



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

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



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

### Winter Showcase – Ms Jaffer

Thursday evening saw the academy enjoy a celebration of the creative achievements of past and present students.

On display was a selection of Art, Graphics and 3D design work for the first time since the pandemic. It was a joy to be able to display the work of current and former students and to have those students come back and celebrate with us was a real treat! So many of our former Art & Design students have gone onto study creative subjects at university and we are really proud of them all. Our current Art & Design students got a taste of what exhibiting their work feels like and were very pleased to share this with friends and family.

Our Drama students did a short presentation from their recent full production of 'To Kill a Mockingbird', which was a delight to see again, and our students put on another strong performance.

Thirty students, along with Mr Hillman on his banjo and Mr Pinder on the trumpet, represented the music department, ably assisted and directed by the Academy's own talented Mr Gumble. The completely Christmas themed performances included favourites such as Jingle Bell Rock, Winter Wonderland, and Frosty the Snowman. Finally finishing with a group rendition of Feliz Navidad. Many thanks to the students and music department for really cheering up the afternoon and getting us all in a festive mood.

The whole event was a real community affair with members of staff from all across the academy contributing in so many ways, from baking some treats to sell on the evening, performing with students on stage or setting up for the event.

Our drama students professionally hosted the evening and it was a wonderful way to celebrate the creativity and passion of our students as well as a great way to wrap up the year!

Well done to all those students who performed or exhibited their work!

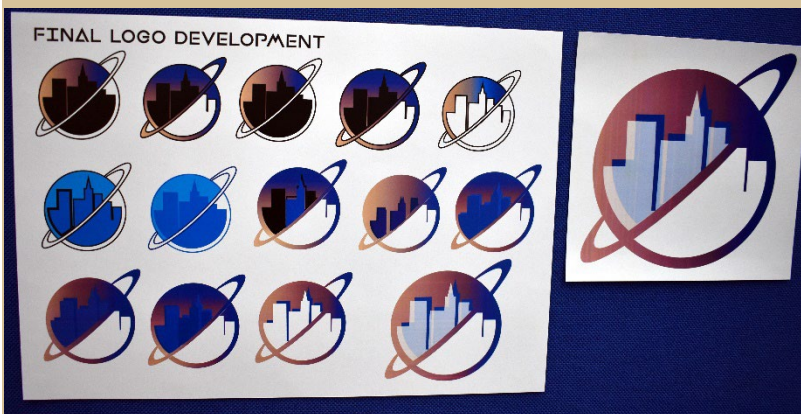
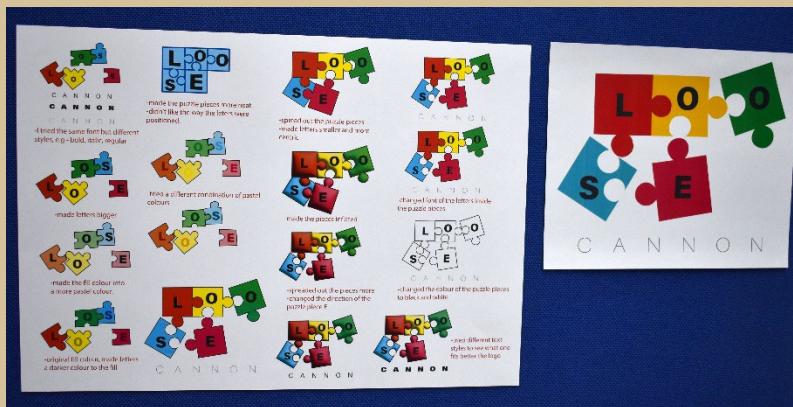
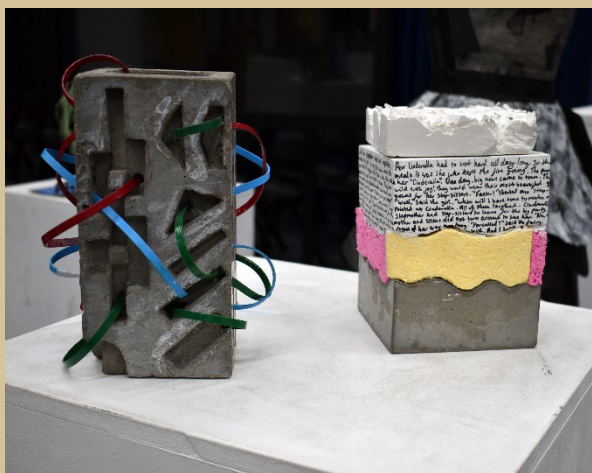






