



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 27th November 2023



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

Year 8 News – Ms Frost

Last week the school hosted the first IEAP day of this academic year. In addition to reviewing targets for reading and organisation, Year 8 students were invited to design their own behaviour contracts. Once again, they did not disappoint! Respect and behaviour have been topics for discussion across tutor groups over the past few weeks in order to prepare students for the task.

The students were asked which behaviours they found problematic, what they would do as teachers to combat these behaviours and what they thought the reward for meeting the terms and conditions of their own contracts should be. The results were fascinating, insightful and often colourful.

The students had obviously thought, in depth, about the challenges to both staff and students from a full range of behaviours, from failing to complete homework to leaving litter in the canteen and lesson disruption.

Some examples of the work are shown here.





Thought for the Week

"We speak not only to tell other people what we think, but to tell ourselves what we think.
Speech is a part of thought." — Oliver Sacks, Seeing Voices



Behaviour Contract

Lesson Disruption

I chose lesson disruption as a problematic behaviour I need to stop as it can have big effects on me and others in the future. It can distract people from working and affect their learning.

It can also affect not only me but everyone around me in the future.

Sanctions

There are many possible sanctions we could give for lesson disruption.

It could be a negative, or detention which are the most common consequences for disrupting people's learning. But I think the most effective consequence would be taking away people's break.

In conclusion, I think the consequence should be taking away someone's break.

How long will it run?

I think the contract should run until Christmas time.

This is because it would only be around a month or 2 as it will be enough time to adapt to the rules and get into the groove of it before next year.

How do you measure and monitor behaviour?

I think to measure how well we have done in classes is that everyone can set a goal they want to complete before a half term or term behaviour wise. To monitor it at the end of the day tutors can read out positives and negatives and what they are for. This is how we can update our goal targets.

How would we celebrate success?

To celebrate our success, if we reach our goals by the end of term we could watch a movie, play games or even be entered into a raffle at the end of term to win something like a gift card.

Thanks for listening.

Following the successful trip to Chelsea FC in which a small group of students were selected to take part in a workshop celebrating International Day of the Girl, we have further exciting news.

The Girls Equity Movement were so impressed by the outstanding behaviour shown by our girls that we intend to keep the connection with GEM and Southfields Academy in the form of a pen pal project.

We have now received letters from GEMs in America who are eager to share their experiences and eager to make new friends across the ocean. We firmly believe that this exchange will be a mutually enriching experience. The younger girls can learn valuable lessons from their older counterparts, and vice versa, as they exchange perspectives and insights that transcend geographical boundaries.

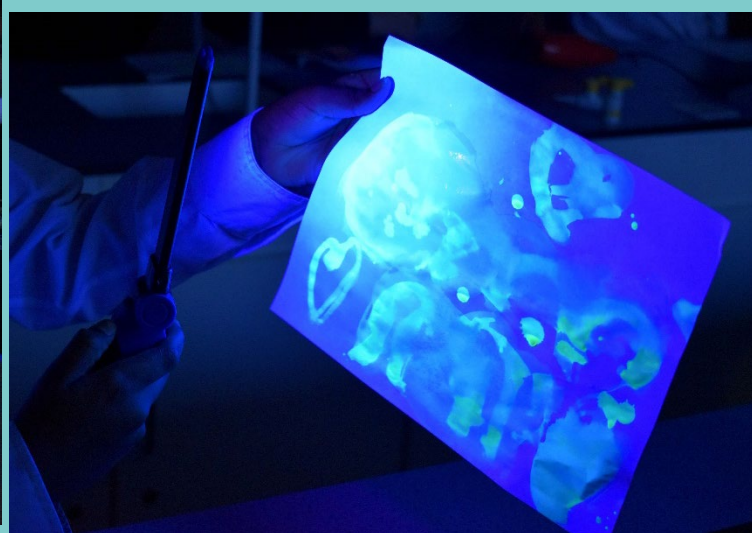
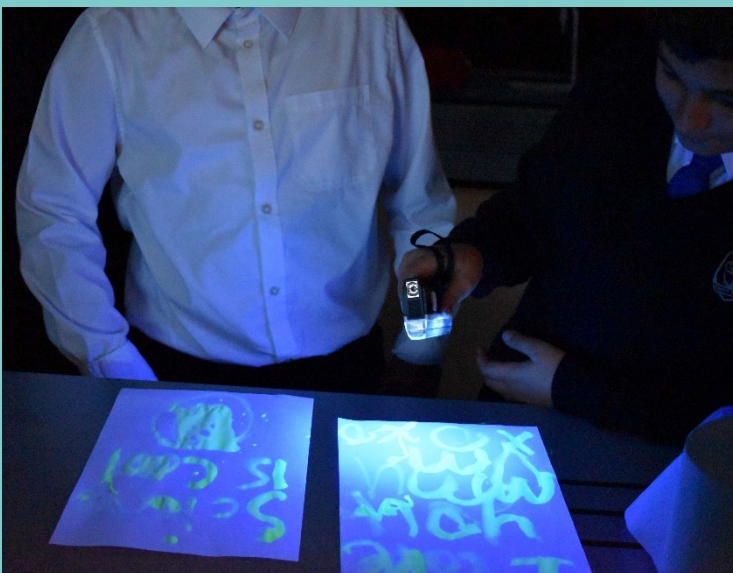
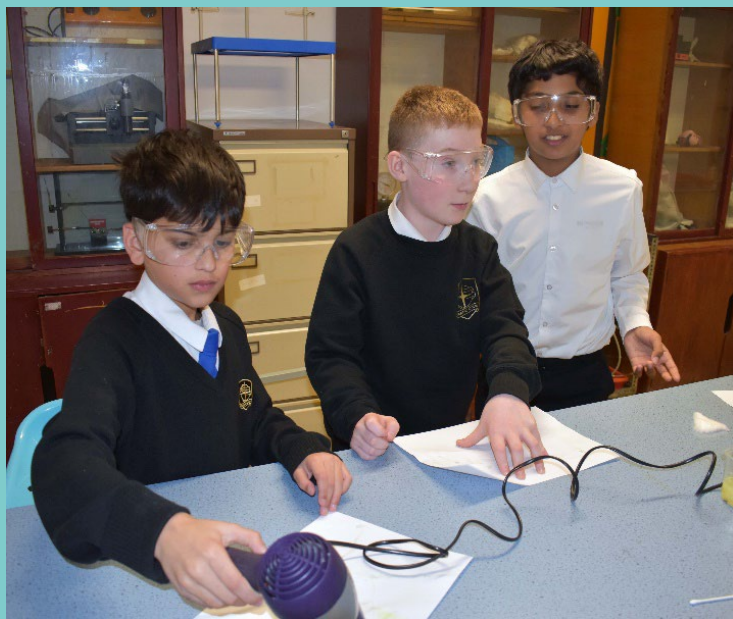


