



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 8th July 2024



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

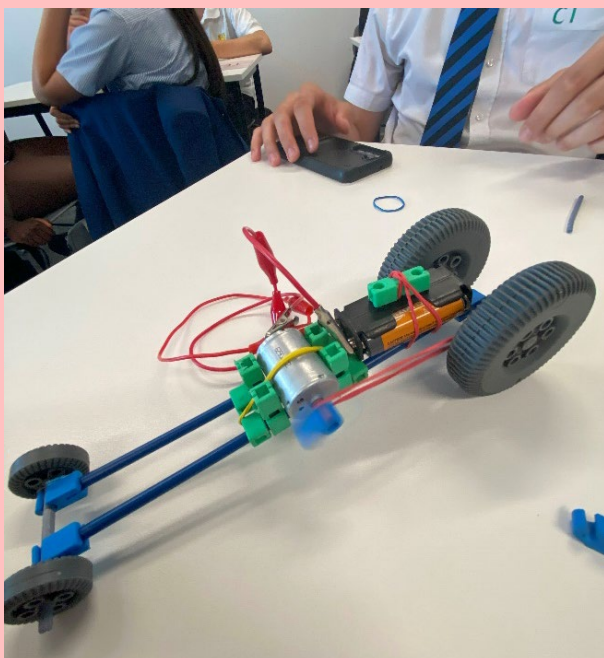
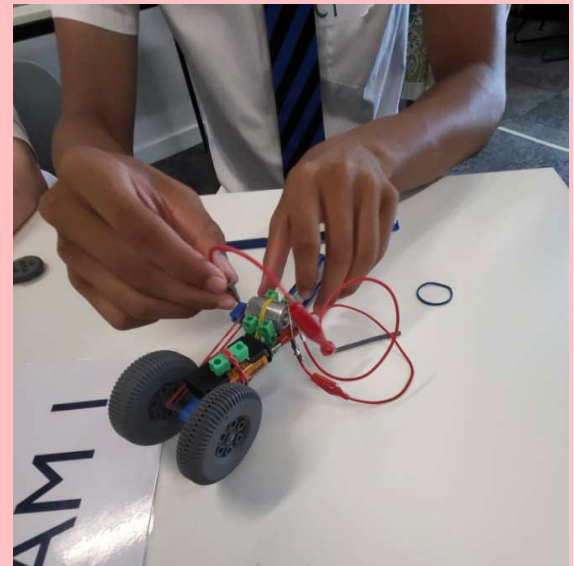
STEM Challenge – Ms Toffolo

On Wednesday 26th July, Ms Fox and I took 12 students from Y8 and Y9 to the South West London STEM Challenge at Richmond upon Thames College. The students worked in pairs with two students from another school to compete in three challenges throughout the day,

The first challenge had students using the E-FIT software used by the police to construct a computer image of a thief based on eyewitness reports. Students were encouraged to consider the problems associated with memory and facial recognition. Secondly, the students programmed the latest Lego Mindstorm EV3 robots, equipped with infrared and light sensors, to avoid obstacles.

Thirdly, students used medical equipment to record their own vitals such as blood pressure and heart rate. They used these skills in diagnostic challenges and were also given an introductory CPD course. The final challenge had students working in their teams to construct electric vehicles. Students were encouraged to consider power transmission as well as the effect of gears and pulleys on speed and rotational force of the vehicle.

I am delighted to announce that Izel and Jackson were part of the team who won the vehicle challenge and received a trophy on the day. Tyler and Amar's team were runners up for the same challenge. We look forward to taking another group of Southfields students to the challenge next year.





Thought for the Week

Resilience is the ability to attack while running away. — Wes Fessler



IG Farewell

On Thursday, 4th July, the International students celebrated the end of their academic year. Luckily, the weather held out and we could celebrate outside. In true International style, the students arrived beautifully dressed, full of enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

After a welcome from Ms Valin, Ms Kousi started the ceremony and with tutors, presented certificates and special awards to the students. For some students this was the first time they had received a certificate in recognition of their work at the Academy and were justifiably delighted!

There were wonderful musical interludes and poignant poems from Ameenullah Zahire, Abdulqadir Hassan, Anshow Antony, Luna Dos Santos, Nana Khvedelidze and Johanna Bravo Montalvo assisted by Mr Gumble.

It was great that so many students were there with parents and carers. It was a very special event and for those students moving on next year we wish them all the very best.







Dates for Your Diary

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.

Monday 2nd September 2024 – Staff resume

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Year 7 Start Term

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – Year 12 interviews

Thursday 5th September – All Year Groups Start Term

Parkside Hospital Presentation – Ms Wu

On Wednesday, June 26th, I organized a trip to Parkside Hospital for a prize-giving presentation. The six students who won the Poster Competition, to have their work displayed in the Children's wing of the hospital, were all invited. Unfortunately, only two of them were able to attend the trip in the end, which was a pity.

It was an incredible experience for the students to see their work framed and displayed to the public. They thoroughly enjoyed the trip, feeling honoured to have their art showcased. This event helped them realize the positive impact their art can have on the community.

This collaboration and art project have been fantastic. I hope that we will have more opportunities in the future.



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



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

Creating a self-care plan for all students in secondary school and college – Ms Nearn

The summer holidays can be a time to relax, recharge and take a break.

However, young people may struggle with the loss of structure and not seeing their friends every day. It's important that students look after their mental wellbeing during the break. The summer can also be a great time to develop good self-care habits, so that when term starts again, you have techniques you can turn to in stressful times.

Please click on the following link for information and ideas.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bq26fM51tSCHr2Z1jn_HrGlgWL7B75SR/view?usp=sharing

Southfields General Election – Mr Saysell

After opening the polling station as pupils arrived and during break 1 and 2, pupils flooded in to vote in our general election. They used the knowledge they had gained in tutor time to vote carefully. As a result, the turnout in our election was great.

In the History and Politics department, we are very happy that our pupils at Southfields Academy are so engaged in Politics. Due to this engagement, the election we held somewhat mirrored what happened in the general election across the country.

Well done to all the pupils that voted in our general election

The result was:

Labour – 204

Reform – 60

Green – 38

Lib Dem – 19

Conservative – 14





IMPORTANT!

PLEASE ORDER BEFORE **31ST JULY** TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Please note: This date applies to schools returning at the start of September.
Parents of schools with earlier return dates will need to order sooner.

The summer is finally here and although here at Stitch Design we've already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, there can always be issues that are out of our control, with this in mind **please order as early as possible**, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders received prior to the end of the month will be fulfilled as priority with current stocks, so please help us to help ensure you receive your uniform before the start of term.



**Thank you and have
a great summer!**

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