



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 11th March 2024



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

Year 13 News – Mr Browne

Tracking our students' destinations

We analysed the destinations of 571 students including Year 11, Year 12 (L2 & L3) and Year 13 students who were enrolled during the Autumn Term 2022.

Overall, the results are excellent

Low NEET Rate: Only 1.9% of our leavers (11 students) are currently classified as NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). This is significantly lower than the national average of 3.6% for 16-17 year olds, highlighting the success of our careers guidance and support programs in helping students secure their future.

Year 11: Over 70% of our Year 11 students chose to continue their studies at Southfields Academy Sixth Form, showcasing the strong academic and social community we have built. This figure far exceeds the national average of 47%, demonstrating the trust and confidence our students have in our Sixth Form program.

Year 13: University remains the most popular destination for Year 13 graduates, with 86 students securing their places.

It's also been exciting to see a rising number of students opting for degree apprenticeships, offering a valuable blend of academic learning and on-the-job experience. In fact, one of our ex-students, Kacey Scotland, who is currently on the BBC's degree apprenticeship programme, visited the Academy on Tuesday 6th March to deliver a talk to our current Year 13 students about degree apprenticeships and other career paths. The talk was described as "inspiring" and "highly informative" by our current students. Thank you Kacey!

We are proud of our students' achievements and their diverse range of destinations. We are committed to supporting all students in finding their path to success, whether it's through university, apprenticeships, or other avenues.



Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Year 12 L3 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



Thought for the Week

"In order to change the world, you have to get your head together first." – Jimi Hendrix



Year 8 Poetry by Heart Competition - Mr Sawbridge, KS3 Lead for English

As part of their study of poetry in English lessons, Year 8 students have been learning poems off by heart. They each chose a poem that they found interesting, learned it off by heart and then performed that poem in English. There was a fantastic range of poetry chosen, from classical poetry by the likes of William Shakespeare and Mary Elizabeth Frye to more modern poetry; some students even chose to write their own poems and recited those. Each teacher selected the best performers from their class to deliver their speech in assembly.

On Monday, the finalists performed their speeches in front of the rest of the year group in assembly. It's a nerve-racking thing to do, performing a poem from memory in front of 150+ students. But the finalists did an incredible job, performing their chosen poem with confidence and skill. The overall winner was Sofia, and Joy was the runner-up. Sofia and Joy will be put forward for the national "Poetry by Heart" competition, the final of which takes place at the Globe Theatre in the summer.

I was extremely impressed by all of Year 8's efforts in learning their poems. Congratulations to the finalists, and Sofia and Joy in particular, on their fine achievements.



Book Recommendation – Ms Sulliman

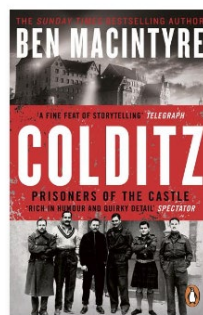
This week, Ms Valin is recommending two books by Ben Macintyre: 'Colditz' and 'SAS'. During special World Book Day assemblies, Ms Valin shared her recommendations with students across the academy. She shared that she enjoys reading about historical events- exploring both primary and secondary sources- and at the moment, she's reading about World War Two. The books touch on different elements of the war- that of the soldiers taking on incredibly brave missions in 'SAS' and tales of the prisoners of war who suffered in Colditz Castle in Germany in, 'Colditz'. Both books that Ms Valin recommended are by Ben Macintyre as she enjoys his writing style.

As with all recommendations, Ms Valin has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss 'Colditz' and 'SAS', if they choose to read it!

Ms Valin is reading
SAS
by Ben MacIntyre



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Year 8 Career Carousel – Ms Shah

On Wednesday 6th of March, our Year 8 students got the opportunity to network with people from various industries to find out more about what they do on a day to day basis in their jobs. We had representatives from the Arts/media (Jack, an Art Director who designs and builds sets for TV and film), a retired fundraiser, Angela, who has raised huge amounts of money for Cancer Research, one of our ex-students who is now on an apprenticeship with St Georges (which builds and designs homes), Dexters Estate Agent, the Metropolitan Police and a varied contingent from Nuffield Hospital including a nurse (who once wanted to be an architect), a radiographer, a Pathology department Manager, a Biomedical Scientist, a Pharmacist (who once wanted to become a Psychologist) and a Head of Reception, Donna, who has also worked for Nuffield Gyms.

