



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 9th September 2024



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

Welcome to Southfields Academy Year 7s!

Mr Salter (DHoY 7) & Ms Gbolonyo (KS3 Pastoral Lead/ HoY 7)

The Year 7 team would like to take this opportunity to welcome Year 7 to the start of what is destined to be an exciting journey at Southfields Academy. Now that the students have completed their first week, I am thrilled to share some wonderful updates about their initial experiences.

Our Year 7 students have already made a remarkable first impression. During their induction day, they engaged in rich activities to help build new friendships with peers and relationships with their tutor. Students had a tour of the academy and learnt about our academy values which our community demonstrates every day. Students also learnt about the importance of organisation and asking for help if they need to. They also had their tutor group photographs taken; capturing moments that will become treasured memories as they move through their years at Southfields Academy. Students have now had the chance to meet all their teachers and explore the range of subjects we offer as an academy. Our staff are extremely impressed with the students' organisation, engagement and effort in all subjects.

Every Wednesday from PM registration till 3.15pm, we have Year 7 assembly. On Wednesday 11th September, we had several staff requesting special 'shout-outs' for our assembly as they were so amazed. Assemblies are joyous occasions to celebrate our students. The positivity was clear, with Year 7 earning over **978 positive points in their first week alone!** We hope this positive spirit continues throughout the year.

Our academy theme for this term is kindness, and it's inspiring to see how our Year 7 students are embracing this. They have been performing thoughtful acts, such as holding doors open for others, helping their classmates in lessons, and including new peers in games during break time. These gestures have not gone unnoticed, and we have enjoyed highlighting these heart-warming stories in our assemblies by naming our first star of the week, **Ashley (07ALH)**.

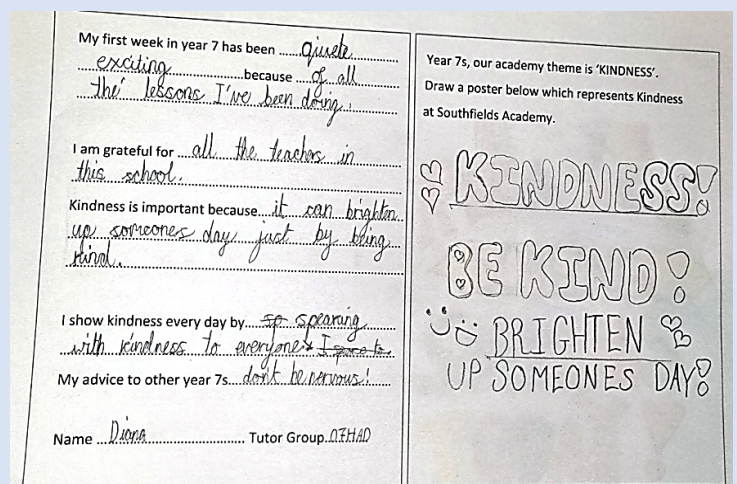
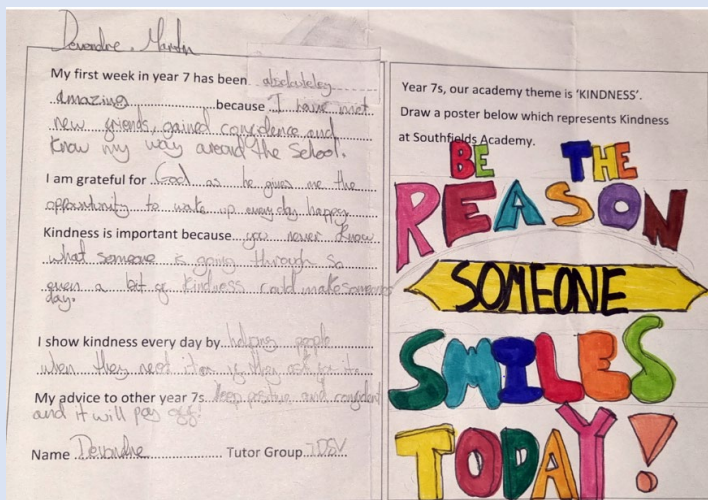
This newsletter is one of the key ways we keep you informed about important dates, activities and the achievements of our students. As your child begins their time here, this platform will keep you connected to their progress and the school life they're experiencing. A reminder that your child's tutor will always be the first point of contact.

We look forward to meeting you all on Thursday 19th September for our 'Meet the Tutors' evening.