## Thought for the Week

"Speak to me: I will spend my lifetime trying to understand you." — Kamand Kojouri











# Art & Design

FEATURING WORK FROM

Hameem Iqbal  
Julian Rivera Moreira  
Jonhathan Salazar  
Karina Karminska  
Mariam Nasser  
Muhammad Hassan  
Nadia Sasac  
Ana Laura Seabra  
Ina Luckute  
Keeley Quinell  
Kelan Miller  
Sophia Luximan  
Victoria Szanlowska  
Nehir Sobtain  
Amber Newman  
Shaun McKetchnie  
Thresha Gnanewaran  
Masmoha Virk  
Yehison Lake  
Danni Weston  
Ajla Vukolic  
Alex Price  
Rafeal De Los Santos  
Diego Gomez Riverio  
Matthew Field

Melissa Saha  
Denis Chorny  
Jorge Garcia — Alcantara  
Jaren Haverson  
Ilham Mohamed  
Ravis Hondi Wonda  
Janiel Permejo  
Alice Gallego Chipantiza  
Reggi Godden  
Nosyba Aboelalla  
Yasmine Alaoui  
Lorena Loepz  
Melissa Regaldo Iglesias  
Mariyah Talmus  
Alexia Caliwara Tario  
Uswa Noor  
Alex Kerr  
Mia Deane  
Kayden Hutchinson  
Natalia Karpinska  
Kyra Wright  
Maksims Beljevas  
Wiktor Pietrzela  
Shmir Mirza  
Oskar Berkov

Ibrahim Boukezzoula  
Pedro Cometti  
Maria Gamiz Ramirez  
Nathanial Bryant  
Asim Javed  
Nuraya Alaoui  
Samuel Tobierre  
Abdurrahim Ali  
Mariam Mohammad  
Lina Issa  
Eva Agbottah  
Renan Villa Real  
Shaun Chapman

# Drama

SCRATCH PERFORMANCES BY

Rhayne Williams  
Leona Cole  
Suada Lala  
Eloise Sanderson—Fisher  
David Mefful  
James Cunningham

Natalia Sroka  
Aaliyah Allotey—Darbin  
Melissa Regaldo Iglesias  
Mustafa Alfoudi  
Sadeed Khan

# Music

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

### TO TOWN

Vocals: Codi Weston  
Aaron Walker, Scarlett Spencer,  
Mr Gumble & Mr Plinder

## HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

Vocals: Angelina Gill  
Mr Gumble

## JINGLE BELL ROCK

Vocals: Melody Stanley  
Aaron Walker, Scarlett Spencer  
& Mr Gumble

## WINTER WONDERLAND

Vocals: Brogan Lawer  
Alisha Bakar, Scarlett Spencer  
& Mr Gumble

## LAST CHRISTMAS

Vocals: Donya Ammar  
Scarlett Spencer, Oliver Varns,  
Jenna Goldie,  
Sidra Tul Muntha Shalkh  
& Mr Gumble

## IT'S BEGINING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Vocals: Eyal Kiefer Reyes  
Mr Gumble

## SANTA TELL ME

Vocals: Lilly—Mae Quinn  
Josiah Sacapeno, Scarlett Spencer,  
Daniel Onell & Mr Gumble

## MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY

Vocals: Abigail Bishton—Down  
Scarlett Spencer, Vin Al—Cholbec  
& Mr Gumble

## SANTA BABY

Vocals: Agnes Ebeuwah  
Scarlett Spencer, Aaron Walker  
& Mr Gumble

## HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

Vocals: Alfie Godden  
Louis Antill & Mr Gumble

## SNOWMAN

Vocals: Ishma Tahir, Emily Rose Smith  
& Ada Alptekin  
Josiah Sacapeno, Scarlett Spencer  
& Mr Gumble

## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU

Vocals: Aaliyah Nwanze  
Daniel Angus, Scarlett Spencer  
& Mr Gumble

## FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Vocals: Oliver Varns, Dirk Olivier  
Alisha Bakar, Jenna Goldie  
& Mr Gumble

## ROCKING AROUND

### THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Vocals: Ruxandra Barabas—Brancoveanu  
Daniel Angus & Mr Gumble

## FELIZ NAVIDAD

Vocals: Group ensemble  
Donya Ammar, Scarlett Spencer,  
Mr Gumble & Mr Hillman



## Year 12 News – Ms Hess

The Year 12 students have been quite busy with mock exams, assessments and a number of trips this term.