The students had great fun asking questions and talking about real life experiences as a way to help them form ideas about what they might do in the future themselves. They also learned that your job aspirations can change over time but it is worth thinking about what is out there sooner rather than later!

Attendees

Arts/Broadcasting/Film

Jack Berk (independent) - Art Director- Designs and builds TV and film sets.

Charity Sector - Cancer Research

Angela Roden (Retired) - Fundraiser -Helped to raise money from companies to fund cancer research and through her career met people like Queen Elizabeth 2 and Joan Collins

Building & Construction - St Georges (Berkeley Group)

Alexia Mikellides - Employment & Skills Co-ordinator

Mahadih Magiri- Apprentice Surveyor (ex Southfields Academy Student who started about 6 months ago after completing his degree in Economics and Law)

Estate Agency - Dexters

Brandon van der Westhuizen - Recruitment Director

Health & Medicine - Nuffield Health Parkside Hospital

Akintayo Osaloni- Biomedical Scientist

Kelly Warwick- Pathology Manager

Anna Collantes - Radiographer

Donna Sedgewick- Lead Receptionist

Seanade Richards- Pharmacist

Mavic Gregorio- Night Nursing Sister

Metropolitan Police

PC Robbie Quijano - Police Officer

PC Maximus Muslu - Police Officer

PCSO Don Lopez - Police Community Support Officer



World Book Day – Ms Sulliman

As part of World Book Day celebrations, our school librarian- Ms Litwin-Roberts - has displayed all of the books that staff have been recommending to students via weekly assemblies.

This interactive collection allows students to browse some of the literature- both fiction and non-fiction- that teachers have recommended. If students have read or watched a recommendation for a book that has interested them, they will be able to borrow it from the school library.

Our entire school library can be perused online via the 'Library' Google Classroom. Students are able to access an online platform where they can view what they have on loan as well as reserve books that they would like to read.



IG students competing at Chelsea Football Club

A group of IG students were chosen to take part in a Chelsea Project that was held in conjunction with the Chelsea Football Club. The students had to prepare a presentation that highlights the importance of collaboration and touches on the foundations of good mental health. As part of the project last term, students enjoyed visits to the Chelsea Football Club museum and talks by the Chelsea's outreach project.

On Monday 26th February, the students took part in a competition involving presentations of a short play that they had worked on and practised over a number of weeks. The students were not only representing the International Group, but also representing Southfields Academy. Well done- Ehsanullah, Sarah, Salman, Wilver and Tosha for taking part and for your efforts at this competition!