Year 7 Key Dates

- **Friendship Workshop**- Tuesday 17th September 2024
- **Meet the Tutor**- Thursday 19th September 2024 4.30-6pm

Year 7s shared their reflection about their experiences so far.





Thought for the Week

“Remember, there’s no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.” — Scott Adams

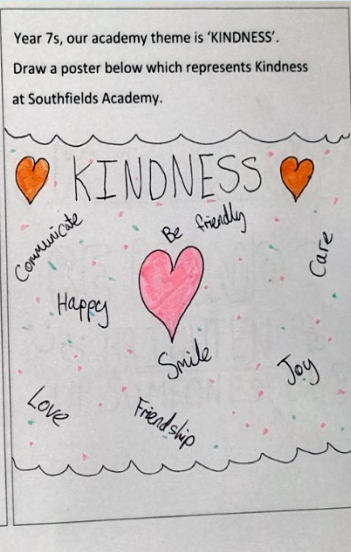


My first week in year 7 has been wonderful.....
 I think this..... because all teachers and students have been really kind.....

I am grateful for my friends and the subjects I get taught.....
 Kindness is important because it may make someone's day by showing them kindness.....

I show kindness every day by smiling, greeting and saying 'Good morning' to people.....
 My advice to other year 7s is to enjoy every day.....

Name Alia Yasraan..... Tutor Group 7HAD



My first week in year 7 has been amazing.....
 because I got to learn about the school.....

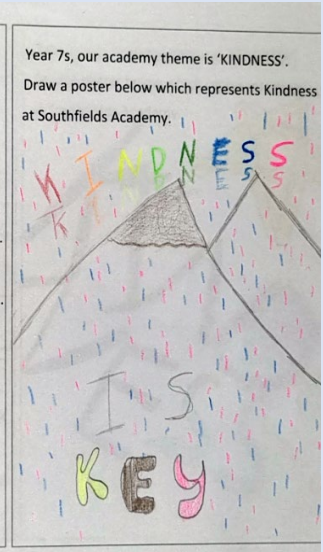
I am grateful for my mum bringing me here.....

Kindness is important because you need to be treated the way you want to be treated.....

I show kindness every day by helping.....

My advice to other year 7s is to always be happy.....

Name Khadija..... Tutor Group 7DBY



My first week in year 7 has been amazing.....
 because I've met my new teachers and I have made a new friend.....

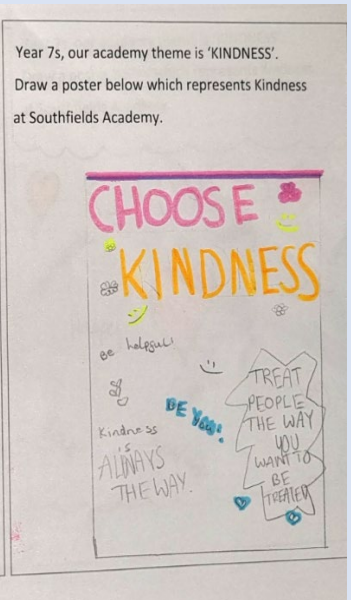
I am grateful for all my friends and teachers.....

Kindness is important because it's a great thing to do and it will make our world a better place to be.....

I show kindness every day by being a nice friend, smiling and complimenting.....

My advice to other year 7s is to be your own person and have fun.....

Name Katie..... Tutor Group 7NDR



My first week in year 7 has been great.....
 because I get to meet new friends and play football.....

