



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th December 2023



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

Year 11 News – Mr Lamboi

It goes without saying that here at Southfields Academy we all strive to be the best that we can be and remain relentless in the pursuit of excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. This term Year 11s have settled swiftly into the most important stage of their academic journey so far. I have seen, in the vast majority of them, an unyielding commitment to want to do well in their studies. For example, the regular crowds that converge in the dining hall from as early as 7.30AM onwards to revise and support one another (see images). I am filled with an immense sense of pride when members of staff comment on their work ethic and conduct around the school- and there have been plenty of staff doing so.

However, this is only the genesis of what will be an exciting and demanding academic year. The next challenge is to go beyond what they have hitherto achieved and raise the bar and expectations even higher, in terms of their academic performance, behaviour, mental and moral wellbeing.

This will include every student (with the support of his or her parents/guardians):

1. Being 100% compliant 100% of the time
2. Being punctual to school and lessons
3. Being resilient
4. Having 100% attendance
5. Working hard in lessons, and completing classwork and homework to an exceptional level

A special thank you to Ms Cannam, Ms Gavin and Mr Cameron for their tireless efforts over the mock exam period in ensuring that our Y11 students are in school, arriving on time and are prepared for their exams. Finally, please have a warm and restful festive season this year, stay safe and healthy. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Microscopes – Ms Toffolo

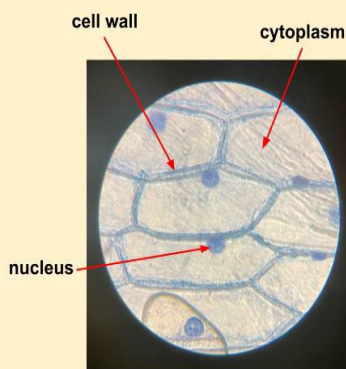
I would like to congratulate my Year 7 class who have been learning how to use microscopes in their Science lessons.

They have used the microscopes to look at salt/sugar crystals.

Then they looked at animals and plant cells and produced some excellent scientific drawings.

Finally, they prepared their own microscope slides from an onion using a stain.

A special shout out to Isla who made the best onion slide I have ever seen!



Microscope slide prepared by Isla

Onion cell (plant cell)

What is the function of the nucleus?
Controls everything going on inside the cell and contains the genetic information (DNA)

What is the function of the cytoplasm?
It is where all the cell's reactions take place

What is the function of the cell wall?
Protects the cell and gives it strength



Thought for the Week

"Constantly talking isn't necessarily communicating." — Charlie Kaufman



Year 7 Football – Mr Munro

On Friday 1st December, Southfields hosted St John Bosco for a Year 7 A and B team fixture. The A Team were victorious, with them winning comfortably 7-1. Goals coming from Marley (2), Tyler S (2), Ra'Am, Tegan and Ricardo. Huge congratulations to Tegan who was awarded the Player of the match award.

Simultaneously, the B Team played in a much more closely contested match, with them winning 3-2. Goals coming from Sharjeel, Mouloud and Imran.

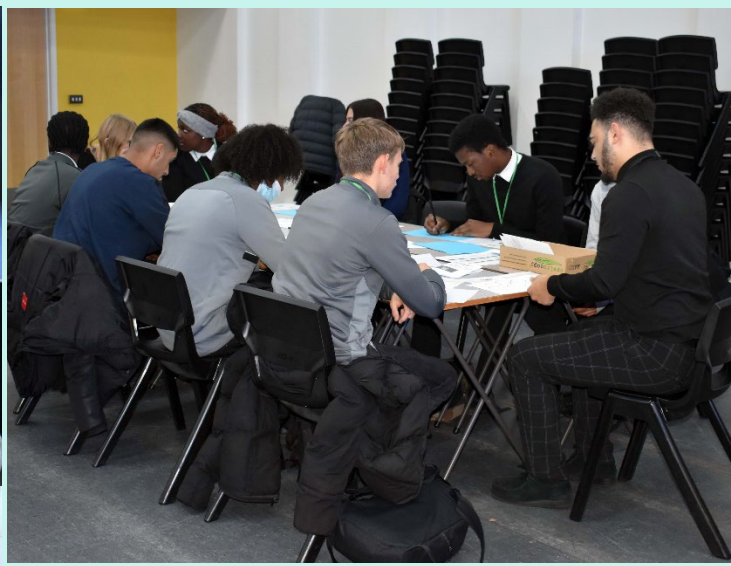
Many congratulations to all pupils involved. They gave 100% throughout the games, supported each other throughout and represented the academy excellently.



