



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 20th November 2023



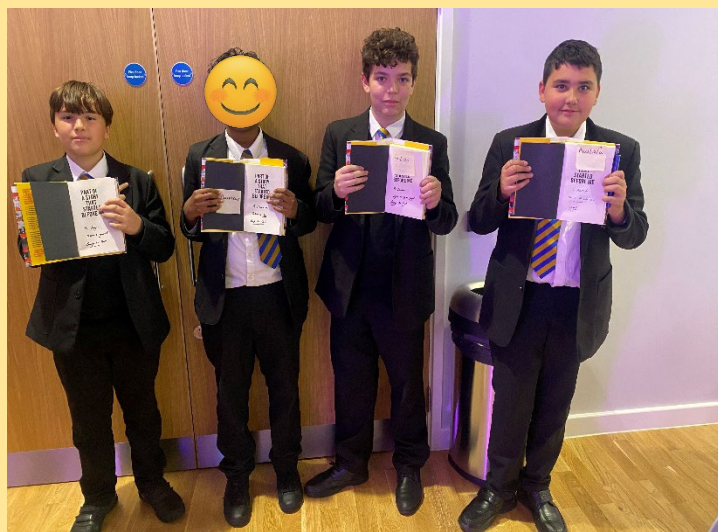
Ethos statement: We believe that through individual commitment, self-discipline, integrity and respect for others, we inspire everyone to learn.

Wimbledon Bookfest – Ms O'Neill

A group of students from Year 8 and Year 9 had the opportunity to attend Wimbledon Bookfest where they watched George the Poet perform. During the live Q&A a number of our students asked really insightful questions that opened up important discussions.

Out of all the schools who were in attendance, students from Southfields Academy were selected to meet George the Poet and get their books signed!

This was a wonderful experience which was a delight for all students (and teachers!). Throughout the day, all students behaved in an exemplary manner and were a credit to Southfields Academy.



Careers in Architecture – Ms Ahmad

On Wednesday 14th November, Abul Mahdi, Director of Studio Jayga Architects, spoke to Y11, 12 and 13 students interested in a career in architecture. He shared his journey from working in commercial architecture, humanitarian architecture and owning his own business. Then he held a Q&A session, where students asked interesting and well thought out questions. All students were intrigued and enjoyed the talk.





Thought for the Week

“Assumptions are the termites of relationships.” — Henry Winkler



GCSE Citizenship - Fleur Anderson MP Visit – Mr Samuels

We were delighted to welcome Fleur Anderson MP, the Labour MP for Putney, Roehampton and Southfields, to our school during UK Parliament Week. Ms. Anderson gave a fascinating talk to our students about her work as an MP and the importance of civic engagement. She also answered questions from the students about a wide range of topics, including the environment and education.

Ms. Anderson's visit was a valuable opportunity for our students to learn more about the UK Parliament and the role of MPs. It was also an inspiration to see someone who is passionate about making a difference in the world.

We would like to thank Ms. Anderson for taking the time to visit our school and share her insights with our students.

In her talk, Ms. Anderson covered a variety of topics, including:

- The role of an MP
- The work of Parliament
- The importance of civic engagement
- The challenges and opportunities facing the UK

Ms. Anderson also answered questions from the students about:

- The environment
- Education
- Votes at 16
- Her motivation to become an MP



Our students were very engaged in Ms. Anderson's talk and asked her many thoughtful questions.

We are grateful to Ms. Anderson for her visit and for her commitment to public service.

We hope that her visit will inspire our students to get involved in their communities and make a difference in the world.



Dates for Your Diary

Friday 24th November 2023 – Year 12 Skills London Trip

Monday 27th November 2023 – INSET Day

Thursday 30th November 2023 – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Christmas Lights Events

Thursday 14th December 2023 – Year 12 L2 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th December 2023 – ADT Exhibition of Student Work

Chess Tournament – Mr Spencer

On Tuesday 14th we had our 2nd annual chess championship.

The competition went to a sudden death play-off between last year's winner Alan Bielecki and Aleks Bakarzhiev. Aleks won.

It was great to see players ranging from age 11 to 18 all competing against each other with an excellent attitude.

Rank	Name	Total Points
1	Aleksander Bakarzhiev	5.0
2	Alan Bielecki	5.0
3	Serhii Chobitok	4.5
4	Dirk Oliver	4.0
5	Nathan Lodge	4.0
6	Jamal Aziz	4.0
7	Piotr Bobrek	4.0
8	Dabeer Khan	4.0
9	Mattia Bonincontro	3.0
10	Alexander Trela	3.0
11	Krzysztof Aktas	3.0
12	Jazib Ahmed	3.0
13	Piotr Trela	3.0
14	Reuben Chamberlain	2.5
15	Raul Chindris	2.5
16	Maiwand Sedqi	2.5
17	Hrithick Sridharan	2.0
18	Kishan Rana	2.0
19	Oliver Varns	2.0
20	Tristan Perhirin	1.0
21	Ignacy Paradowitz	1.0
22	Baljeet Singh	1.0



A Message of Hope and Unity: Celebrating Our Anti-Bullying Week Achievements – Mr Samuels

Dear Students, Staff and Parents,

As Anti-Bullying Week ends, we take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements that have marked this important campaign. Together, we have demonstrated our unwavering commitment to creating a school environment that is safe, inclusive and respectful for all.