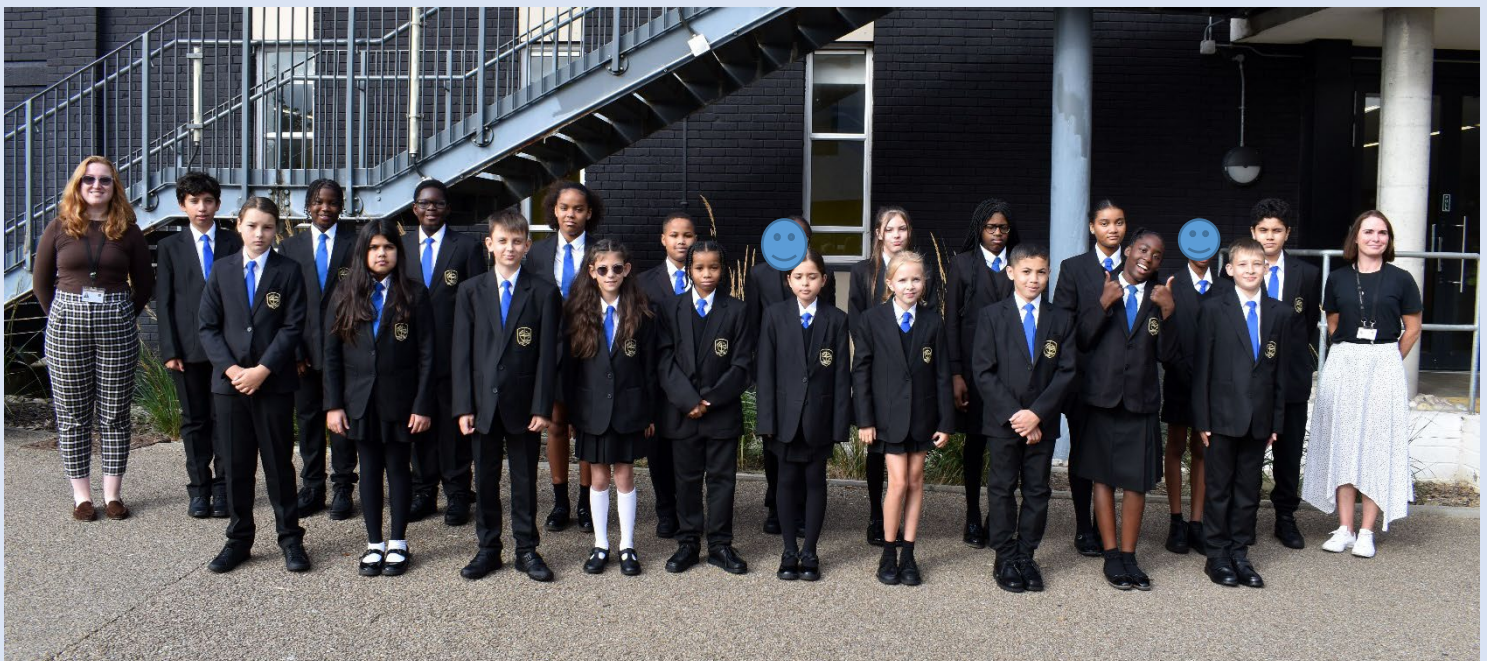
I am grateful for being here and having.....

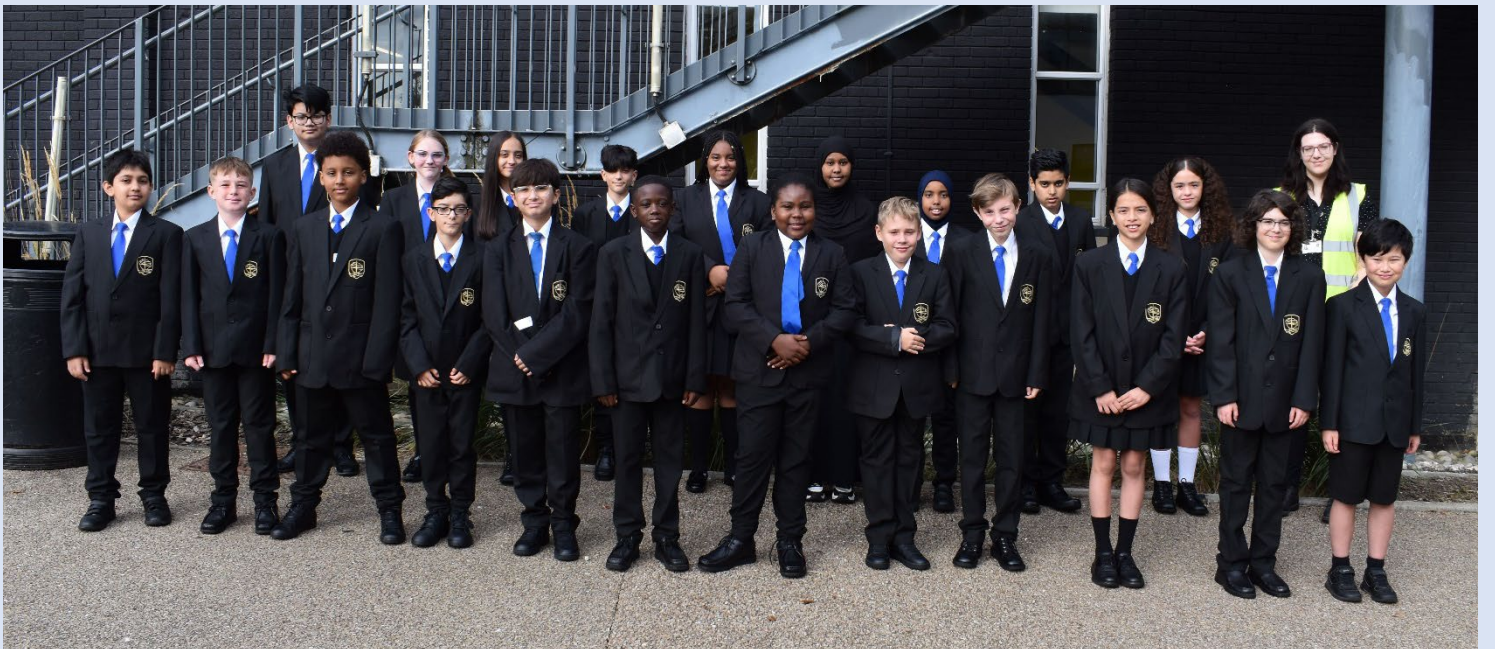
Kindness is important because if you give kindness to others you will get it back.....

