



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 1st April 2024



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

Active Citizens Take Action! – Mr Samuels

This Active Citizenship Day, our students truly embodied the spirit of positive change! We saw a flurry of activity in the library as students participated in a campaign competition, tackling important issues like knife crime, global war and child abuse.

Each group channelled their inner social activist, creating informative video presentations and eye-catching posters displayed in dedicated library stalls. These visuals served as powerful tools to raise awareness and spark conversation amongst their peers.

The library buzzed with energy as students took their campaigns beyond the stalls. During breaks, they passionately canvassed for support, collecting signatures from classmates. Their dedication was impressive, and they even managed to garner signatures from some key decision-makers in the school, including Ms. Valin and Mr. Whitfield!

Congratulations to the winning group who secured over 150 signatures for their campaign! Their hard work and passion are a true testament to the power of active citizenship.

Active Citizenship Day was a resounding success! We were incredibly proud of the initiative and creativity displayed by our students. Their actions demonstrate that even young voices can make a difference.





Thought for the Week

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



Duke of Edinburgh – Dr Stackhouse

Our new bronze DofE group undertook their first DofE practice on Friday.

The pupils walked to Wimbledon Common and spent 5 hours learning map reading, orienteering and teambuilding. They are now ready to do their first overnight stay in May!



OFCOM Trip – Mr Herz

Our Year 12 Economics students had the opportunity to visit OFCOM last week to learn about what opportunities there are for Economists after University.

The day was filled with presentations and activities which brought to life the real world of Economics away from the classroom. Our students were very engaged in the numerous activities organised and displayed their competitive streaks throughout. It was great to see them negotiating, trading, haggling and working as teams to try and be the best in the room.



Stafford Hotel Visit – Ms Hodgson

On the 25th of March, 15 Year 12 Travel and Tourism students visited the Stafford Hotel - a 5* hotel in central London. They were greeted with fresh homemade shortbread biscuits and then had talks from different departments including the marketing team, guest relations, HR, bar manager and head chef.

They had a delicious lunch and a tour of the hotel where they saw the restaurant, American bar and different room types including the cellar full of 2nd World War memorabilia as it was used as a bunker.

All students had a fantastic day and are keen to further explore the hospitality industry!



Year 10 and 11 Kingswood Trip - Ms Gbolonyo and Mr Lamboi

Residential trips are back! What an amazing weekend students in Year 10 and 11 had!

On Friday 22nd March, Ms Gbolonyo, Mr Robertson, Mr Saysell and I took 59 exceptional students to Kingswood Grosvenor Hall in Kent. It was a memorable experience for staff and students, I am certain.

On arrival students dived straight into their first activity – archery, the ancient art of shooting arrows with a bow. Despite being novices, every student approached the activity with discipline, patience, and control –qualities that can be applied to various aspects of life beyond the range.

In the evening students returned to their rooms and were set another challenge - to make their own beds! Students had to put their duvet cover and sheet linen on! Again, students came together and worked as a team. I am certain they will continue this skill at home. The fun did not stop there. Students then participated in a general knowledge quiz. To say the atmosphere was electric would be an understatement.

Over the weekend, students had the opportunity to do the following activities: Quick zip (zip line), Jacob's ladder, leap of faith, problem solving, Bushcraft- Fire lighting, a Camp Fire, which evolved into a mini-music festival to rival Glastonbury. Finally, a supervised revision study-skills session - in my opinion this was one of the highlights of the weekend.

All students demonstrated independence, teamwork resilience and confidence. In some cases students shared how proud they were, that they faced their fears of height.

Each student represented Southfields Academy and made us proud. The level of support and kindness they exhibited was phenomenal.

A special thanks to all staff and students for making this weekend an unforgettable one.

PROBLEM SOLVING



ARCHERY



BUSHFIRE LIGHTING



CAMPFIRE



JACOBS LADDER



What did the students think?

Students were also asked to share their highlights from the trip. Please see below some of our students' memorable experiences.