Science Club – Ms El Maadi

Last week's theme continued in science club. Students were learning how to send secret messages.

This week we used highlighter cartridges and lemon juice mixed with water to write secret messages. We then blotted water and bicarbonate of soda over the message and used a UV light to view the image.

This can be easily done at home to send messages.



Girls' Football – Ms Lenton

Congratulations to the following girls who played their first game of the season in the AFC 5 a side league. It was an amazing win against Saint Cecilia's; the girls were on fire and managed to finish the game 19-5 to Southfields.

Well done to the following students:

Ayat - Y11
Kayda - Y11
Neveah - Y12
Natalia - Y12
Shania - Y12
Summer - Y12
Caroline - Y13
Danni - Y13
Karolina - IG

We look forward to our next game in two weeks time against Graveney.



Book Recommendations – Ms Sulliman

Every week, an adult in our community recommends a book to the students via assemblies. These recorded recommendations are played to students in Y7-13 as studies show that recommendations from those known to us are more likely to get us reading! Each week, the recommended read will also be shared in the Parents' Newsletter and on Instagram, with a QR code that you can scan for more information about the book.

This week, Ms Setaki is recommending 'Natives' by Akala. Ms Setaki recommended this read as she was interested in learning more about the experiences of others through non-fiction. She found Akala's retelling and reflections of how he views his identity based on personal experiences with the police, education and politics in the UK interesting.

As with all recommendations, Ms Setaki has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss 'Natives', if they choose to read it!



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 27th November 2023 – INSET Day
Thursday 30th November 2023 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Christmas Lights Events
Thursday 14th December 2023 – Year 12 L2 Parents' Evening
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Southfields Christmas lights – Mr Pinder

The Southfields Christmas lights event will take place Wednesday 6th December 2023; the Mayor of Wandsworth will start the celebrations at 4.30PM and the “Southfields Music Collective” will follow on, adding our special musical splendour to the evening.

Parents and guardians are invited to offer their support and join in the festive atmosphere. The Southfields Music collective students will be performing a mixture of Christmas songs and classic popular songs during the course of the event.

We will be located in Replingham Road opposite the Boots Chemist. The Southfields Music collective will perform between 5.05PM-6.30PM.



The Southfields Business Forum invites you to

SOUTHFIELDS Christmas Lights

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Featuring
'The Southfields Academy Musical Collective'.

OPENED BY THE MAYOR OF WANDSWORTH AT 4.30PM
LIGHTS SWITCHED ON BY DEBORAH JEVANS CBE AT 5PM

Main stage at top of Replingham Road

Sponsored by



Carols | Mince Pies | Mulled Wine
Live Music | Christmas Market Stalls

In partnership with



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This year the Wimbledon Foundation has donated **£1.5 million** to more than **154 projects** in Merton and Wandsworth supporting those in need in our local community.



The AELTC donated **one pound** for each spectator at The Championships 2023 to the British Red Cross' humanitarian work raising **£532,651**, and **1,000 refugees** were invited to enjoy a day of tennis.



43 people from Merton and Wandsworth were employed at The Championships via the Wimbledon Foundation's local charity partners.



Plants, clothing, towels and tennis balls have been donated to local charities including Age UK Wandsworth, Little Village and St George's Hospital.



The **Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative** works with local state primary schools introducing children to tennis and the benefits sport brings.

On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 February the AELTC Community Open Weekend returns, with our Grounds open for our local community to come and enjoy free tours, visit our Museum and Library, get involved with arts and crafts activities and other Wimbledon themed activities. More information will be sent out via myWimbledon in early January 2024

To find out more visit wimbledon.com/foundation or follow @WimbledonFdn on X and Instagram.

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South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service

Upcoming Events For Parents &
Carers
Autumn Term 2023
Supporting your teenager's mental health
webinars

Education
Wellbeing
Service

Understanding and Supporting Teen Sleep
& Self-Care
For all secondary & college parents/ carers

**4TH
OR 7TH
DEC**

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To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