Odd Socks Day: Embracing Uniqueness

Our Anti-Bullying Week kicked off with a vibrant display of individuality on Odd Socks Day. The colourful kaleidoscope of odd socks worn by students and staff alike beautifully symbolized our embrace of diversity and our rejection of bullying's hurtful attempts to homogenize.



Making a Noise About Bullying

The energy and enthusiasm that filled the air during our Make a Noise About Bullying event were truly inspiring. Charlie, Michael, and the band, along with our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, created a lively atmosphere that echoed our collective resolve to stand against bullying.



Anti-Bullying Week Assemblies: Fostering Understanding and Prevention

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors took the stage during assemblies across all year groups, engaging their peers in thoughtful discussions about the nuances of bullying and banter. The announcement of new ambassadors for Year 7 and 12 further strengthened our network of champions for a kinder, more inclusive school community.

Tutor Time Resources: Equipping Our Students

Heads of Year diligently distributed Anti-Bullying Week resources to tutors, ensuring that every student had access to valuable information and tools to combat bullying. These resources provided a platform for open dialogue and empowered students to identify and report bullying incidents effectively.

A Shared Responsibility: Moving Forward Together

As we move forward, let us remember that the fight against bullying is a shared responsibility. Each of us plays a crucial role in fostering a school environment where kindness, empathy and respect prevail. By celebrating our differences, speaking up against injustice and supporting one another, we can create a school community where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered to thrive.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to creating a school community that is free from bullying. Let us continue to make a noise about bullying and work together to build a kinder world.

Year 12 Mock Job Interview Day – Ms Frusciante

On Tuesday 14th November, Year 12 students spent the morning with their tutors learning about and practising their interview skills. They chose one of 5 jobs and prepared to be interviewed. We welcomed 25 professionals from industry on site.

They had been briefed on the interview activity and were ready to interview our somewhat nervous students. It was great to see smiling faces as students emerged from the assembly hall after their interview, clutching the written feedback from the interviewers. Feedback from our interviewers from industry was very positive, with comments about how well the students presented themselves and the detailed responses they were able to give to the questions asked.

It was lovely meeting the students and they all did so well in their interviews, they should be proud of themselves.
- Melissa Facey - Higgins Partnership

All the pupils we met were very impressive and so respectful. - Joe Hext - Jackson Estate Agents

What interesting and exciting students you have. - Helen Lederer - Director No.10 Corporate Services

I really enjoyed it and the students are a credit to the school. - Jack Isaac - Civil Service - Justice Department

It was great to meet such a confident and positive bunch of individuals - Sam Coleman - Google



International Group Staff Honoured by Wandsworth Mayor

Staff at the Academy's International Group were paid a surprise visit by Wandsworth's Mayor, Councillor Juliana Annan this week. Unbeknown to them, they had been nominated for a Civic Award which was in recognition of all the work they do to support students in the International Group.

Many of these young people have no or limited English on arrival at the Academy, and a significant number have arrived into the UK on their own having experienced trauma before and during their journey here.

The department, led by Ms Hilary, not only provides an education for these students and a pathway for them to gain qualifications but also support for each of them to become active citizens who are able to contribute to society.

The Mayor recognised this huge achievement and said she was honoured to present each member of the IG staff with a Mayor's Pin.



Southfields Christmas lights – Mr Pinder

The Southfields Christmas lights event will take place Wednesday 6th December 2023; the Mayor of Wandsworth will start the celebrations at 4.30PM and the "Southfields Music Collective" will follow on, adding our special musical splendour to the evening.

Parents and guardians are invited to offer their support and join in the festive atmosphere. The Southfields Music collective students will be performing a mixture of Christmas songs and classic popular songs during the course of the event.

We will be located in Replingham Road opposite the Boots Chemist. The Southfields Music collective will perform between 5.05PM-6.30PM.

