



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 6th May 2024



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

International Evening

Wednesday 1st May saw the return of the much-anticipated International Evening.

Family and friends gathered, some in national costume, to celebrate different cultures and to try the smorgasbord of international snacks provided by our kitchen staff.

It was a fantastic evening celebrating diversity through song, word and dance. Hosted by Scarlett Spencer and Oliver Varns there were poignant speeches and poems highlighting the destruction caused by war and terror and beautiful songs from as far afield as Uganda, Jamaica, India, Pakistan, Ecuador and Spain. The evening also displayed a number of lively dance performances from Brazil, Ukraine, Nigeria and Somalia.

The talent on display was wonderful and highlights how the International students enrich the community here at Southfields Academy.

A great deal of thanks must go to all the departments involved with special mentions to Michael Gumble, Ms Marshall and the International Group staff for their time and energy.

Many thanks to the performers:

- **The Cure Boys Don't Cry**, Alfie & Louis
- **Kola ekyinzinga wo**, Serah & Chloe
- **Song of the reed flute**, Ameenullah & Abdulqadir
- **Hip Hop Dance**, Joy & Ire
- **Hasta La Raiz**, Johanna
- **Coming to Live in England**, Anaya
- **Wherever I Hang**, Munasar & Joao
- **Yüzyüzeyken Konusuruz**, Ada & Josiah
- **The Key of Life**, Ahmed & Maher
- **Soneto de Fidelidade**, Felipe & Nana
- **Wild Dancers**, Donya & Daniel
- **The drunken waiter mime**, Mahdi, Aya, Ana & Gulzar
- **Ukrainian dance**, Year 7 & 8 Ukrainian students
- **Aaradhike**, Anshow,
- **Do me**, Agynes, Aaron, Luke & Maxe
- **It was the year I turned thirteen**, Serhii & Luna
- **Iarta**, Ruxandra
- **Somali dance**, Somali students
- **Waiting in vain**, Melody, Aaron, Scarlett & Daniel
- **Shoti**, Eyal & Louis
- **Runaway**, Emily Rose, Scarlett, Sofia & Oliver
- **Experiences of war**, Yuliia & Ehsanullah
- **Brazilian dance**, South American students
- **Valerie**, Brogen, Scarlett & Daniel





Thought for the Week

When we succeed, we succeed because of our individual initiative, but also because we do things together. Barack Obama



International Evening Continued...



Loudmouth Visit

On Tuesday morning, Year 9 students took part in a Loudmouth presentation and workshop.

The Loudmouth programme uses well-researched drama and discussion workshops to help young people spot the signs of grooming, raise empathy for victims and see the impact of child exploitation. It highlights how perpetrators target young people's vulnerabilities, how victims and perpetrators can be anyone e.g. gender, ethnicity, age and the laws around coercive and controlling behaviour.

The students participated very well during the morning and we hope gained valuable insight into the subject matters covered.



University Trip – Ms Hodgson

On Thursday, 25th of April, Year 12 Travel and Tourism students visited the University of East London for a day experiencing life as potential Tourism students. The day included informative sessions led by university academics covering tourism, airlines, and airports. Students also had the opportunity to tour the campus and explore various future pathways, such as apprenticeships and internships. Feedback from students described the day as fun, enjoyable, interesting, and helpful! Well done to Year 12 for your participation and enthusiasm!



Travel & Tourism Trip – Ms Maunder

On Wednesday, 24th of April, 19 Year 12 Level 2 Travel & Tourism students went to Queen's Ice and Bowl. Students had used Queen's as a case study for their Unit 3 coursework on customer service, giving them an opportunity to experience this whilst visiting. Students also had a game of bowling at Queen's, which saw Miss Maunder and Mr Markland competing against them. A special shoutout to Nicolas who got the most points overall!



Year 7 News – Mr Munro

Celebrating Achievements:

We recently held our Spring Achievement Assembly, and it was truly inspiring to witness the dedication and hard work put in by so many students. Over 80 pupils were recognised for their outstanding contributions in areas like attendance, punctuality, behaviour, and exceeding expectations in tutor time and around the school. These awards are a testament to their commitment to excellence, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We look forward to celebrating their continued success at the upcoming end-of-year assembly.

