



# Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Week Commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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

### Year 7 News – Mr Munro

Hello to all Year 7 parents,

Welcome to another edition of the Southfields Academy newsletter! It is hard to believe we're already over halfway through your child's inaugural year at Southfields Academy. Time flies, doesn't it? As always, plenty has happened since our last update and I'm excited to fill you in on the latest events:

**Parents' Evening:** We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout at Parents' Evening, with over 80% of parents braving the inclement weather to attend. It was heartening to hear from many of you that you are satisfied with the education your child is receiving at Southfields Academy.

If you couldn't make it, remember you can always reach out via email at [firstname.lastname@southfieldsacademy.com](mailto:firstname.lastname@southfieldsacademy.com).

**Uniform and Equipment:** As we approach the final stretch of the term, it's crucial that our students maintain high standards of uniform and come prepared with the necessary equipment every day. This includes items such as blazers, white shirts, ties, black skirts/trousers, pens, pencils, calculators, and more. Please remind your child to take responsibility for ensuring they have everything they need each day to avoid any unnecessary disruptions.

**Football Updates:** While the recent football results for both the boys' and girls' teams haven't been ideal, I'm immensely proud of their efforts. Despite being knocked out of two cups, our teams demonstrated resilience and determination. Now, our focus shifts to our remaining games in Wandsworth, where we aim to finish the season strong.

**Year Group Representatives:** We recently held applications for Year Group Representatives, and I'm pleased to report that we received over 35 excellent applications. While only two can be chosen, I commend all the students who applied. Winners will be announced in the upcoming assembly and we'll share the news in our next newsletter.

**Break Time Clubs:** To combat boredom during break times, especially with the less-than-ideal weather, we are introducing break time clubs for Year 7 pupils during the second break. These clubs will offer a variety of structured sporting activities, providing students with a much-needed energy boost for their final lesson of the day. Please encourage your child to come along and participate. Only item that is required are trainers.

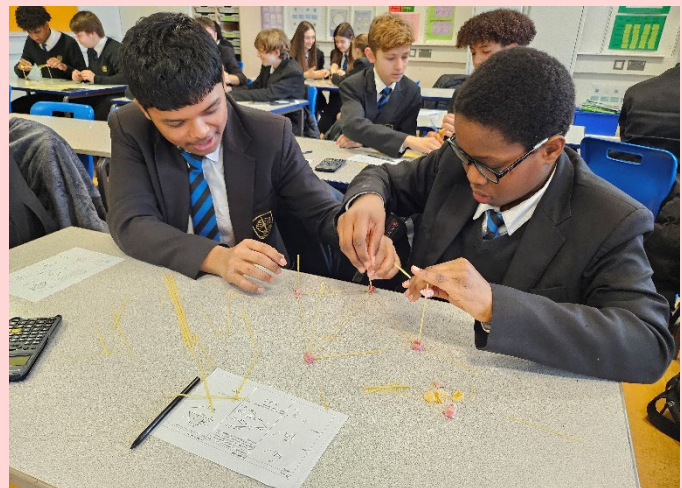
**Ramadan:**

As Ramadan has recently commenced, I would like to wish all of our pupils and their families, who follow the Islam faith, a blessed Ramadan with the greeting, Ramadan Mubarak.

### Year 9 Maths - Mrs Frost

In Maths this term Year 9 have been learning about Trigonometry in right-angled triangles. Perhaps parents remember SOHCAHTOA from their own school days?

Some classes have gone on to examine triangles in 3D. Students in 09S-Ma1 built cuboids this week using spaghetti and jelly babies in order to develop spatial understanding of where these triangles sit in the 3rd dimension and the nature of the angles they create.







