



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 4th December 2023



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

Year 10 News – Ms Gbolonyo

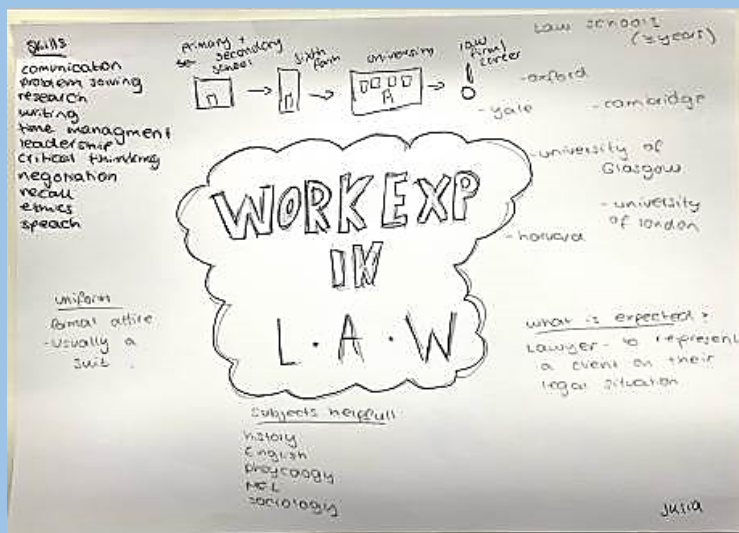
Year 10 IEAP Day- Work Experience Workshop

On Tuesday 14th November 2023 Year 10s attended a Work Experience Workshop with their tutor. Prior to the workshop students were asked to complete a skills audit where they had to really consider what their strengths are. During the workshop students had the opportunity to share their skills set with their groups, learn about how to create a CV and write a professional letter to potential employers.

The feedback I received from all tutors and Ms Boothe was incredible.

Well done to all of Year 10 for their input during the workshop! Please continue to use these skills to secure the placements you want for work experience in the summer term.

Special mentions to Ellie-Rose and Julia in 10ADI for their brilliant presentations to Mr Pinder.



Year 10 Parents Evening- Thursday 30th November 2023

On behalf of the entire Southfields Academy staff, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your attendance at Year 10 Parents Evening last night. Your participation and engagement are invaluable to us, as we strive to create a strong partnership between home and school to support the success of our students. We were delighted to see such a strong turnout for this year's event, demonstrating the commitment you have to your child's education. Your presence allowed us to share meaningful insights into your child's progress, academic achievements and areas for further development. We appreciate the open and honest discussions we had with you and we believe that these conversations will be instrumental in guiding your child towards achieving their full potential.

I am incredibly proud to be the Head of Year 10. Your involvement in your child's education is a testament to your unwavering support, and we are grateful for your partnership.

As we move forward, we encourage you to continue to have those 'learning' discussions with your **child**.

Please feel free to contact your child's subject teachers if you have any further queries regarding their KS4 course or your child's tutor if you have any general pastoral questions. We are here to support you and your child in every way possible.

Thank you once again for your unwavering commitment to your child's education. We are proud to have you as part of our school community.

Key Year 10 Dates

Year 10 Mock Exams 29/1/24- 9/2/24 and 24/6/24 to 5/7/24

Year 10 Work Experience- Monday 15th July 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024



Thought for the Week

One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone." — Shannon L. Alder



Year 7 Football – Mr Munro

On Friday evening, the Y7 Football Team hosted Westminster Academy in the second round of the London Cup. The match kicked off and the initial 15 minutes saw a balanced encounter, with neither team gaining the upper hand. Unfortunately, a defensive mix-up by Southfields allowed Westminster Academy to take the lead, scoring the first goal of the game, putting them ahead 1-0.

Despite the setback, the response from Southfields displayed commendable spirit, with players motivating each other and refusing to let their heads drop. The conceded goal seemed to fuel Southfields' determination, enabling them to display their quality. Over the next 10 minutes, Southfields dominated individual battles on the pitch, with Marley, Nathaniel, and Tyla displaying superior work rates compared to their counterparts, creating numerous chances for Southfields.

