



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 23rd October 2023



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

Year 12 News – Ms Hess

The Year 12 students commenced the year with a bustling start, getting used to their academic Sixth Form life. Our students have been praised for their adjustment and teachers have been impressed with their outstanding behaviour throughout the school and effort in their lessons.

This academic year, our aim is to develop our students as leaders and active contributors to our Academy community. They have already lent their support to various events such as the Open Evening and Careers Fair, and post-half term, they will commence break duties. Additionally, we look forward to the appointment of our Year 12 Head Students.

Meet the tutor

On Thursday 19th October, we were able to have a face-to-face Meet the tutor event. After three years of virtual meetings, parents had the opportunity for face-to-face conversations with form tutors and the Year 12 Team.

Ms Harb, Ms Hess, tutors and 6th form students greeted them. They felt very welcomed and enjoyed the atmosphere in the 6th Form area and parents enjoyed seeing the facilities where students spend their time.

They also enjoyed seeing the classrooms and sitting at the student's desks and meeting the form tutors. One parent who was shown round by Ms Harb was in awe of our grounds and how big the school is.

We look forward to seeing all of the successes that this term will bring for our students.

Movement Therapy – Free2B – Ms Nearn

Free2B is a local charity providing support for students who identify as LGBTQ+ or are questioning their identity.

Besides bi-monthly visits from one of their support workers, they are offering students the chance to work with Dance Movement Psychotherapist Trainee Sofia Burnay.



From November to May, Sofia will offer 1:1 Movement Therapy for young people who may need support with their wellbeing.

Movement Therapy encourages self-expression through various forms of movement and reflection, both verbal and non-verbal. Engaging in Movement Therapy can provide valuable support for personal, social, and emotional growth and development.

Sophia will offer a safe and non-judgemental space where students can freely communicate, express, and reflect on their thoughts and emotions, using creative means. No previous movement experience is needed; everyone is welcome!

For more information or a referral, please get in touch with Ms Nearn (tricia.nearn@southfieldsacademy.com)

Community Languages Program – Ms Terrington

The MFL Department is pleased to run our Community Languages program again this year. Any student in Y11, 12, 13 (including the International Group) who speaks a language from the list below can take a GCSE or A level in that language as an extra qualification. Students must be able to speak and write the chosen language. If your child would like to take advantage of this opportunity, they need to collect a form from the MFL Department Office, or see Mrs Terrington in the MFL Department.

Available languages are: Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Urdu.



Thought for the Week

“Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They’re underused.”

— Tommy Lee Jones



Enrichment Fayre

On Friday 13th October, our Year 7 students arrived upon the extravaganza that was the 2023 Enrichment Fayre! The young intrepid explorers scoured the array of interactive and exciting stalls that promoted extra-curricular clubs, highlighted transferable skills and uncovered the many career opportunities and pathways that the students could embark upon.

Whilst searching for information for each stall, in order to complete the knowledge hunt competition, many a passion was alighted. The winner of the competition will be announced in assembly!



Key Stage 4 & 5 Career Fair

On Wednesday 18th October 2023, Southfields Academy hosted universities and training organisations as we held our annual Careers Fair. With more than 900 students from Years 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and International Group visiting the information stalls on the day, the Academy was abuzz with excitement!

Students were able to access information and advice about their potential future pathways from representatives of universities, local and national employers and training providers. Delegates in attendance included: City, Canterbury, Kingston, Lincoln, St Mary's, St George's, Southampton and Portsmouth universities. Wandsworth Workmatch, Fourth Monkey, Job Centre Plus, British Academy of Jewellery, NHS, Air Force, Army, SE Labs, MoJ Social Mobility - Civil Service Careers, Microsoft, BT, Mace, DEFRA and the Police to name but a few.

Our Careers Fair improves year on year, thanks in no small part to our students, who display exemplary behaviour when welcoming visitors. The Academy would like to thank all the organisations and professionals who gave up their time to chat and inspire our students.