## Thought for the Week

"For every minute spent in organizing, an hour is earned." Benjamin Franklin



### World Book Day – Ms Reynolds

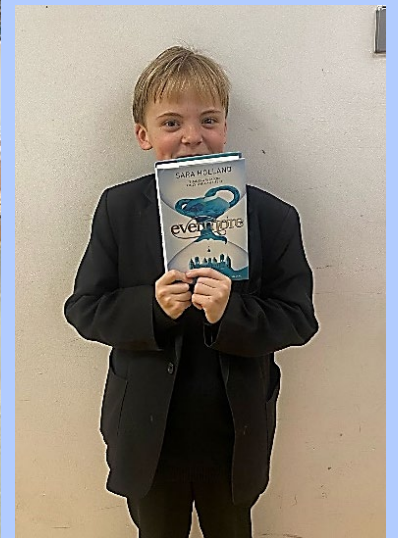
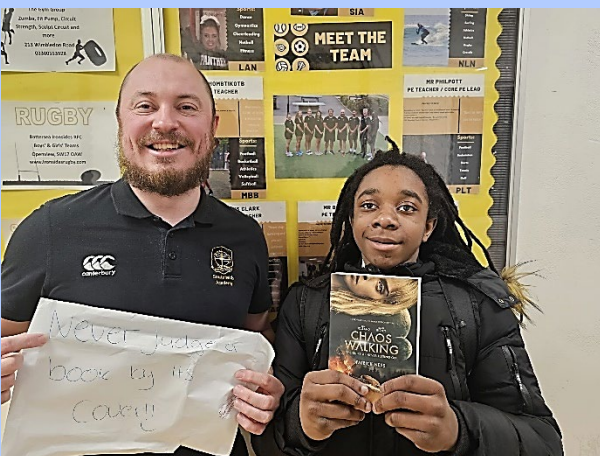
Southfields Academy had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day 2024 on Friday, 8th March! The costumes worn by staff created a buzz of conversation about favourite books and characters which encouraged many of our students to borrow titles from our library, that they had not considered before.

The excitement of seeing Willy Wonka teaching maths, to watching Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum causing mischief on the corridors, and then bumping into Mrs Trunchbull in the canteen line was a reminder of how fun reading is!

Secret student judges are currently choosing the staff members who will win the Best Dressed prizes. The results will be announced after the Easter holidays.







As well as fancy dress, Southfields Academy staff gave away 90 brand new books! Ms Reynolds hid the 90 new books across Southfields Academy in A4 white envelopes for pupils to find - and to keep!

As a school, we want as many young people as possible to have a book that they can call their own- and this year's 'Never judge a book by its cover' treasure hunt was an idea the English Department were very excited about.

We'd like to give a huge thank you to Book Clubs in Schools and Give A Book for gifting Southfields Academy the 90 books for World Book Day! We look forward to working with them more in the near future.



## International Women's Day – Ms Lenton

On Friday 8th March we were very lucky to have Nuffield Health visit the academy, they ran an amazing event for some of our Year 7-10 female students to celebrate International Women's Day. George and Frank delivered a health and wellbeing seminar to educate our young girls on nutrition, sleep, health and wellbeing, body image and fitness.

The event was very engaging and it was great to see 40 girls physically active and learning the importance of having a healthy lifestyle. Thank you to Nuffield Health Wandsworth for a great day and well done to all students that took part, you are a credit to the academy.





## International Women's Day cont.....



Well done to all girls who attended football, netball, dance or boxing after school on Friday 8th March to celebrate International Women's Day. We had over 30 girls attend a club that day and over 50 girls taking part in physical activity throughout the day. It was a great way to celebrate girls' sport and physical activity and to inspire others to be active.





## FREE boxing FIT classes for females aged 11-16

We have a very exciting opportunity for our female students aged 11-16 years old. Nuffield Health Wandsworth are offering a FREE boxing FIT class every Wednesday 4-4:45pm at their gym in King George's Park/Burr Road. This class will take place every Wednesday. If your daughter is interested in attending, they will need to sign up via the link below, or google Nuffield Health Move together programme sign up:

[https://member.nuffieldhealth.com/portal/login/move-together/create-profile?\\_its=JTdCJTlydmkKTlyJTNBJTlyMzg5ZmQ0YiktMmZjMC00M2IxLWJmMiktOTgwMmQwZDY3MDUwJTlyJTlDJTlyc3RhdGUIMjI0M0EIMjYyHR%2BMTcxMDMxOTQ4MX5sYW5kfjFODk2NTRfc2VvXzk0NTQyNzYyOWQ0OTdhNjQ1MTg1ZmRhMDcxZiZiJTlyJTJDJTlyc2I0ZUIKTlyJTNBMTMzOTQlN0Q%3D](https://member.nuffieldhealth.com/portal/login/move-together/create-profile?_its=JTdCJTlydmkKTlyJTNBJTlyMzg5ZmQ0YiktMmZjMC00M2IxLWJmMiktOTgwMmQwZDY3MDUwJTlyJTlDJTlyc3RhdGUIMjI0M0EIMjYyHR%2BMTcxMDMxOTQ4MX5sYW5kfjFODk2NTRfc2VvXzk0NTQyNzYyOWQ0OTdhNjQ1MTg1ZmRhMDcxZiZiJTlyJTJDJTlyc2I0ZUIKTlyJTNBMTMzOTQlN0Q%3D)



### Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Year 12 L3 Parents' Evening  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – End of Spring Term  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Summer Term starts  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – INSET Day  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Year 11 Parents' Evening  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Bank Holiday

### Year 9 Speaking Competition - Mr Sawbridge

In English lessons this term, Year 9 students have been focused on writing their own speeches. Nearly every student in Year 9 researched, wrote and performed a speech in front of their class. There was a fantastic range of topics chosen: from important topical issues, including about the negative influence of social media; to personal topics about overcoming challenges; to more light hearted topics, such as how Valentine's Day is overrated.

