholeheartedly embraced this theme. Acts of kindness, both big and small, have left a mark on our school already. Year 7 students have particularly stood out, garnering praise from staff members for their heart-warming gestures. From holding doors open for entire tutor groups to wishing teachers a happy weekend and inviting newly formed peers for games during break time, our pupils have shown remarkable kindness. As Head of Year, I'm immensely proud to share these stories in our recent assembly, hoping to inspire others. I hope this culture of kindness continues not just for this term but throughout their Southfields Academy journey.

On Tuesday, September 12th, nearly 60 Year 7 students participated in the PE Festival of Sport, engaging in activities such as football, basketball, cheerleading, netball, and trampolining. Their behaviour and enthusiasm during these activities filled me, as Head of Year, with immense pride. The PE staff also had high praise for our pupils, encouraging them to join upcoming extra-curricular clubs starting next week.

Lastly, on Thursday, September 14th, we hosted our Year 7 Meet the Tutor event, which proved to be a tremendously positive evening. A very good turnout of parents attended to meet their child's tutor and seek answers to any questions about their child's early experiences at Southfields Academy. We eagerly anticipate the Year 7 Parents' Evening scheduled for February 8th, 2024, where we can reconnect with you all and hopefully share how well your child is performing in all of their subjects.





## Thought for the Week

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." ~ Mark Twain





### #BeBrave: Youth Mental Health Day

Next Tuesday is Youth Mental Health Day. Students will be learning about the day at school (click [here](#) to watch the [video](#) they will be viewing), but parents and carers can also get on board with the theme - "Be Brave."

What does being brave mean to you? How do you think bravery links to emotional and mental wellbeing? In an increasingly anxious world, being brave is important! Sometimes being brave simply means speaking up about our struggles, being honest with our feelings, apologising, or asking for help. Thank you for supporting this day by keeping this in mind and sharing your thoughts with your child.

## IG News – Mrs Hilary

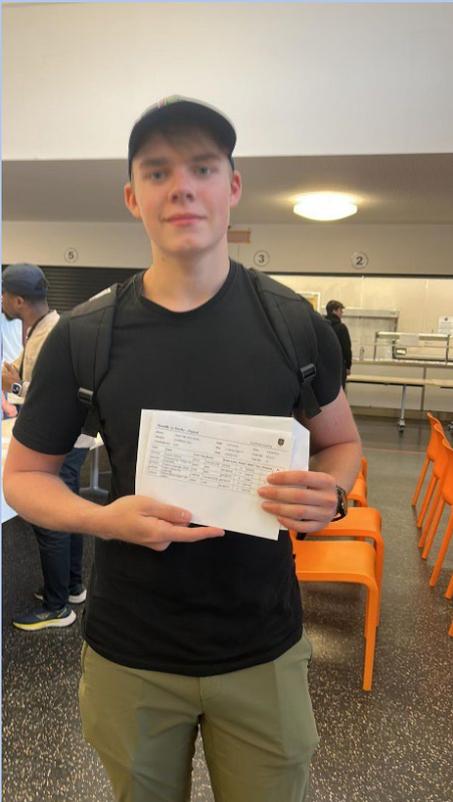
Many International Group students came into school on Thursday the 24th of August to collect their exam results and there were some fantastic outcomes. Headliners include:

68% of students in IG1-En1 achieved a grade 4 or above in English Language GCSE  
94% of students taking Higher GCSE maths achieved a grade 4 or above  
100% of students taking Higher GCSE science achieved a grade 4 or above  
94% of students taking History GCSE achieved a grade 4 or above.

There were also some excellent ESOL results for those students who are newer to English. Results include:

95% of students who took Level 1 ESOL achieved a certificate  
59% of students who took ESOL Entry Level 3 achieved a certificate  
36% of students who took ESOL Entry Level 2 achieved a certificate  
40% of students who took ESOL Entry Level 1 achieved a certificate

Many congratulations to all the International Group students on their achievements. For those moving out of the International Group this year we wish them all the very best for the future.



## Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Open Morning  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Open Evening  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Open Morning  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Y12 Meet the Tutor Evening

