



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 1st July 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

We're delighted to share a final update on Year 7 activities before the summer break. It seems like only yesterday they started their Southfields journey and now they're on the cusp of Year 8!

Joe Macari Trip

Eight fortunate Year 7 students recently attended a careers trip to Joe Macari. During the visit, students explored the showroom, taking pictures of rare and valuable cars, some worth over £20 million. Among the highlights was a rare Bugatti, with only nine others like it in the world. While touring the showroom, a Joe Macari employee, Franco, answered students' questions. When one student inquired about the loudest car in the showroom, Franco not only identified it as the Ferrari LaFerrari but also demonstrated its power by revving the engine to the amazement of the students.

The trip was an incredible experience for the students and me and we hope it marks the beginning of a valuable relationship with the Joe Macari showroom.

IEAP Day

On Wednesday, we had our final IEAP Day of the year. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to reflect and review their first year at Southfields Academy, by looking at their strengths from their first year and also, being open and honest about where to improve in Y8.

There were some amazing reflections, with some students selecting skills such as kindness, politeness, friendships and moving out of their comfort zone as areas to improve for Y8. Students were able to look at their strengths too, and being open about areas such as the curriculum, homework and making friends as areas they were proud of themselves for. There were a lot of mature reflections and I am excited to see these put into place in Y8.

End of Year Trips

As the year draws to an end, students are lucky enough to take part in some end of year trips to round off their year. Students are attending trips with their tutors to such places as Clip n Climb, Putt in the Park or Old School Sports Days and picnics.

Whatever trip the students attend, I am sure they will have an amazing time! Whilst on the trips, I am sure they will be excellent ambassadors for Southfields Academy and represent the Academy in a positive light throughout!

Key Stage 3 Sports Day

Another exciting thing about the end of the summer term at Southfields Academy is one of the most highly anticipated events in the calendar, Key Stage 3 Sports Day! This will be the Y7 students' first Sports Day at Southfields Academy, and some of their first experiences of attending Wimbledon Park track. Not only is it a chance for our students to show off their athleticism, but it is a time where tutor groups come together and can create signs, banners and chants to encourage the athletes in their tutor group to give them that well needed boost! It is a fantastic day in the year that I am looking forward to and I'm sure the students will too!

Year 8 Preparation

As your child moves into Y8, the standards and expectations of what is required is the same as it was in Y7 and I want all students prepared for that first day back in September. Please ensure that your child has a full pencil case that includes a black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, calculator and reading book. This will ensure that your child starts the year prepared and ready to learn.

As well as equipment, students need to have a full, impeccable uniform. This includes blazer, shirt, trousers/skirt and school shoes. This will include a new colour tie, which can be purchased from the Academy in advance of Y8 to, as I've mentioned, be prepared.

Next time we communicate through this means, will be when your students are in Y8. So please, have a well deserved and restful summer break and stay safe, whatever the summer holds.



Thought for the Week

The difference between a strong man and a weak one is that the former does not give up after a defeat. — Woodrow Wilson



Year 11 Leavers' Ceremony 2024 – Mr Lamboi

On Thursday, Year 11 celebrated the end of Year 11 with their graduation and prom and it was by all accounts the standout event of the year. Seeing the students collect their National Records of Achievement witnessed by their parents and teachers, who had taught them for the last 5 years, was amazing and a real moment in their lives.

It had the full complement of humour, seriousness, emotion, glitz and dare I say it glamour – students were adorned like superstars ready for Paris Fashion Week - they looked absolutely amazing and stunning.

A special thank you to:

1. The musicians who all gave wonderful performances: Killing me softly – Joceline Lopes Frederico, Wicked game – Abigail Bishton-Down, Maybe next time – Angelina Gil and You should probably leave – Donya Ammar, ably assisted and directed by Mr Gumble.
2. The Parents and guardians for their support throughout the academic year. It is only through a partnership with you that we have been able move mountains with our outgoing Year 11s.
3. The staff of Southfields Academy for their dedication to the students.