Our careers programme has given our students opportunities to explore different careers paths during our careers fair, Skills London, mock interviews during IEAP day and with work experience visits.

The Level 3 students are now organising their work experience placement for February and so far there is a variety of placements already confirmed such as, Dexters Estate Agency, AFC Wimbledon, Multiplex Construction, Boots, Brookes Architects, NHS (St Georges' Hospital) and many more.

The Travel & Tourism students also had the chance to visit Winter Wonderland last week where they were able to apply the skills learned in lessons about the entertainment sector and had a great time enjoying the park.

### Work experience visits

As part of their careers programme, the Level 2 students were fortunate to visit Dexters Estate Academy in Pimlico and Multiplex construction in Vauxhall.

Dexters is the biggest estate agency in London and are keen to employ young people. We had the chance to speak with an ex- student that is now a senior lettings consultant. He shared his journey and encouraged them to apply for an apprenticeship when they finish school. We also visited different departments and learned about their job roles within the company.



Multiplex construction offered us the opportunity to visit the Design and Build of the R&F Properties development. City Tower is a 58 storey building and River Tower is a 42 storey building that will also be occupied by a luxury hotel at the newly-developed Nine Elms district in Vauxhall. Wearing the 5 points PPE we explored the impressive buildings as construction is almost done after seven years. We learned about the ins and outs of constructing a building of that magnitude and how many people need to be involved. We visited a few flats, the hotel rooms and its facilities. Students had the opportunity to take pictures and enjoy amazing views of London. The construction is due to finish in February.

We are looking forward to visiting other companies in the new year like the Metro Bank.





## Board & Card Games – Ms Nearn

Did you know that Southfields Academy has nearly 50 different after school and break-time clubs?

These students are enjoying Ms Nearn's Board & Card Games Club. It meets at break two on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students love the chance to have a bit of friendly competition, and to chat, laugh, and learn new games. Current favourites include Uno, Dobble, Skipbo, Chess, Jenga, and Solitaire.



## IG Mock Exams and Beyond - Ms Camargo

For the last few weeks, IG students have been working hard on their revision in a range of subjects including GCSE English, Maths and History. Revision materials for students have been uploaded on Google classroom and many students were encouraged to actively revise for their exams during their school day as exam preparation has been embedded into lessons and students were supplied with a range of learning resources to support key language areas such as grammar, vocabulary and listening skills.

All cohorts within the IG group have had their exams this week and last week. For many of our students, particularly those who arrive with limited English or for those with no previous school experience, sitting in the exam hall has been their first real experience of sitting formal exams. The school believes this experience is vital as this prepares many IG students for their summer exams. The IG team has supported many learners bridge the gap and we have a few total beginners who are still practising how to work under exam conditions in the classroom. This group has completed their Mock Exams in the classroom as this forms their first stepping-stone in the vast world of exams. We hope this approach will prepare them well for sitting in the main exam hall as they complete their exams in the summer term.

Fast forward to next week and IG students along with their teachers look forward to the end of a long cold term. We will end the term with an achievement assembly and wish all our students a safe and peaceful end of year celebrations.