Revision Session – Ms Hodgson

On Tuesday 5th of December, the Year 12 Level 2 students attended a revision techniques session where they practiced using different revision techniques including mind maps, flash cards, revision clocks and self-testing!

All students engaged well and left the session with a new technique to use in preparation for their January exams. Well done Year 12!





Christmas Lights in Southfields



On Wednesday night, Southfields celebrated turning on their Christmas lights by closing Replingham Road so local shops could join in the celebrations and show the community what they have to offer. Deborah Jevans CBE, Mayor of Wandsworth, switched on the lights.

To add to the festivities local primary school choirs and Southfields Academy Musical Collective performed songs on the night. To change it up a bit The Musical Collective was playing on Replingham Road, outside Boots the Chemist; a large crowd gathered in spite of the cold weather and the atmosphere was brilliant, largely due to the ecstatic reception from the number of students and staff who came to watch.

The Academy did a sterling job - our students sang for over an hour – in a specially designed musical trailer! Around 37 students from all year groups sang about 20 songs, played instruments and gathered a very appreciative audience. Although not singing traditional Christmas songs, the Collective thrilled with a smorgasbord of popular classics such as “Rolling in the deep” and “Don’t look back in anger”!

Many thanks to our wonderful music department for all their hard work to support, play instruments and make this a brilliant event that our students and their audience thoroughly enjoyed.





Southfields Girls Can – Ms Lenton

Our first Southfields Girls Can winners! These girls have worked really hard this half term and have been attending clubs most days. They managed to complete their SGC stamp card very quickly and were rewarded with a prize from the lucky dip box. They are already close to finishing their second stamp card.

Keep up the hard work girls!

Remember once you have 15 stamps bring your SGC card to the PE office to win a prize.



Muay Thai Club - Mr Hillman and Mr Robertson

The Southfields Academy Muay Thai club is going from strength to strength, over 20 students taking part this Monday, great fun and building friendships, while getting into shape and learning a new skill. Students from Year 7 to Year 13 take part. Come along and find out what all the fuss is about!

The class runs every Monday and Thursday from 3.05 to 4.00.



Academy Christmas Tree

Southfields Academy has kindly been donated a Christmas tree by Pines and Needles which has been decorated with the creative input of our Art Design Technology Department. Our students, staff and governors thank Pines and Needles for this generous gift.

Pines and Needles would love to offer parents a discount on Christmas trees in their pop up stores! Our local pop up store is located in **Wimbledon** at: **Wimbledon Park Car Park**.

DISCOUNT CODE: SOUTHFIELDS10

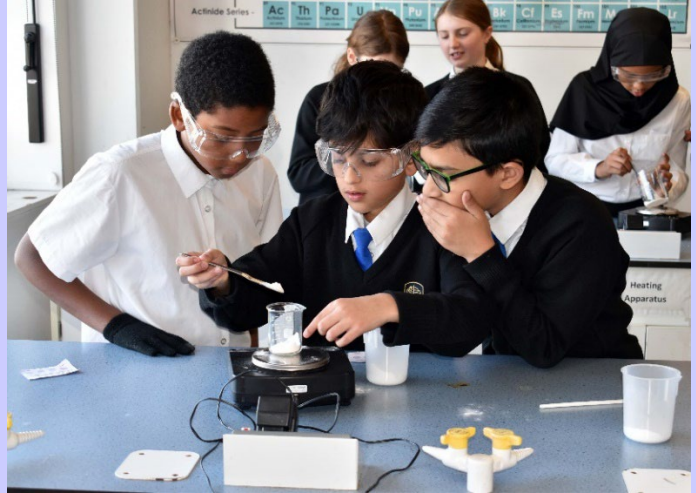
Keep an eye out on Pines and Needles social channels @pinesandneedles for fun activities at our local stores.