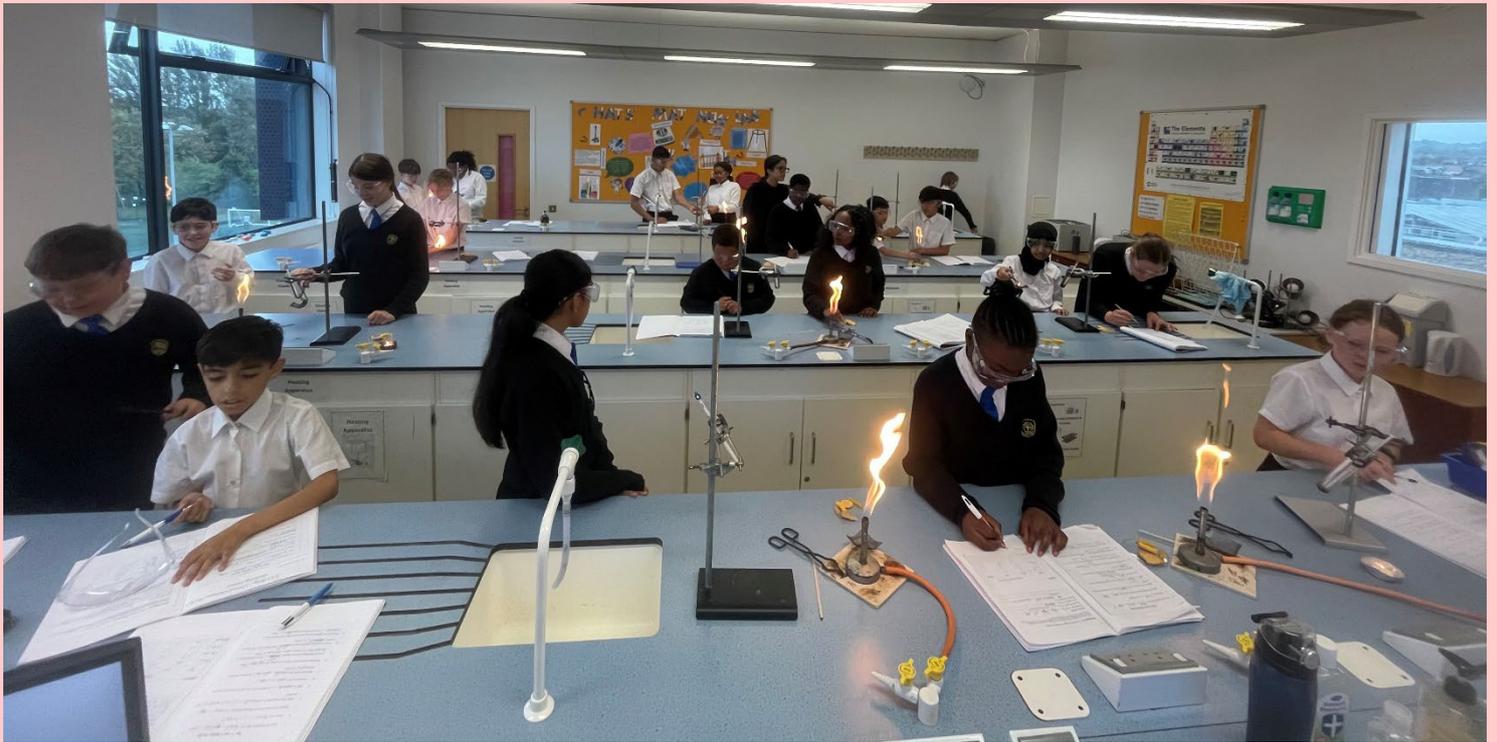




Year 7 Science – Ms Toffolo

Y7 students have been learning how to safely light and use a Bunsen burner. Students then used their new practical skill to investigate how much chemical energy is stored in a variety of well-known foods.

Which food do you think has the highest chemical energy store?
Pasta? Crisps? Bread? Cracker? Biscuit?