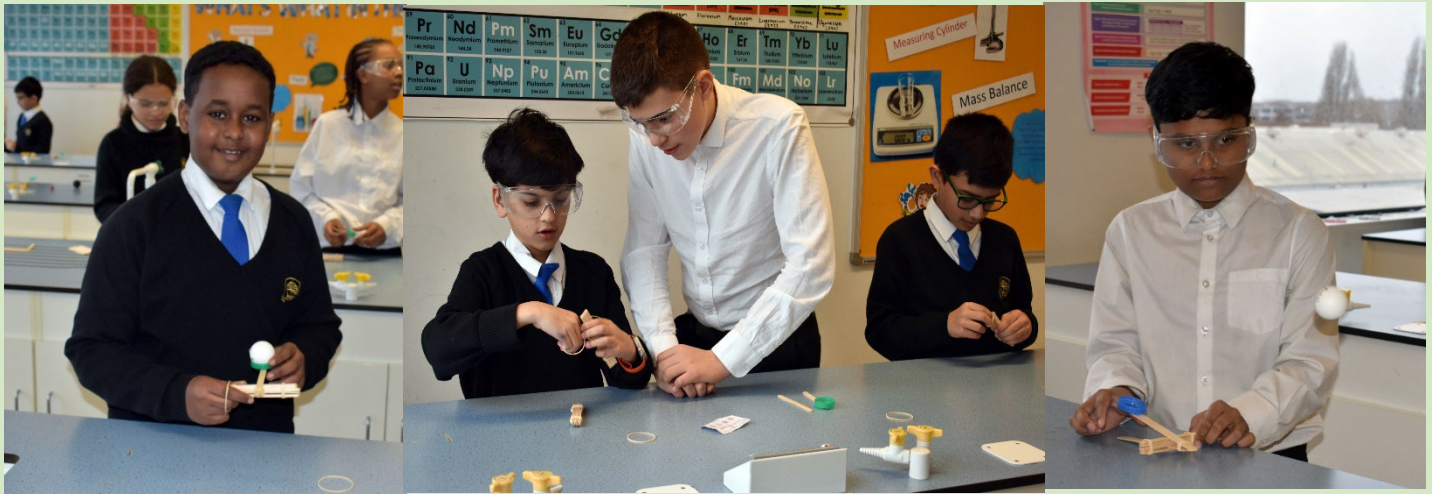


## Science Club – Ms El Maadi

In the final week of science club this term, the students made catapults out of lollipop sticks, elastic bands and some milk bottle tops. The students were able to take their finished product home.

Thank you to Ms Mc Allister who has been helping with science club as she has been at Southfields Academy training for her PGCE.

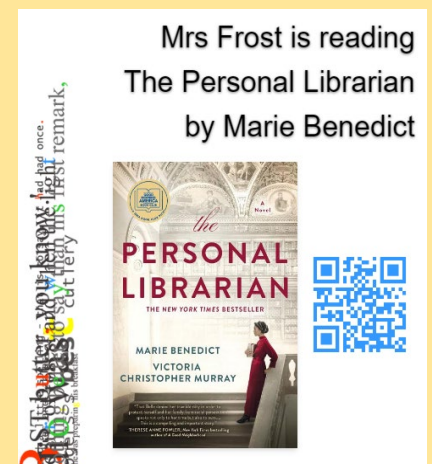
Next week there will be a prize draw for Year 7 and Year 8 students, for members that have attended and have a full card stamped.



## Book Recommendations - Ms Sulliman

This week, **Mrs Frost** is recommending **'The Personal Librarian'** by **Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray**. Mrs Frost recommended this piece of historical fiction as the focus of the novel, Belle da Costa Greene, had to live a double-life in order to pursue her ambitions. As a reader, Mrs Frost felt like she was the only one who knew the true Belle as sadly, Belle had to hide her heritage from her colleagues and friends. During Belle's lifetime (1879-1950) she would not have been welcome in high-society due to her ethnicity. As a result, she presents herself as Portuguese in order to work as a curator for JP Morgan. This presents inner-conflict and frustrations from her family and makes the novel a thought-provoking read.

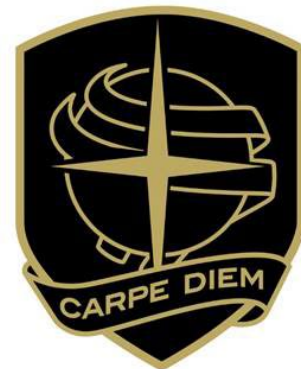
As with all recommendations, Mrs Frost has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss 'The Personal Librarian', if they choose to read it!







*from*  
**Southfields  
Academy**



The Academy Christmas card was designed by Atif Khan in 10ROZ

**Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS5 & KS4 Attainment Assemblies

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – KS3 Attainment Assembly

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – No Students on Site

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Academy Breaks for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Academy Resumes





# Knife Crime AWARENESS



## Wandsworth

### What is Knife Crime?

**Knife crime is** any crime that involves a knife or sharp instrument. Offences with a knife can include threatening people, a robbery or burglary, a murder or assault. Simply carrying a knife – even if you haven't used it – is also considered a crime.