Just two minutes before halftime, Southfields reaped the rewards of their efforts. Excellent teamwork from Harlem and Nathaniel on the left side created an opening and Marley capitalised, scoring to level the game at 1-1. At halftime, the message was clear: 'keep doing what you're doing.'

The second half picked up where the first left off, with Southfields continuing their dominance. Despite creating multiple chances, the Westminster keeper being equal to every attempt. The one shot that the keeper couldn't keep out hit the crossbar and bounced to safety. In the final minute, Southfields had one more opportunity with Mikail's free kick narrowly missing the target.

The match was ultimately decided by a penalty shootout. Seven players volunteered to take penalties, though only five were initially required. Tyla, Nathaniel, and Marley all scored, while Miwais made a crucial save during Westminster's third penalty. Hassan confidently converted his penalty, and despite Mikail's well-saved attempt, Southfields emerged victorious with a 4-3 win on penalties.

The team celebrated their success, with Harlem earning the title of Player of the Match for his exceptional work rate throughout the game. This second-round triumph sees Southfields progress to the all-important third round, echoing Jay-Z's 2009 hit, "on to the next one."



IG students visit the world of work - Ms Camargo and Ms Fearon

Last Friday, a group of IG students from Year 13, who will be all leaving us next year to enter the world of work or further education, visited the Skills London Fair 2023- 2024. The event, which took place in the ExCeL Centre, was supported by the Mayor of London and was attended by more than 35,000 14-25 year olds and their families on the 24th- 25th November.

For many IG students, the exhibition offered a range of practical activities for students to try out, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. The visit was also packed with scheduled bite-size talks that took place on the Career stage. This was an opportunity to accompany the mainstream sixth formers on a trip that will inform their future career and educational pathways in the coming years. Many students enjoyed the face-to- face interactions they received with representatives from the Armed Forces, British Airways, Sky News as well as staff from a range of London based colleges and universities. Students received leaflets, course guides and university prospectuses. Some even left with pens and bags to replenish their own pencil cases!

All in all this trip was a valuable opportunity for the IG sixth formers to learn more about the world of work and explore their options in their final year at Southfields Academy. And as some students were drawn to the Armed Forces, others were able to relax and enjoy the live music performance by the Royal Corps and forget all about classroom learning as they prepared for the weekend ahead of them.

There was definitely something for everyone at the ExCel Centre.



Dates for Your Diary

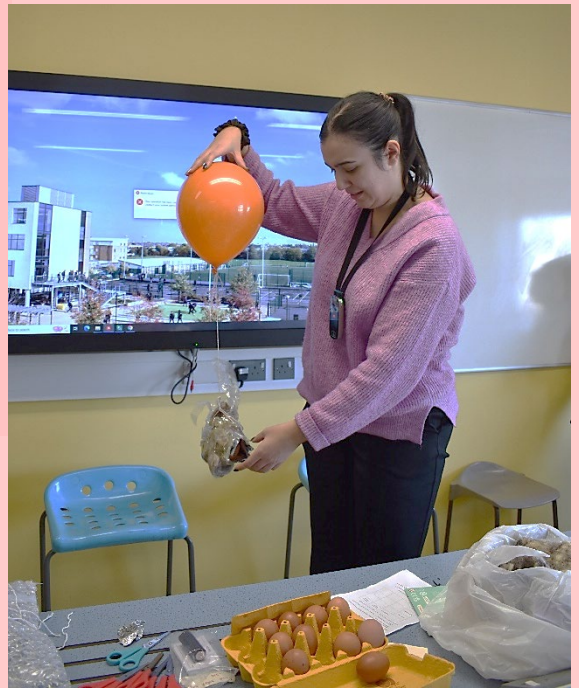
Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Christmas Lights Events
Thursday 14th December 2023 – Year 12 L2 Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th December 2023 – Academy Winter Showcase
Friday 15th December 2023 – UCAS deadline
Tuesday 19th December 2023 – KS3 & KS4 Attainment Assemblies
Wednesday 20th December 2023 – KS3 Attainment Assembly
Thursday 21st December 2023 – No Students on Site
Thursday 21st December 2023 – Academy Breaks for Christmas Holiday

Science Club – Ms El Maadi

In science club today we did the egg drop challenge.