Year 11, it has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to be your Head of Year. You have all made coming into work a joy – day in, day out. I will sincerely miss you all. I wish you all the best. You are all **WINNERS!**







Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 – Year 6 Induction Day

Thursday 4th July 2024 – International Group Prom

Wednesday 10th July 2024 – ADT/Music Spotlight

Monday 15th July 2024 – KS3 Sports Day

Monday 15th – Thursday 18th 2024 – Alternative Activities – End of Year Assemblies Years 7, 8, 9 & 12

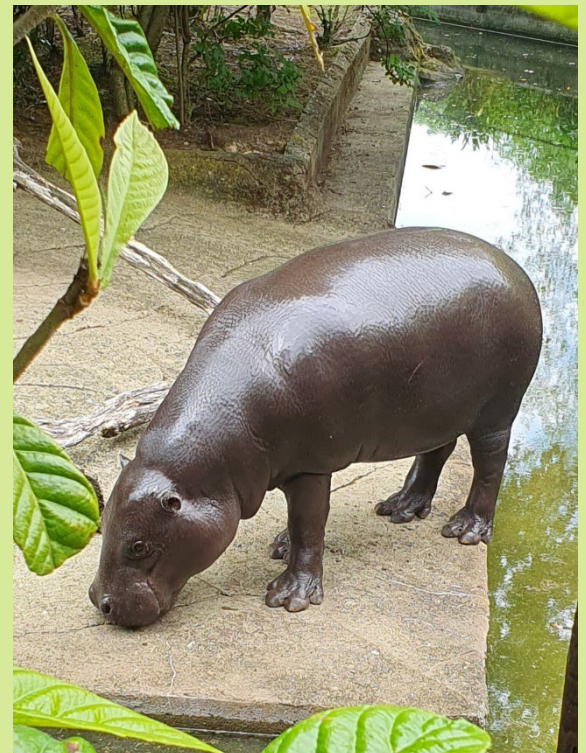
Friday 19th July 2024 – Year 10 Work Experience Debrief, End of Year Achievement Assembly.

Zoo Trip – Ms Nearn

On Monday, 24th June, Ms Nearn and Ms Webb took six lucky students on a reward trip to the London Zoo. The weather was glorious, and we were thankful for the few clouds that kept us cool. We were the first school to arrive that day, and so had the unique experience of viewing many exhibits virtually on our own. (Later on it became much more crowded, of course.)

Some of the students had never been to a zoo, and marvelled at glimpsing such exotic animals in person. A particular favourite was the pigmy hippo that looked more like a bronze statue than a living thing. It appeared to be napping standing up, and we only realised that it was real when it blinked!

We walked over 20,000 steps (apparently another first for several kids!), our picnic lunches and ice-creams useful fuel for such a marathon trip. Aching feet aside, we had a terrific day.



Year 12 History Trip to Pevensey Castle and Battle – Mr Hillman

On Monday, 13 intrepid Y12 historians braved the sunshine to head to the South Coast and follow in the footsteps of William the Conqueror. Our day began at Pevensey Castle. This was where William first landed in 1066 and he immediately established the castle. Incredibly, he had brought a prefabricated castle with him by ship and so the castle was quickly erected, (like an early IKEA flat pack). The castle remained in use throughout the middle ages and saw use again more recently as a forward command post during the 2nd World War. Its strategic location made it an invaluable (and heavily fortified) communications centre while the Battle of Britain raged overhead in the Summer of 1940.

From Pevensey we got back on the minibus and followed the same route William would have taken to the site of the Battle of Hastings itself. There, students toured the battlefield and visited the exhibitions housed within the medieval gatehouse.

Students were able to develop a far clearer understanding of the course of the battle by studying the topography of the site and got to see for themselves the difficulty of charging uphill! Our last stop was at Battle Abbey, which William built both to commemorate his victory and to do penance for the slaughter of the day. The high altar of the abbey is said to have been built on the very spot where King Harold died.

The students were exemplary and superb ambassadors for Southfields, a wonderful day in the sun.



Year 7 & 8 Cricket Festival – Ms Lenton

A small group of Year 7 & 8 girls attended a cricket festival at Spencer Cricket Club this week.

The girls had a brilliant day in the sun; they rotated around various workshops, which helped them improve their batting, bowling and fielding skills. The girls then played a cricket match against Ark Putney Academy. For some of them this was their first ever cricket match.

The girls showed some excellent batting skills with some of them getting 6 runs at a time. When it came to fielding, the girls managed to get quite a few of the APA girls out with some brilliant catches. We managed to score 183 runs altogether and APA scored 151. It was a great win for us.

Overall it was a fantastic day and the girls represented the academy very well.





