



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 26th February 2024



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

Year 11s have become accustomed to the adage: “you reap what you sow”. In all the various schools I have taught in, I cannot recall a group of students that have embraced and acted on this timeless truth that in order to succeed in life you have to invest your time and effort.

We see how invested students are every day in lessons and most recently, but not for the first time, during their free time, congregating in classrooms and the library to revise. As a Year Team, we are lost in admiration for the way that they have all studiously applied themselves, rejecting an attitude of complacency and mediocrity and adopting a positive ‘can do’ attitude to their education.

With the actual GCSE exams a matter of weeks away, I am confident that our Year 11 cohort of 2024, provided they continue to be relentless and disciplined in their pursuit of success, will do extremely well and make the school community, their parents and most importantly themselves extremely proud.



Highlight from this term: **Preparing for life after Secondary School**

Well done to all Y11 students that fully participated in our KS5 workshops on IEAP Day.

Role Model of the

Term



JOCELINE

For having an indomitable spirit of determination and hard-work. She has demonstrated our half-termly theme, LEADERSHIP, with kindness and buoyancy. She is a model student and an excellent role model.

Upcoming key dates

- Mock exams will begin Monday 4th March and end on Friday 15th March. All students are expected to be in school by 8.00AM and in full school uniform over the examination period.
- Kingswood Residential Trip on Friday 22nd March-Sunday 24th March
- English Globe Theatre Trip on Friday 22nd March
- Year 11 Parents Evening on Thursday April 18th. Please mark this date and protect it in your diaries. It is vital that you attend.
- The real GCSE/BTEC exams begin on Monday 13th May 2024
- Graduation and Prom on Thursday 27th June
- Results Day on Thursday 22nd August



Thought for the Week

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – Sally Berger



Jack Petchey Workshop – Ms O'Neill

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Year 10 took part in the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge workshops, having fun whilst building key skills to help them speak confidently in public. Students took part in a variety of games and activities supporting them to plan and write their own positive message speeches, with the day culminating in each student performing their speech for their class. There was a range of inspiring and powerful topics dealt with by students, from mental health, through the impact of social media, to the importance of diversity and inclusion. All the students participated brilliantly throughout the day and everyone did an excellent job with their personal speech, impressing us all – great job Year 10!



Year 10 Maths Feast – Ms Goodden

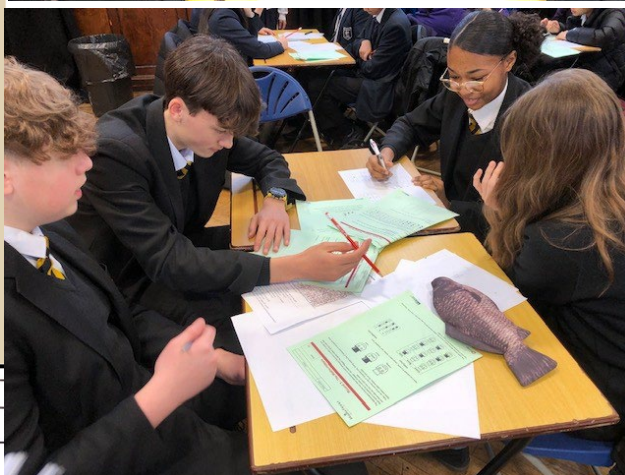
On Wednesday 21st February eight Year 10 students competed in the Year 10 Maths Feast at Raynes Park High School – Julia, Kavinran, Liam, Melody, Ray, Saad, Sophia and Yusra. They spent 2.5 hours competing against 26 other schools in mathematics challenges which were unlike their GCSE mathematics.

Round one was based on TV shows including Only Connect, Richard Osman's House of Games and The 1% Club (give the puzzles a go yourself!). In one question they had to estimate how many pet cats there were in the UK in 2021!

Round two was a challenging calculator cross-number.

Round three involved entering a Mathematical Universe which is inhabited by the Maths-Hatters! Finally, round four saw our eight competitors building cubes and rhombic dodecahedra – not for the faint hearted.

Although our two teams didn't win, they finished in respectable mid-table positions. They showed excellent concentration, resilience and teamwork throughout the competition and were a credit to the school, their families and most importantly themselves. It was a pleasure taking them out for the afternoon.



Maths Feast

Table number

Show 3

This round is based on the ITV show "The 1% Club". 1 mark per answer (5 marks total)

The 1% Club

These questions are ordered by approximately what percentage of people got them correct.

The 25% question

Imagine your friend has asked you a maths question. You think the question is "What is $19 + 15$?" but you aren't sure whether your friend said 19 or 90. Or if they said 15 or 50. Which of these answers could NOT be correct.

140



105



69



44

The 20% question

A digital clock uses a maximum of 28 lines (7 per digit) that can be used to create any time.

How many lines are lit at 01:56am?

88:88

The 15% question

What word replaces the question mark in this sequence?

one = three
 three = five
 five = four
 six = ?

The 5% question

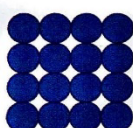
What are the next two numbers in this sequence?

201 920 202 021 202 220 232 0??

The 1% question

Give your answer in terms of π

Sixteen pipes, each with a diameter of 10cm, are fastened tightly together with a metal band. How long is the band?



Science Club – Ms El Maadi

This week students were tasked with designing and making a boat that could take the weight of 200 grams. The extra challenge was that they could not test their boats out so they had to use some critical thinking on what makes a boat float. The students worked for 15 minutes, using a variety of materials and at the end, most students had created a boat that could take the weight of more than 200 grams. Some students were not as successful.



IG Go-Karting Day Out with KLS

On Friday 9th February, sixteen IG students were able to enjoy a free Go Karting Day out with KLS (Katherine Low Settlement Charity). The event was from 10.30am -3pm at Oasis Play, Stockwell. Our students were met by the KLS staff at the school's reception to enjoy two hours of fun on the tracks which was followed by lunch. For the majority of the students this was their first experience of Go Karting and for many more just being a driver and racing was all the buzz.



FREE PARENT WORKSHOP
SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH READING!

Do you worry about your child's reading?

Would you like some tips and advice to help encourage your child to read?

Please join us in the school library for a **FREE** workshop.

When: Wednesday 6th March
AM and PM sessions available
Refreshments provided!

To express interest, please contact:
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Lead Practitioner: Literacy



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 6th March 2024 – Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening
Thursday 21st March 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28th March 2024 – End of Spring Term
Monday 15th April 2024 – Summer Term starts
Monday 15th April 2024 – INSET Day
Thursday 18th April 2024 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday

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St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting your teen with Exam Stress in the run up to big exams

Upcoming GCSE & A level exams (as well as BTECs etc) can be a stressful time for your teenager.

This workshop talks through some of the common challenges many young people face when their stress around revising or sitting an exam becomes too much. It will also cover how, as a parent or carer, you can best support your child to manage these feelings and do their best.



DATE / TIME

Monday 26th February 12.30-1.30 pm

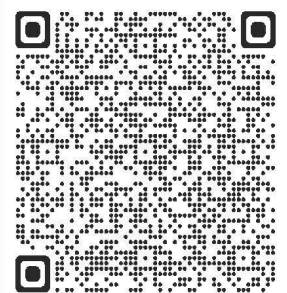
Tuesday 27th February 7:30 - 8:30 pm

LOCATION

Online – Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[CLICK HERE to book](#)



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