In Year 9 assembly on Thursday, the finalists from each English class performed their speech in front of their year group. This is a really challenging thing to do, but the finalists came through it with flying colours. A special shout-out to the runner-up, Simon, for his excellent speech on the joys of skateboarding. But the winner was Sahara, who delivered a sophisticated and remarkably articulate speech criticising misogyny and gender stereotypes.

Well done to all of Year 9 for their effort, skill and bravery in performing their speeches, and congratulations to all the finalists on their excellent work.



### LETTER REQUESTS

If you require a letter from the Academy confirming details about your child, or anything else relating to them, please make this request **at least 72 hours** in advance of the letter being required. We are receiving a number of urgent, last minute requests but will no longer be able to meet these requests with the short notice given. Thank you for your support.



## Science Club – Mr Vickers



The atmosphere in science club this week was building; heading towards an eruption?!

In part one of this 2-week project, students were combining their science and geography knowledge with their creative sculptural skills to build papier-mâché volcanoes. Tune in next week for the explosive conclusion.





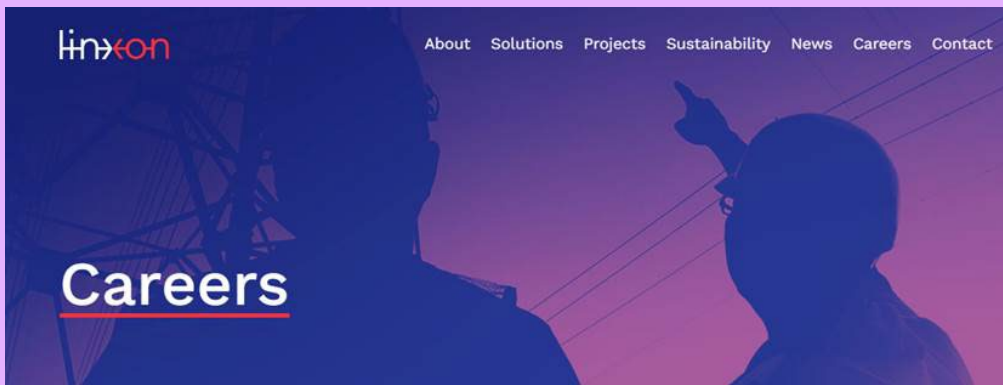
On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Year 10s had the pleasure of welcoming Tiffany Caryn Kanco who is a Project Coordinator from Lixon.

She delivered an exceptional career talk about working in the company Lixon. She talked about her experience in the world of work and the advantages of where her career choices has taken her.

This is a field that several students had never considered entering but they are now aware of other opportunities available to them in this industry. Tiffany left a per-founding message with Year 10s: “Work hard! Believe in yourself! You can do anything you want to in life!” She also wished them all the best on their upcoming work experience in July.

If you would like to research more about the company, do have a look at the website <https://linxon.com/>

Thank you to the careers team for organising such an inspirational talk for the students.



This week, **Ms Maunder** is recommending **'The Boys in The Boat'** by Daniel James Brown. Ms Maunder is an avid rower, having rowed in the Henley Regatta and won The Copas Cup with her rowing team, so her book recommendation comes as no surprise! She is recommending **'The Boys in the Boat'** as the gripping true story tracks the rowing team from University of Washington who are thrust into the spotlight as they compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. This is a book about the power of teamwork, resilience, and determination in the face of adversity.

As with all recommendations, Ms Maunder has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss **'The Boys in the Boat'**, if they choose to read it!



## Travel & Tourism Trip – Ms Hodgson

On March 14th, Year 13 Travel and Tourism students explored the Science Museum, Victoria and Albert Museum, and Southbank. They applied their marketing skills to identify a new travel and tourism product and gained new ideas on creating promotional materials. Students are now fully prepared and enthusiastic for their upcoming marketing assignment.

Well done Year 13!



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### Building Self-Esteem: Free Webinar

**Thursday 21s March, 7-8pm**

Healthy self-esteem in children is vital for protecting mental health and preventing unhealthy risk-taking, now and even in later life. Wildhearts and Teen Tips present a free webinar that looks at how parents and carers can help children develop healthy self-esteem.

Join Alicia Drummond, adolescent therapist, parent coach, and founder of Teen Tips for this free online webinar via Zoom. There will be time for Q&A at the end. Sign up [here](#).