Girls Active Festival – Ms Lenton

During National School Sports week Miss Lenton and fourteen girls from Year 8 & 9 went to a Girls Active festival at Barn Elms.

The girls took part in a range of sports and physical activity workshops including beach volleyball, Pilates, football and Boga (boxing mixed with yoga).

It was a brilliant day in the sunshine celebrating girls participating in sport and physical activity.

The girls and Miss Lenton both agreed it was the best trip they had been on.



Summer Showcase – Ms Jaffer

Southfields Academy would like to invite you to the event of the summer! Join us for lots of fun and games, food and a night of 80's themed music!

Dress code is strictly 80's! We look forward to celebrating the end of another school year with you.

SOUTHFIELDS ACADEMY PRESENTS



MUSIC

GAMES

FOOD

Wednesday 10th July

4-6pm

DRESS CODE: Strictly 80's

Free entry

**Buy vouchers on the door to play the games
and eat the tasty treats!**

Vouchers for games and food 50pence each

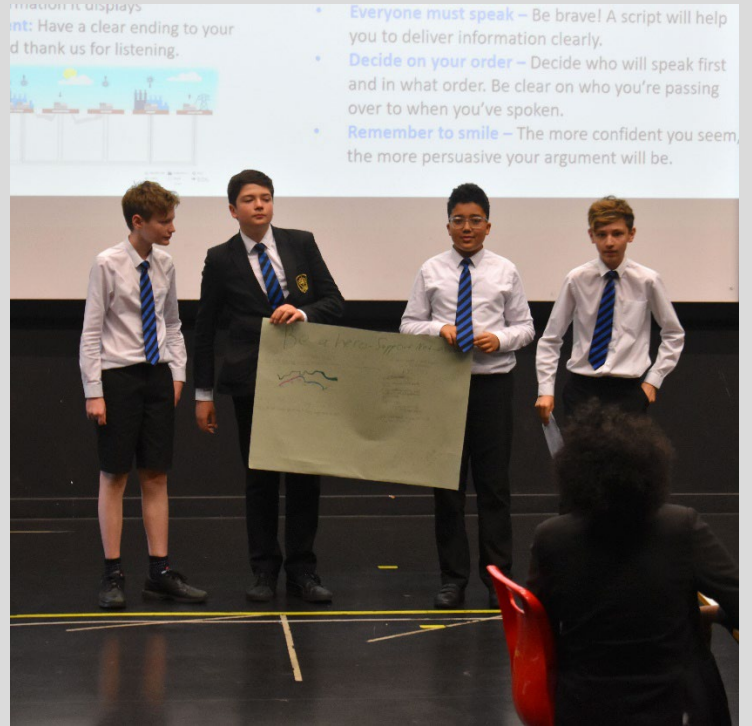
Year 9 Workshop – Ms Shah

On Wednesday 26th June, around 40 Year 9 students had the great opportunity to participate in a workshop hosted by the National Grid, the organisation that is responsible for all the major infrastructure projects in the UK. These include the London Power Tunnels, which hides all the pipes and wires that power London, used by all the utility providers.

Students learned how the projects are run, all the green and corporate social responsibility considerations taken into account and the different careers that they can follow in this industry.

Students were then set the task of working in groups to come up with their own ideas for electrical ways to save the planet and present these ideas to the workshop. There were some inspiring ideas!

A great deal of fun and learning was had by all.



Summer in IG

Over the last few weeks, many IG students have been sitting their GCSEs and ESOL exams. With many students completing their courses, we have been left with a small cohort of Year 9 and 10 IG students doing bespoke programmes in the " Art of Calligraphy from around the World" and a deep dive into the world of literature through the study of 'Macbeth' and George Orwell's '1984'.

Last Friday afternoon was enrichment time in IG as teachers played Dominoes and chess with students whilst others took on a personal challenge of completing 1000 piece puzzles in small groups. Below are some photos of last Friday's IG enrichment with Mozart playing in the background. Our students have asked for a repeat on Monday, but as teachers, we insist they must wait until next Friday for a repeat!



Meanwhile, yesterday many IG students who had been on study leave or on an early summer break joined the Year 10 cohort and the IG staff on a boat trip from Putney to Battersea Park. Everyone enjoyed the group picnic, many friends were able to catch up with one another and their teachers before they meet again next week for the IG end of year celebration on the 4th July 2024. We always look forward to party time at IG! Especially when the teachers versus students dance offs kick off.