#### Charities/Organisations

##### Responding together to Knife Crime.

<https://rtk.org.uk/>

##### Justice for Jermaine

<https://www.jfjfoundation.org/>

##### The Ben Kinsella Trust

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/>

##### No Knives, Better Lives

<https://www.noknivesbetterlives.com/young-people/>

#### Knife Crime Resources

##### No Knives, Better Lives

<https://www.noknivesbetterlives.com/young-people/>

##### Live Safe

<https://livesafe.org.uk/young-people/knife-crime/>

##### The Mix Why Carry a Weapon?

<https://www.themix.org.uk/crime-and-safety/knife-crime/why-carry-a-weapon-9303.html>

#### Support Services

**Grief Encounter** has an online chat service for children and young people, GriefTalk, Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, with trained counsellors, available via their website, as well as a phonenumber 0808 802 0111.

**At a Loss** has a phonenumber 01524 782910, or an online chat service, Grief Chat, available via their website available for young people and adults

**Childline** offers a safe and secure place for you to talk. They can help you with knife-related advice or any other worries you may have.

**The Mix** has advice on what to do if you feel you need to carry a knife.

For more information, visit <https://livesafe.org.uk/young-people/knife-crime/>



# Knife Crime AWARENESS



## Wandsworth

### What can I do?

#### **Surround yourself with positive people**

We don't mean people who are happy all the time – we mean the ones that are a force for good in your life. Your friends should never pressure you into doing something you don't want to do.

#### **Plan ahead**

You may be put in a position where someone is trying to force you to carry a knife. Being prepared with a way to say no before you're put on the spot could save you from spiralling into a dangerous situation.

#### **Think about where you go**

You probably know about the places in town or near your home or school that have a lot of conflict or violence. Stay away from them. If you're not there, you can't get caught up in whatever's happening.

#### **Find a new focus**

Whether it's a creative activity like making music, or something physical like boxing or football, finding something you enjoy doing will not only help you avoid dangerous situations, but you'll be able to build new skills, meet different people, and pave the way for your bright future.

**Resource: Live Safe**



StreetDoctors  
volunteer Kwaku talks  
to LadBible about  
inspiring young people  
to save lives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45UmiCJ76M8&t=15s>



We are #KnifeFree

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RG9Qyrd\\_9o8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RG9Qyrd_9o8)

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# Where To Find Support When School Is Closed Over Christmas



**www.kooth.com** offers online confidential one-to-one support for young people, plus access to online self-help materials.



Childline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So you can talk to us any time. When you call us on **0800 1111** you'll get through to a counsellor, they're there to listen and support you with anything you'd like to talk about. Or you can have a 1-2-1 counsellor chat online. *They can provide help and support for people up to their 19th birthday*



For young people who identify as LGBTQ+ and/or are experiencing issues related to equality, diversity and identity. [counselling@metrocharity.org.uk](mailto:counselling@metrocharity.org.uk) or call: 020 8305 5009



A safe, online community where people over the age of 16 support each other anonymously to improve mental health and wellbeing. The community is monitored 24/7 by trained counsellors and psychotherapists. [www.togetherall.com](http://www.togetherall.com)



Alumina (previously SelfHarmUK) offers online support for young people (14-19), who self-harm or are worried they might. Visit [www.selfharm.co.uk](http://www.selfharm.co.uk) or Email [helloalumina@youthscape.co.uk](mailto:helloalumina@youthscape.co.uk)

## For support in a crisis

**Crisis Line 0203 228 5980**  
For young people or parents/carers worried about a person's mental health.  
Open: Monday to Friday 5pm – 11pm,  
Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays 9am – 11pm.

**South West London  
24-hour Mental Health Crisis Line  
0800 028 8000**

**Free,**  
confidential support for young people under 25.  
Call: **0808 808 4994** (11am-11pm)

## For support in an emergency

In an emergency, please call **111** or attend A&E. Only call 999 in the case of life-threatening emergencies.

Papyrus HOPELINE for young people experiencing thoughts about suicide. 9am to midnight, every day.  
Call: **0800 068 4141**  
Text: [07860039967](https://www.papyrusuk.com/contact-us)

Call us free 24/7 on  
**116 123**  
[samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)