



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 5th February 2024



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

Jack Petchey Wandsworth Achievement Awards Programme 2024 - Stella Gbolonyo

On Wednesday 31st January 2024, I had the pleasure of attending Wandsworth Civic Suite for the Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards. The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential. Several schools within the Wandsworth borough attended the programme. The event started with an opening speech by VIP guest speaker Councillor Juliana Annan (The Mayor of the London Borough of Wandsworth) and it was just an incredible evening.

A huge well done to the students below. Each young person was recognised and voted by their peers for the inspirational work they do at Southfields Academy (and beyond):

- Chahd Sabra Y13
- Abdulqadir Hassan IG
- Nathan Lodge Y12
- Taiyon Harper Y8
- Scarlett Spencer Y10
- Rumaisa Arshad Y9
- Rakaiya Atikpakpa Y9
- Codi Weston Y10
- Melanie Tapia Spinola Y11

As an academy, we were also thrilled to celebrate some of our exceptional staff who were honoured with the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards. These remarkable individuals have demonstrated, dedication, and positive contributions to our community. Thank you to our Leader Award Winners, Ms Hughes and Ms Millward. The evening would not have been complete without two special performances from Mr Gumble, Melody Stanley Y10, Ruxandra Barabas Y12 and Scarlett Spencer Y10. The audience were blown away!

Did I mention we have amazing students at Southfields?!

We are incredibly proud of all these students and know they will continue to inspire, motivate and achieve great things. In the famous words of Sir Jack Petchey, **"If you think you can, you can!"**- Our phenomenal students have definitely demonstrated this!



Achievement Awards continued....





Thought for the Week

“Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another.”
— John C. Maxwell



Dons Local Action Group – Ms Sulliman

During the Christmas period, staff across the academy *donned* their most Christmassy of jumpers for our annual Christmas Jumper Day!

Today, we were pleased to welcome in Rob and Ursula from the Dons Local Action Group and present them with the cheque for funds raised. We were very proud to raise money for an amazing local charity that provides food, household goods, furniture and appliances to those in need.

We look forward to fundraising for them in the future!



Wandsworth Inclusive Indoor Rowing – Mr Miller

Over 50 young people from Wandsworth Schools competed in the annual Wandsworth Inclusive Indoor Rowing at Southfields Academy on 31st January 2024. The event, organised by the Wandsworth School Games in partnership with Enable Leisure & Barn Elms Boat House, saw over 54 young people from Southfields Academy, Burntwood, Linden Lodge, Paddock and Garratt Park demonstrating their rowing skills.

In each race, 5 students from different schools raced to see how far they could row in two minutes. It was fantastic to see so much hard work and effort going into each race in front of an excited crowd of fellow rowers. Everyone who participated enjoyed themselves and left the event with bright smiles.

Miss Lanning from Southfields Academy said ‘It was great to see the following Southfields’ students taking part & rowing well, particularly in the team relay races where they showed a huge amount of team spirit.

Cora, Safa, Billy, Lucas, Faisal, Riley and Ra’Am congratulations for representing the school in such a positive way’.



Year 9 Options

On Tuesday the Year 9s arrived at the black box for the Options Fayre. The purpose of the fayre is to show students what subjects, some of which they might not have considered, are available to them, what they will study in these subjects and which career paths they could choose to go down after leaving 6th Form!

The students took full advantage of the opportunity to interview subject teachers and research their options, demonstrating independence, curiosity and a thirst for knowledge.

To follow on from this on Wednesday 6th March is the Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening.



Student Visit from China – Ms Marshall

Across two separate weeks, 50 students from China are spending the week at Southfields Academy. Each of the students in the group, ranging from Year 7 to Year 12, are shadowing a Southfields student so that they get to experience life as a student, in all its glory!

The first group, last week, were welcomed with a special assembly with their buddies. Ms Marshall led the assembly and they had a special welcome from Ms Valin. Following a short tour, they attended lessons, break clubs and assemblies with their buddies. They also had a bespoke schedule of activities as part of a personalised IEAP Day. Their week ended with a farewell assembly delivered by Ms Valin, where all students received a participation certificate.

Feedback from Southfields students and staff has been extremely positive - with them all commenting on how enthusiastic and resilient the Chinese students were. In fact, a number of Southfields students have volunteered to support the visitors having come across them around the Academy! By hosting the visitors, students have been able to practise and develop their communication and leadership skills. Perhaps even more pleasingly, the Chinese students and their accompanying teachers have shared how enjoyable they found the visit.

The second group of students will be with us for the final week before half term (w/c 5th February), and will have a similar week as the initial group. After the visit to Southfields, each group of visiting students are going on to visit other cities and schools in the UK and Scotland.



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 8th February 2024 – Year 7 Parents' Evening

Friday 9th February 2024 – INSET Day

Monday 12th February 2024 – Half Term Holiday

Monday 19th February 2024 – Academy Resumes

Wednesday 6th March 2024 – Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening

Science Club – Ms El Maadi

This week science club became Microbiologists. They investigated how clean their hands and phones are. They used a swab and some petri dishes to take a sample from their hands or phones. These samples will go in an incubator and next week the students will get to see what kind of bacteria (if any) is present. Bacteria like a temperature of around 37 degrees Celsius. Schools can only grow bacteria at 25 degrees Celsius so nothing harmful will grow!



MFL – Where are we all from?

The different year groups worked on collaborative maps to find out where their classmates and their families are from. Y8 added 96 pins, Y9 added 104 and Y7, 116 pins!

Year 7 Map



Year 8 Map



Year 9 Map



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Year 12 and 13 Mathematics Careers Workshop – Mr Spencer

This week 60 of our Year 12 and 13 Mathematics A-level students attended a workshop with Deutsche Bank and Wisser Futures.

We learnt about degree apprenticeships that Deutsche bank offers and other general interview skills. Thanks to the students for their mature approach and excellent questions to our visitors.