Science Club – Ms El Maadi

This week, we had a blast learning about chemistry and making our own bath bombs. It was a hands-on and fun way to explore the wonders of science. To make our bath bombs, we started by mixing a few simple ingredients: baking soda, citric acid, cornstarch, and water. We added a little bit of food colouring to create our favourite colours. Finally, we dropped our bath bombs into a tub of water and watched them fizz and bubble. The kids were amazed by the reaction, and they couldn't wait to try them out themselves.

Making bath bombs was a great way to learn about the chemistry of carbon dioxide. When baking soda and citric acid mix, they react to form carbon dioxide gas. This gas is what makes the bath bombs fizz and bubble. We also learned about the importance of safety in the lab and we washed our hands after handling the ingredients.



Klaudia Fior – Ms Shah

On Tuesday 5th December, our very popular social media star and former student Klaudia Fior delivered a motivational talk about working in the Media. She always had a passion for 'media' and made it her business to make it her business. It was not down to luck and she wanted her audience of year 13 students to understand that everything has to be worked for, no matter the starting point.

Klaudia's messages about consistency, discipline, being flexible, networking and above all HARD WORK were some fantastic takeaways that SFA hope that students will be inspired by and remember as they strive to meet their career objectives. We must always have a can do attitude to achieve success.

We hope to see her here again inspiring others.

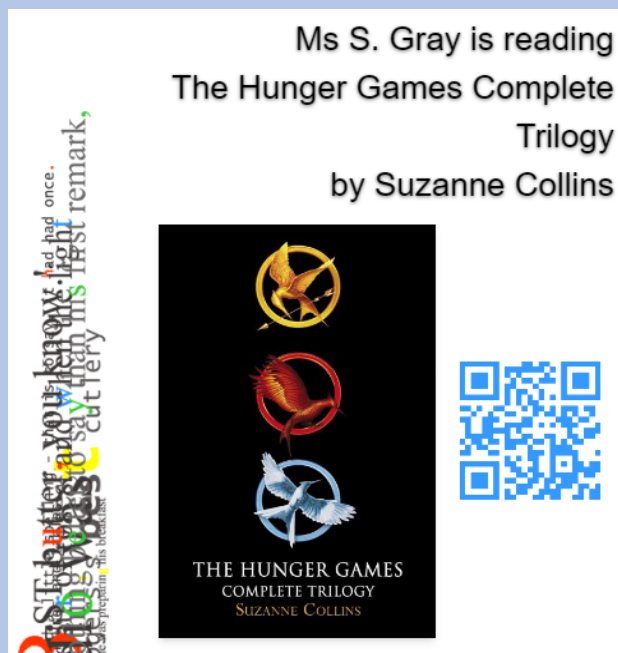


Book Recommendations - Ms Sulliman

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 S. Gray** is recommending '**The Hunger Games Trilogy**' by Suzanne Collins. Ms Gray recommended this read as she enjoys reading about alternative futures and dystopian fiction. She found this particular series enjoyable as she liked the character development of Katniss and the juxtaposition of the acts of man and the impact on the natural world. She is looking forward to going to see the upcoming prequel in cinemas when it is out!

As with all recommendations, Ms Gray has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss 'The Hunger Games Trilogy', if they choose to read it!



The Language Ambassadors present

The MFL Christmas card competition

→ Deadline: **11th December**

→ It can be a Merry Christmas or a Happy Holidays card.

→ It must have **festive** decorations.

→ The message must be written in a **foreign language**.

→ It can be addressed to a member of staff,
a fellow student or no one in particular.

→ It must include **your name** and **tutor group**.

→ There will be a **post box** in the MFL office for you to hand
your cards in.

Ask the **Language Ambassadors** or your **MFL** teacher for more details

THE
SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY

Winter Showcase

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION
OF CREATIVITY

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
4:30-6:30PM
ASSEMBLY HALL

ENTRANCE IS FREE
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE VENUE



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 14th December 2023 – Year 12 L2 Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th December 2023 – Academy Winter Showcase
Friday 15th December 2023 – UCAS deadline
Tuesday 19th December 2023 – KS5 & KS4 Attainment Assemblies
Wednesday 20th December 2023 – KS3 Attainment Assembly
Thursday 21st December 2023 – No Students on Site
Thursday 21st December 2023 – Academy Breaks for Christmas Holiday