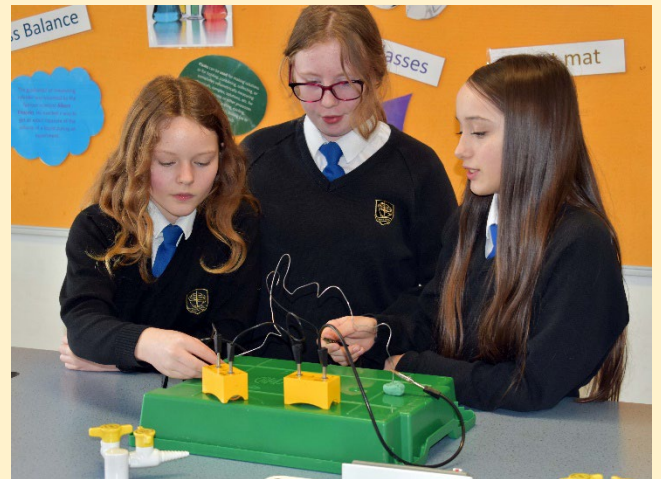
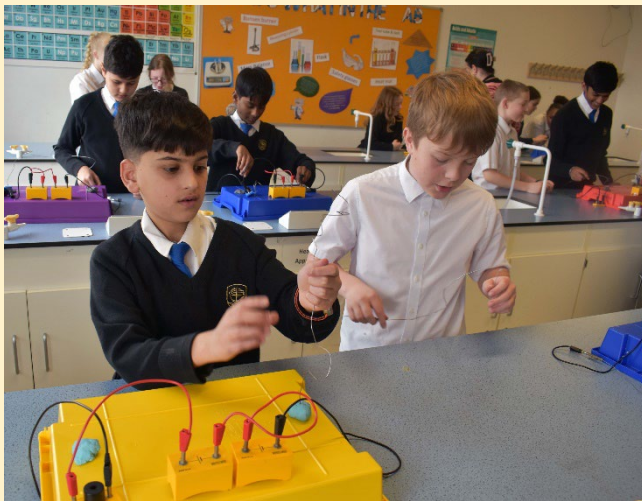
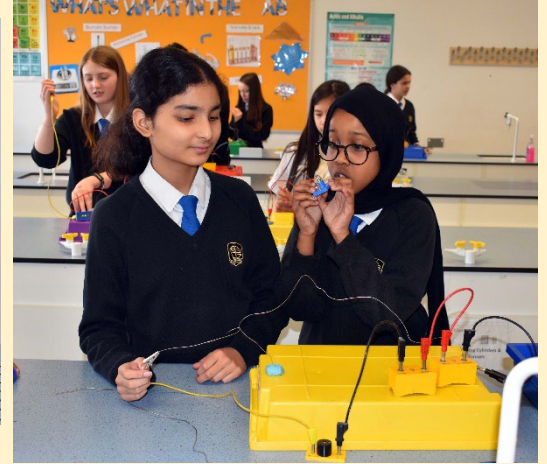
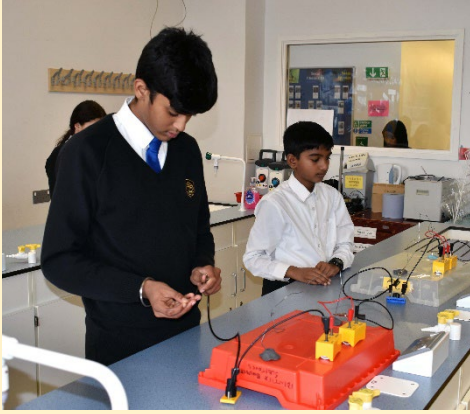
Although they didn't win, one of the judges said 'They were an absolute credit to the school and themselves. Sarah Da Costa who I understand has only been in the country 5 months, led the presentation brilliantly – they all interacted with the audience, and should take confidence from how well they presented themselves. They had even created giveaways and prototypes to give to the judges! We are so pleased with the level of engagement and the hard work that they have shown in this project.'



Science Club – Steady Hand Game – Dr Kruppa

This week in Science Club, our students had a go at making their own “Steady Hand Game”. They were given the necessary components, batteries, copper wire, a buzzer and crocodile clips but they had to design the circuit and connect it all together correctly themselves.

The game is based on the important principle that electric current will only flow through the wires when there is a complete circuit. What we had not planned for and what the photos cannot convey is the volume of sound when all the buzzers were sounding at the same time. Another successful, but very noisy science club experiment.



Pi Day - 2024



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**Can you memorise 10 decimal places of pi?
If so you will win an apple pie!**



**Can you memorise 100s of decimal places?
Maybe you'll be this year's Pie Minister and
win £31.41 in book tokens.**

Southfields Academy Mathematics Department Pi Day 2024 – 14th March 2024



NEW!

Knitting and Crochet Club

@Southfields Academy

**COME LEARN HOW TO KNIT AND CROCHET
ALL YEAR GROUPS ARE WELCOME**

Sign up in room A131
After school every monday
Start date 11th March



Rise Up & Walk POC workshops

*POC is a term for 'People of colour' but
what does it mean to young girls today?*

Our FREE workshops give girls the opportunity to:

- Learn untaught, hidden Black British History in depth
- Share their own experiences in an open debate
- Discuss their dream job and plan steps to get there
- Brainteasers to deliver critical thinking skills
- Take part in quizzes and win prizes!

**INTRODUCTORY SESSION
at Balham Teen Library
on Monday 18 March | 16:00 - 17:00**

Rise Up & Walk is a
youth-led project
designed to **EQUIP,**
ENABLE and EMPOWER
young girls aged
between **8 -16 years**
old. We want our young
girls to know just how
amazing they are in the
skin they are in!



Spaces Limited!

contact Balham Library to book
020 8673 1129
16 Ramsden Road, SW12 8QY



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Parenting Teenagers With Characteristics of ADHD

Parenting a young person with characteristics of ADHD, with or without a diagnosis, is often a journey filled with highs and lows. This session offers parents a chance to explore the challenges and the joys with lots of practical tips to make your ADHD parenting journey as smooth as it can be.



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St George's Mental Health
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DATE / TIME

Monday 11th March 7.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 13th March 12.30-1.30pm

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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