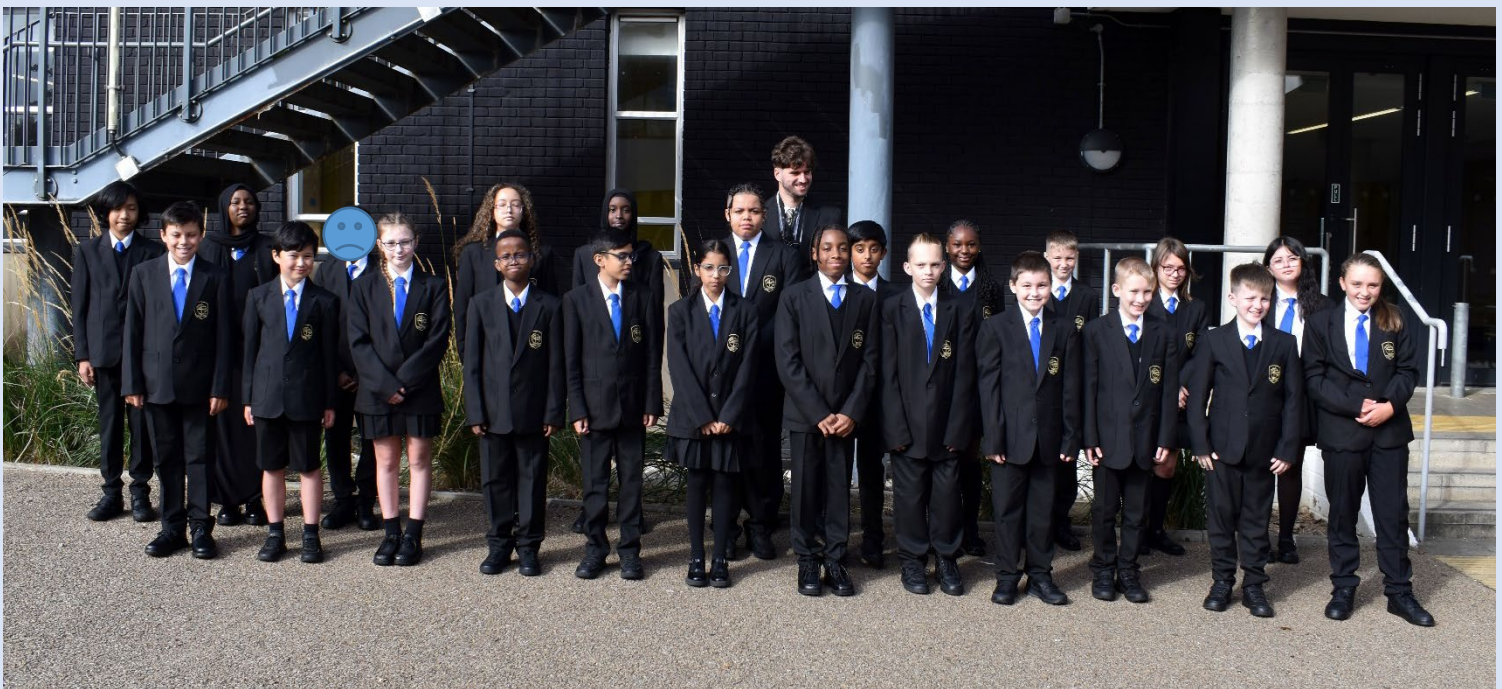
I show kindness every day by being respectful and sharing.....