## EXTRA CURRICULAR / STUDY SUPPORT – Autumn Term 2023

Day	Subject	Support/activity	Venue	Teacher	Year information	
<b>Monday</b>	PE	Football – Year 8	Astro	Mr Mombrikotb	Year 8	
	PE	Football – Year 9	Astro	Mr Boyce	Year 9	
	PE	Muay Thai	Dance Studio	Mr Hillman	All Years	
	PE	Basketball Year - 7 & 8	Sports Hall	Mr Sia	Year 7 & 8	
	PE	Fitness Suite – Girls only	Fitness Suite	Miss Lenton	Girls only	
<b>4-5pm</b>	PE	Basketball – Years 9-11 & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Hall	Mr Cameron	Years 9-11 & 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	
<b>4-6pm</b>	PE	AFC Foundation – 6 <sup>th</sup> Form	Astro	AFC Coaches	Selected	
	English	Reading Titans (Break 1)	D284	Mr Sawbridge	Year 8	
	English	Reading Titans (Break 2)	D282	Ms Reynolds	Year 7	
<b>Tuesday</b>	PE	Netball – Years 7 & 8	Netball Court	Miss Lenton	Years 7 & 8	
	PE	Volleyball	Sports Hall	Mr Mombrikotb	All Years	
	PE	Football	Astro	Mr Philpott	Year 10	
	PE	Cheerleading	Dance Studio	Miss Lanning	Year 9 & 10	
	PE	KS 5 Booster	D080	Mr Sia	KS 5 students	
	PE	Boys Swimming	Pool	Mr Boyce	Boys only	
	PE	Strength and conditioning	Fitness suite	Ms Fox/Ms Naylor	Years 9-11 & 6th Form	
	ADT	Homework Club	B147	Mr Smith	All Years	
	English	Reading titans (Break 2)	D287	Ms Lowther	Years 9 (Break 2)	
	English	KS4 Book Club (Break 2)	D287	Ms O'Neill	Key Stage 4 (Break 2)	
	Maths	Chess Club	A222	Mr Spencer	All Years	
	PSHE	Drop in for a Chat / support	D389	Ms Molloy	All Years (Break 2)	
	Wellbeing	Board & card games Club	D180	Ms Nearn	Years 7 - 9 (Break 2)	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	PE	Pickleball Club	Sports Hall	Ns Nearn	All Years
PE		Girls Swimming	Pool	Mrs Nilsson	Girls all Years	
PE		Weights & Fitness	Fitness suite	Mr Boyce	Years 9 - 10	
PE		Cheerleading	Dance Studio	Miss Lanning	Years 7 & 8	
PE		Year 11 GCSE Booster	D080	Mr Sia	Year 11	
<b>3.45 – 4.45</b>		PE	Football	Astro	Mr Philpott	Year 11
ADT		Art Club	B036	Ms Wu	KS 3 students	
History		Warhammer	A123	Mr Hillman	Years 8 and above	
PSHE	Drop in for a Chat / support	D389	Ms Molloy	All Years (Break 2)		
	Science	Science Club	Labs	Ms El Maadi	Years 7 & 8 (Break 2)	
<b>Thursday</b>	PE	Trampolining	Activity studio	Miss Lanning	All Years	
	PE	Girls football	Astro	AFC Coaches	Years 7 – 10 Girls	
	PE	Netball	Netball Courts	Miss Lenton	Year 9 & 10	
	PE	Dodgeball	Dance Studio	Mr Sia	Years 7 - 9	
	PE	Fitness for performance	Astro	Mr Mombrikotb	All Years	
	<b>4.30-6pm</b>	PE	U15 & U16 player development	Astro	AFC Coaches	Sign up required
	Drama	Drama Club	B025	Ms Perera	All Years	
	English	Debate club (Break 2)	D289	Mr Carmo	Key Stage 3 Students	
	Pride	Pride Club	A131	Ms Hoy	All Years (Break 2)	
	PSHE	Drop in for a chat / support	D389	Ms Molloy	All Years (Break 2)	
	Wellbeing	Board & card games club	D180	Ms Nearn	Years 7 - 9 (Break 2)	
<b>Friday</b>	PE	Football	Astro	Mr Munro	Year 7	
<b>4-5pm</b>	PE	Basketball Squad only	Sports Hall	Cameron	Squad only	
<b>4.15-6pm</b>	PE	AFC Wimbledon Foundation	Astro	AFC Coaches	Selected students	
	English	Film Club	C278	Mr Garratt	Key Stage 3 (Break 1)	



The Library is Open Mon-Fri. 7.30 – 3.30pm.

International Group Homework club – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday P6.

HIU Homework support – HIU department – every day, break 1.

Sociology – Individual drop in and break time revision sessions when required – Years 12 & 13.

No students should be on site unsupervised.

**WEDNESDAY 16**  
**August '23 10am -12**

**CLAIRE'S GROUP IS**  
CALLING ALL RESIDENTS OF  
WANDSWORTH AND RICHMOND  
WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED  
**DOMESTIC ABUSE.**

*IT'S A SAFE SPACE TO TALK  
ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES  
AND HELP OTHERS THROUGH THE  
SURVIVAL PROCESS*

upcoming dates  
(2023):

20th September  
18th October  
15th November  
20th December

Ham Children's Centre  
Ashburnham Road  
Ham

TW10 7BG

\*free childcare\*

please call to book: 0208 7343400



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