Summer Sports and Extracurricular Activities:

As the weather warms up, we're excited to announce a new line-up of summer sports for Year 7 students! This includes exciting options like cricket, softball, and rounders. We encourage you to discuss these opportunities with your child and their teachers to ensure they have a chance to participate and discover new interests.

IEAP Day:

Don't forget to mark your calendars! On Wednesday, 26th June, we will be hosting our next IEAP Day. This is a valuable opportunity for you to meet with your child's tutor, discuss their progress in various subjects, review previously set goals, and collaboratively establish new targets for the rest of the academic year. It's also a perfect time to address any questions you may have regarding their preparation for the transition into Year 8.

Year-End Activities:

The next few months hold exciting events for our Year 7 cohort! They will have the chance to showcase their athletic spirit and teamwork at their first ever Southfields Academy Sports Day, a highly anticipated event that promises to be a lot of fun. Additionally, they will be treated to a special end-of-year trip, details of which will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support in your child's educational journey. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or require further information.

Chelsea Training Grounds Trip - Ms Darby

A couple of weeks ago I was so excited to take two lucky Year 8s, Jasmin Elagag and Inna Sanduta, to Cobham training grounds to meet the Chelsea men's team, and watch them train. This was an exciting prize offered by Chelsea FC to the winners of a photography in sport challenge.

Students were invited to watch the players train, despite some truly awful weather! Players then came to meet the students, and sign some scarves. John Terry, a past manager for Chelsea and the England team, was also present for some photos. Two members of the team then allowed us a private photography session to practise our skills, and answer any questions the girls had.

It was a lovely day, and was a great opportunity to highlight the creative jobs within sports. I look forward to running the new photography club, and hope to have the chance to run such a trip again!



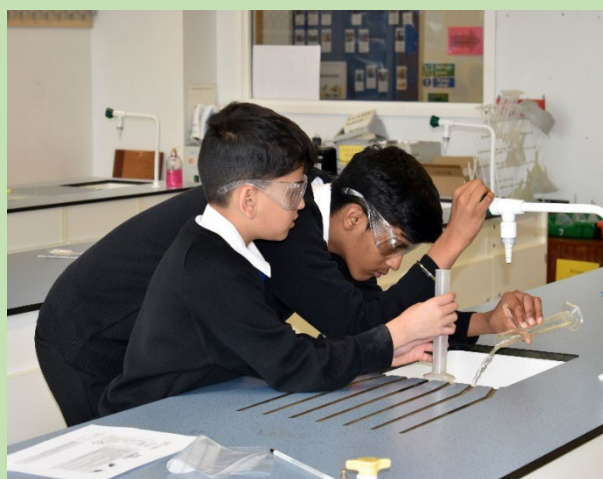
Dates for Your Diary

Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May 2024 – Half Term Holiday Starts
Monday 3rd June 2024 – Academy Resumes
Tuesday 25th June 2024 – Year 13 Prom
Wednesday 26th June 2024 – IEAP Day
Thursday 27th June 2025 – Year 11 Prom
Friday 28th June 2024 – INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd July 2024 – Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 4th July 2024 – International Group Prom

Science Club – Mr Vickers

There was BAGS OF WARMTH in our cosy science club this week, as we were making our own hand warmers! Timing-wise, maybe a couple of weeks after we really needed it, but a good skill for next year...

We used bags of calcium chloride inside bags of water to create our self-activated hand warmers, and used thermometers to measure the increase temperature for this EXOTHERMIC reaction.



Count on Us – Ms Bensalah

This week, five of our Year 9 students had a blast at Camden School for Girls, diving into the Count on Us Maths Secondary Challenge!

This program brings together KS3 students from across London to boost their maths enthusiasm. Our five students practiced hard, competed fiercely, all aiming for that epic Grand Final showdown at City Hall.

We will find out the results in the coming weeks. It's not just about numbers; it's about building confidence, teamwork, and a love for maths.

Huge kudos to our students for diving in, and a big shout out to Count on Us for making maths fun and engaging!