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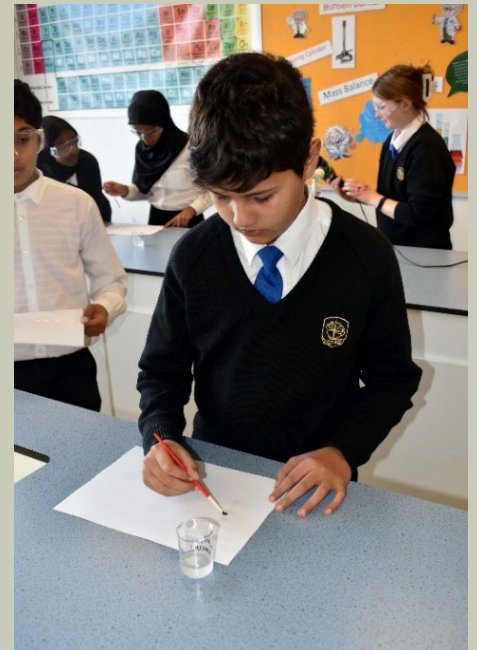
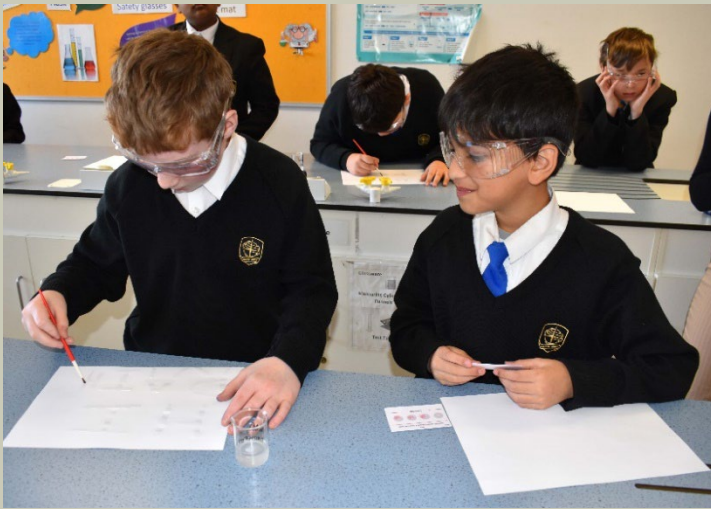


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Science Club – Ms El Maadi

This week students sent messages in unconventional ways. They wrote secret messages using sodium nitrate on a piece of paper. After allowing it to dry the students then placed a lit splint underneath and watched as their message was revealed.

They also took part in some code breaking using invisible ink and UV lights. Next week we will look at other ways to send secret messages.



The Gate trip – Mr Browne

On Wednesday 15th November, 16 Year 13 students spent the day at The Gate, a creative agency based in central London, learning about the various jobs available in the advertising industry.

Southfields Academy has been selected to take part in The Institute of Practitioners in Advertising's "Advertising Unlocked" programme. As such, each year, students get to visit some of the best advertising agencies in the capital. This year it was The Gate - which is part of the MSQ's global network.

The morning consisted of a range of talks about how to get a job in advertising and the different pathways within that industry. The students were given a tour of the building and had pizzas for lunch (a definite highlight).

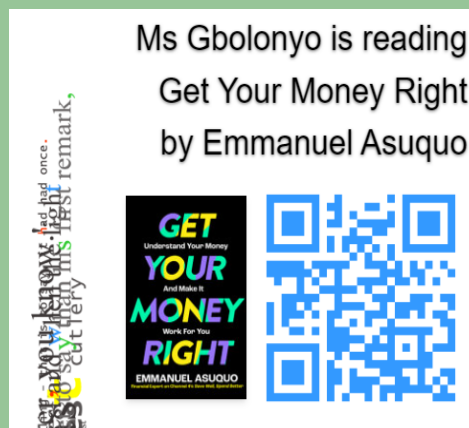
In the afternoon, the students were split into teams and had to create media campaigns for The AA. The students then presented their work to some of The Gate's Directors, who were hugely impressed with what they saw. One day, we hope to see some of our students working in this great industry.

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 Gbolonyo is recommending 'Get Your Money Right' by Emmanuel Asuquo. Ms Gbolonyo recommended this read as it helps young people to plan for the time when they are expected to be financially independent. The book is aimed at supporting people to understand how to gain control of their money so that they can earn more of it, spend less, build wealth and eventually, pass more of it on to the next generation

As with all recommendations, Ms Gbolonyo has encouraged students to seek her out to discuss 'Get Your Money Right', if they choose to read it!



Anti-Bullying Week is an annual campaign coordinated by Anti-Bullying Alliance to raise awareness about bullying and its impact on young people.

This is also to raise awareness on preventing it from happening in schools, communities and online.

This year, the anti-bullying week will be **Monday 13th - Friday 17th November.** The theme is 'Make a Noise' About Bullying



Please see the PDF link for more information on Anti Bullying Week

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VrFWNwgSPDjyDgHroms8pt5NbwCv3C7D/view?usp=sharing>