Angelina Y11BRY- "Spending time with friends outside of school was amazing. We bonded more than I ever thought we would. All the activities were good but the one which stood out for me was the Campfire because everyone, some I never thought would, enjoyed it"

Diaz Y11FBR - "This was a much needed weekend, especially after the raft of GCSE mock exams. I was able to relax, push myself and talk to people that I would not normally get an opportunity to talk to. Every student at Southfields, if given the chance, should attend a residential trip"

Christian 10HUN "My weekend at Kingswood was excellent. I got to meet new people and socialise with them in a way I never expected. I definitely feel I improved my teamwork and communication skills"

Y10 Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' Wandsworth Final – Ms Osborne

Tuesday 19th March brought the much-anticipated Regional Final for the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. Over 640 students from across the borough of Wandsworth were narrowed down to just 18 regional finalists, including 2 of our very own Year 10 students, Issa Bamba and Mehreen Choudhury. Issa and Mehreen completed another workshop with Speak Out trainers, before taking to the stage in front of the crowd at Ashcroft Technology Academy to deliver inspirational and powerful speeches on the importance of dreams and the beauty of the hijab.

There was an array of brilliant speeches from all finalists, and our Southfields representatives faced some tough competition for the title. The high calibre of speeches unfortunately meant that Issa and Mehreen just missed out on placing in the top three, nevertheless, it was a brilliant evening and both students did themselves, their teachers, and Southfields Academy proud – big congratulations for a huge achievement!



Y11 'Romeo and Juliet' trip to the Globe theatre – Mr Peck

On Friday 22nd March, 80 students from Year 11 visited the Globe theatre to enjoy a performance of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' in its original setting!

A matter of weeks before their final GCSE exams, students were treated to a lively reimagining of Shakespeare's classic tale, complete with BMX stunt riders, tragic romance and, of course, fake blood galore. This performance, put on especially for schools, was the perfect combination of Shakespeare's original language and Adidas Originals, and served as an invaluable re-cap for our students ahead of their upcoming GCSE English Literature exam!

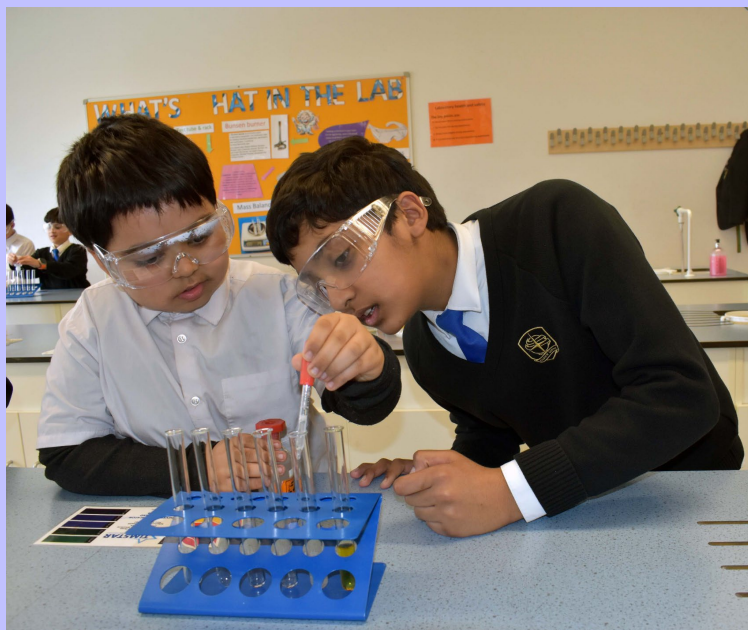
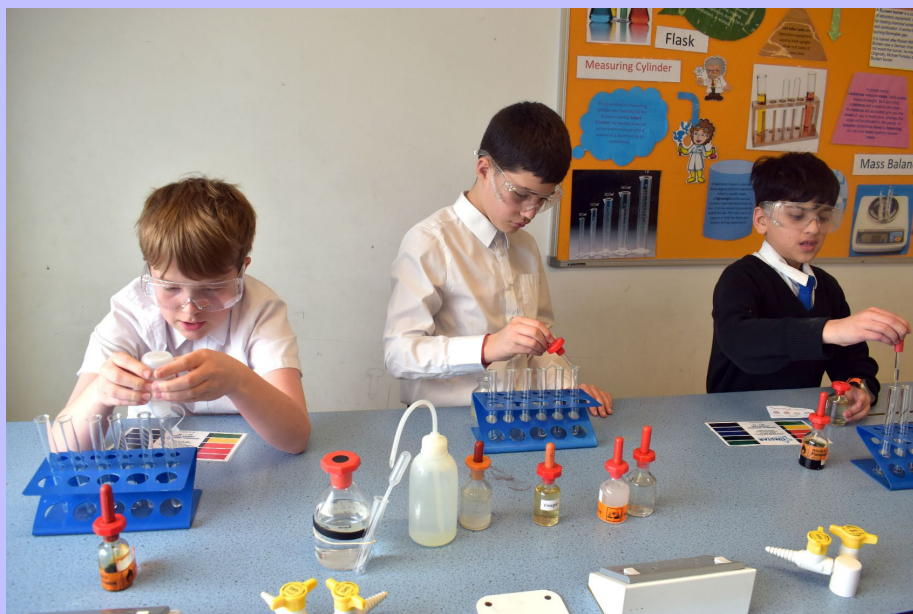
Year 11 students behaved immaculately throughout and proved to be a far more attentive and respectful audience than their Elizabethan counterparts would have been when watching performances at the Globe in the sixteenth century! Well done to all the students involved – it was a pleasure for the English department to take you on this trip.