The egg drop challenge is a classic STEM activity that is both fun and educational. Students were challenged to design and build a contraption that would protect an egg from breaking when dropped from a certain height. This activity helps students to develop their problem solving, engineering, and design skills using a range of different materials.

Some were more successful than others and a couple of eggs even survived!

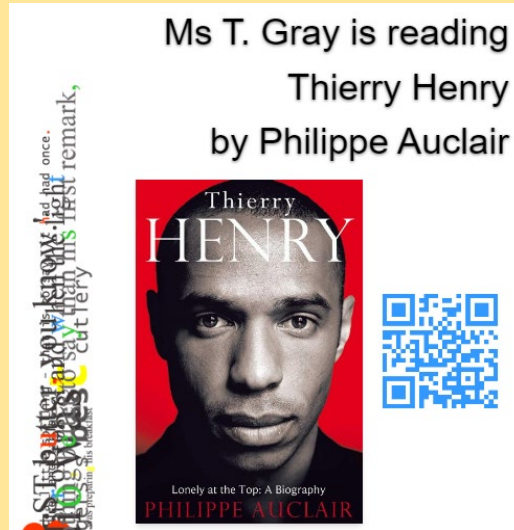


Book Recommendations - Ms Sulliman

Every week, an adult in our community recommends a book to the students via assemblies. These recorded recommendations are played to students in Y7-13 as studies show that recommendations from those known to us are more likely to get us reading! Each week, the recommended read will also be shared in the Parents' Newsletter and on Instagram, with a QR code that you can scan for more information about the book.

This week, **Ms T. Gray** is recommending **‘Thierry Henry’ by Philippe Auclair**. Ms Gray recommended this read as she is a keen Arsenal supporter and was interested in learning more about a footballer that helped to shape the squad and break the club record of 228 goals during his eight year tenure. Ms Gray shared that she enjoys reading non-fiction as she can learn more about a topic she finds interesting and encouraged students to do the same if they haven’t found a genre in fiction to enjoy.

As with all recommendations, Ms Gray has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss Thierry Henry's biography, if they choose to read it!



The Southfields Business Forum invites you to

★ **SOUTHFIELDS**
Christmas Lights

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

Featuring

'The Southfields Academy Musical Collective'.

OPENED BY THE MAYOR OF WANDSWORTH AT 4.30PM
LIGHTS SWITCHED ON BY DEBORAH JEVANS CBE AT 5PM

Main stage at top of Replingham Road



Carols | Mince Pies | Mulled Wine
Live Music | Christmas Market Stalls



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This year the Wimbledon Foundation has donated £1.5 million to more than 154 projects in Merton and Wandsworth supporting those in need in our local community.



The AELTC donated **one pound for each spectator** at The Championships 2023 to the British Red Cross' humanitarian work raising **£532,651**, and **1,000 refugees** were invited to enjoy a day of tennis.



43 people from Merton and Wandsworth were employed at The Championships via the Wimbledon Foundation's local charity partners.



Plants, clothing, towels and tennis balls have been donated to local charities including Age UK Wandsworth, Little Village and St George's Hospital.



The Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative works with local state primary schools introducing children to tennis and the benefits sport brings.

On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 February the AELTC Community Open Weekend returns, with our Grounds open for our local community to come and enjoy free tours, visit our Museum and Library, get involved with arts and crafts activities and other Wimbledon themed activities. More information will be sent out via myWimbledon in early January 2024

To find out more visit wimbledon.com/foundation or follow @WimbledonFdn on X and Instagram.

THE
SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY

Winter Showcase

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION
OF CREATIVITY

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER
4:30-6:30PM
ASSEMBLY HALL

ENTRANCE IS FREE
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE VENUE





The Language Ambassadors present

The MFL Christmas card competition

→ Deadline: **11th December**

- It can be a Merry Christmas or a Happy Holidays card.
- It must have **festive** decorations.
- The message must be written in a **foreign language**.
- It can be addressed to a member of staff, a fellow student or no one in particular.
- It must include **your name** and **tutor group**.
- There will be a **post box** in the MFL office for you to hand your cards in.

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