Year 7 Boys' Football – Mr Munro

On Friday 13th October, Southfields played host to Ashcroft in a Year 7 boys' football match. Southfields and Ashcroft both fielded three teams.

In the first game, Ashcroft bested Southfields 7-4. In the second game, Ashcroft won a very close contest 1-0. In the third, and final, game Southfields grabbed a draw with the score being 1-1. The highlight of this fixture was that there were 36 Y7s wanting to represent the academy, and doing so successfully.

Having this many pupils wanting to represent the academy, showing amazing commitment, can only mean the results will improve soon.

Year 7 Girls' Football News – Mr Munro

On Thursday 12th October, Southfields Academy hosted Graveney, in what was, the girls' first match as a team. Southfields having 16 girls in a squad, for a 9 a side game was a real sign of how popular football is within this year group.

The game started with Southfields on the front foot, and it stayed that way for the majority of the game. Ellie-Mai, Sienna and Kourtney putting in a dominant midfield performance from the off. The first goal came from the midfield, when Ellie-Mai skipped around 3 defenders to slot home. The first half finished 1-0.

Graveney started the second half well, and pulled one back to make it 1-1. This spurred Southfields on even more.

Tegan, who had been in goal during the first half, danced around the entire Graveney team and fired home a strong left footed effort. 2-1 Southfields. The game was rounded off in style when Sienna sprinted through the heart of the Graveney defence and stuck a powerful shot past the Graveney keeper to make it 3-1.

Amy was voted Player of the Match due to her solid performance in the centre of the defence.



Southfields Girls Can – Ms Lenton

After October half term our Southfields Girls Can Initiative is going live. Our aim is to increase girls participation to PE clubs, reduce gender stereotypes, inspire others to be active and reward students who regularly attend clubs.

To increase girls participation at PE clubs we have introduced a new reward system. After half term, all girls will be given a SGC reward card, every time they attend a PE club they will get their card stamped. Once they have 15 stamps they can hand their card into the PE office to receive a prize. Any students who manage to complete 5 or more stamp cards this academic year will be invited to attend an exciting PE trip during the summer term. Please see the break time and after school PE clubs timetable below.

As well as the reward cards, we will be celebrating our 'Southfields Girls Can athlete of the month'. The PE department will pick one student who has stood out that month in terms of their attendance to clubs, effort in lesson & clubs and their overall attitude towards sport & physical activity. These students will be celebrated each month in assemblies, the school newsletter and the Southfields Academy social media.

We are currently recruiting Southfields Girls Can (SGC) Ambassadors to help promote the initiative, inspire other students to attend clubs, be the student voice in PE and to help plan sports events e.g. international women's day. To apply for the SGC ambassador role, students need to answer two questions on their PE google classroom. The deadline for this is Monday 30th October at 4pm. The SGC Ambassadors will then be announced the following week.

We look forward to reading the SGC ambassador applications and seeing more girls attending PE clubs after half term. We can't wait to celebrate their hard work.

Year 9 Sports Leaders – Mr Miller

Congratulations to our new group of Year 9 Sport leaders who assisted at the Primary Panathlon, on the 17th October. Panathlon is a Multi-Sport Competition for young pupils with special educational needs. The event held at Southfields Academy involved 120 youngsters from 16 primary & special schools in Wandsworth and was a fantastic success, supported by 17 sports leaders from the Academy.

The Sports Leaders were responsible for overseeing a number of adapted activities designed to engage a wide range of SEND students, including; Boccia, New Age Kurling, Tennis Slalom, Polybat, Precision Bean Bag, Flight Path, Skittles and mini basketball. The feedback from all the teachers was extremely positive, with many of them going out of their way to compliment the sports leaders for making it such a memorable event for the children participating. They were very surprised that it was the first time many of the sports leaders had lead an event.