Science Club – Ms El Maadi

In science club today students were given 10 minutes to create a test tube rainbow. By adding 10ml of each substance, that included lemon juice, vinegar, soapy water and bleach to a test-tube and then a few drops of universal indicator, a variety of colours emerged.

The tubes were then placed in rainbow order!



Easter Break!



School starts on Tuesday, 16 April. See you then!

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 15th April 2024 – Summer Term starts
Monday 15th April 2024 – INSET Day
Tuesday 16th April 2024 – All Students Return
Thursday 18th April 2024 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st May 2024 – International Evening
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May 2024 – Half Term Holiday Starts

Railsafety@learnliveuk.com

Due to a number of recent incidents of trespass on the railway lines, the Academy has been asked to please share the relevant **FREE** 15 minute safety video link with parents who can watch it at home.

Over 20 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the rail safety videos.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>

REGENERATE

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE

Regenerate's Youth Club
is open to any one aged 11-19.

We offer loads of activities
and opportunities,
as well as a safe place
to hang out, build positive
health and wellbeing,
learn new skills and
grow in confidence.

SCAN TO SIGN UP:



Follow us to
stay in the loop!
@regenerate_idn



Any questions or for more info, call/text AJ: 07394 185 785

WHATS ON THIS EASTER?

Meeting Points for Trips:

ASH:
Ashburton Youth Centre
Westleigh Avenue
SW15 6XD

REC:
Roehampton Rec Centre
Laverstoke Gardens
SW15 4JB

PLEASE NOTE:
Trips must be signed up to by
Friday 22nd March.

Returned sign up forms/consent
don't always guarantee a space

WEEK 1 (1ST-5TH APRIL)

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CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

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NINJA WARRIOR TRIP
12 - 4:30PM, Meet @ ASH

DROP IN: Cooking
3:30 - 6PM, ASH

W

GO APE TRIP
12 - 4PM, Meet @ REC

NAIL ART WORKSHOP
3:30 - 6PM, ASH

TH

LONDON DUNGEONS TRIP
12 - 4PM, Meet @ ASH

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ROEHAMPTON VOICE DELIVERY
(Paid Opportunity)
9AM - 3PM,
Meet @
4 Portwood Place, SW15 4ED

WEEK 2 (8TH-12TH APRIL)

**DROP IN: Design Workshop
& Zorb Football**
3:30 - 6PM, ASH

ESCAPE ROOM
11AM - 4:30PM, Meet @ ASH

WORKING IN SPORT TRIP
10AM - TBC, Meet @ ASH

FLIP OUT TRIP
11:45AM - 4:30PM, Meet @ REC

OXYGEN TRIP
12 - 4:30PM, Meet @ ASH

DROP IN: EASTER PARTY
3:30 - 6PM, ASH

APPRENTICESHIP WORKSHOP
3:30 - 6PM, ASH