Ms O'Kane from Paddock School said, "Once again it was a great Panathlon event. Many thanks for organising - our pupils had a really fab time and the sports leaders from Southfields were amazing"

Mark Bullock from Panathlon said, "It was a great day with lots of children and teachers with big smiles on their faces. The sports leaders from Southfields were excellent and a credit to the school!"

Congratulations to the following Year 9 Sports Leaders:

Israa Aqim - 09CSG

Litzy Mendez - 09CSG

Chloe Freakley-Creaser 09GRH

Amar Zulic - 9PLT

Rofis Aziz - 9PLT

Liam Oliveira - Reimair 9PLT

Tyler Lucas - 9BZI

Rakaiya Atikpakpa - 9BZI

Daisy Rolls - 9BZI

Iris Delallisi - 9WWD

Rosie Jones - 9WWD

Luis Antilli - 9NYR

Nyasha'e Walters -9NYR

Nicole Neumann - 9NYR

Erblin Kuka - 9CSG

Yusif Alfouadi - 9GRH

Sahara Williams-Price - 9LOW



Y7s meet the author of "Tyger"! – Safa Hussein 7WOD

Yr7 went to meet the author S F Said in Wimbledon Bookfest 2023. We took the 156 bus to Wimbledon and the school was massive (not bigger than our school) and there were at least over 100 people from other schools.

We were at the auditorium and we were sitting at the back and it was exciting. The author told us how he wanted to make a book but didn't know how to make a book. So he made many drafts to make Varjak Paw, which took him 3 years to write since many publishers declined him until one agreed to publish the book. His inspiration for Varjak Paw was when his own cat never went outside but then he did for the first time. He climbed the wall so SF Said decided to make a book about a martial arts cat.

At the end, we got a book called "Tyger" for free which is his newest book. It took 9 years to write.

I really enjoyed it and it was so much fun! The message from the author is to be resilient and never give your dreams up.



Show Racism the Red Card and Breast Cancer Awareness Day

On Friday, staff wore red and pink to show racism the red card for Wear Red Day and to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Day.



Odd Socks Day – Mr Samuels

Odd Socks Day is an annual event that celebrates diversity and promotes inclusion. It's a fun way to show that it's okay to be different, and that everyone is special in their own way.

To participate in Odd Socks Day, all you need to do is wear two different socks to school. Any kind of sock will do, as long as they don't match!

This year, Odd Socks Day is taking place as part of Anti-Bullying Week and will happen on **Monday 13th November**. Bullying is a serious problem, and it can have a devastating impact on children's lives. Odd Socks Day is a way to show that we stand together against bullying, and that we celebrate everyone's individuality.

We encourage all of our students to participate in Odd Socks Day. It's a great way to have fun, show your support for diversity and inclusion, and stand up against bullying.



**WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!**

WHAT IS ODD SOCKS DAY?

Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week! To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that you wear odd socks to work on Monday 13th November. Andy Day (CBeebies/CBBC) and his band Andy and the Odd Socks are supporting the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help bring Odd Socks Day to life again this year. Have a listen to the brilliant song they have recorded especially for Anti-Bullying Week, Make a Noise.

WHY IS ODD SOCKS DAY IMPORTANT?

The day sends an important message that we should all be allowed to be ourselves free from bullying and helps us celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.



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WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

It's so easy ☺ Here's what you do:

- 1. Make sure your child wears odd socks to school**
- 2. Donate £1 to help the Anti-Bullying Alliance carry on important work**
- 3. If you want to, you can share a photo online using #OddSocksDay #AntiBullyingWeek and tag @abaonline and @AndyOddSock on Twitter. Or @antibullyingalliance and @andyandtheoddssocks on Instagram.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Every penny goes to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to help continue all their work. We can't wait to see all the Odd Socks on Monday 13th November ...

If you have any questions please ask:



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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 23rd October 2023 – Half Term Break
Monday 30th October 2023 – Academy Resumes
Wednesday 1st November 2023 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 9th November 2023 – Prize Evening
Tuesday 14th November 2023 – IEAP Day
Tuesday 14th November 2023 – Chess Tournament