My advice to other year 7s is to have a great day.....

Name Ranivo..... Tutor Group MS Darcy







Chess Tournament

Wednesday 20th November 2024
IEAP day



09:00-11:30 Canteen 6th form area

Please sign up on the sheets outside Mr. Spencer's classroom – A222.
Please arrange your IEAP day interviews for before 9am or after 11:30.



Southfields Academy Chess champions:
2022 - Alan Bielecki
2023 - Aleks Bakardzhiev
2024 - You?

EXTRA CURRICULAR / STUDY SUPPORT – Autumn Term 2024

Day	Subject	Support/activity	Venue	Teacher	Year information	
Monday	PE	Dance	Dance Studio	Ms Lanning	Break 2	
	PE	Basketball (Years 7 – 9)	Sports hall	Mr Sia	Years 7 - 9	
	PE	Strength and Conditioning	Fitness Suite	Mr Saysell	Years 9 - 13	
	PE	Dance	Dance studio	Ms Lanning	Years 7 - 9	
	PE	Netball	Courts	Ms Lenton/ Westwood	Years 7 - 10	
	PE	Football (Year 9)	Astro	Mr West	Year 9	
	PE	Football (Year 10)	Astro	Mr Boyce	Year 10	
	4 – 5.30pm	PE	Football (Year 11)	Astro	Mr West	Year 11
		PE	Muay Thai	Activity studio	Mr Hillman/Robertson	All Years
	3.55-4.45pm	PE	Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu	Activity studio	Mr Hillman	KS 4 & 5
4.30-6pm	PE	AFC Foundation – 6 th Form	Astro	AFC Coaches	Selected	
	Science	Science Club	Labs	Mr Abdirahman	Years 7 & 8 (Break 2)	
Tuesday	PE	Trampolining	Activity Studio	Ms Lanning	Years 7 - 10	
	PE	Pickleball	Sports hall	Ms Nearn	Years 7 - 10	
	PE	Basketball	Sports hall	Mr Sia	Years 10-11 Break 2	
	PE	Strength and conditioning	Fitness suite	Ms Lenton	Girls only	
	4.30-6pm	PE	AFC Foundation – 6 th Form	Astro	AFC Coaches	Selected
		ADT	Art club	B155	Ms Wu	KS 3 students
		ADT	Photography club	B156	Ms Darby	KS 3 students
		English	Fantasy Forum	D289	Mr Carmo	Years 7 - 11 (Break 2)
	Wellbeing	Board & card games Club	D180	Ms Nearn	Years 7 - 9 (Break 2)	
Wednesday	PE	Pickleball	Sports hall	Ms Nearn	Break 2	
	PE	Badminton	Sports hall	Mr Sia	All Years	
	PE	Year 11 GCSE Booster	D080	Ms Nilsson	Year 11	
	PE	Movement to music	Dance studio	Ms Hodgson	Invitation only	
	ADT	Homework club	B147	Mr Smith	KS 3 students	
		Coding	Coding club	D183	Ms Gittens	KS 3 students
		PSHE	Drop in for a Chat / support	D388	Ms Molloy	All Years (Break 1)
	Thursday	PE	Basketball	Sports hall	Ms Nilsson	Break 2
PE		Strength & Conditioning	Fitness suite	Ms Fox / Naylor	Years 9 - 13	
PE		Muay Thai	Activity Studio	Mr Robertson	Years 10 - 11	
PE		Volleyball	Sports hall	Mr Boyce	All Years	
ADT		Cooking	Catering suite	Ms Jaffa	Starts after half term	
		Crochet club	Crochet club	A131	Ms Hoy	All Years
		English	Reading Titans (Break 1)	D284	Mr Sawbridge	Year 7
		History	Warhammer	A123	Mr Hillman	All Years
		PSHE	Social Science research club	D385	Ms Hine / Ms Hill	KS 5 students
		Wellbeing	Board & card games club	D180	Ms Nearn	Years 7 - 9 (Break 2)
Friday		PE	Futsal (girls only)	Sports hall	Ms Lenton	Break 2
	PE	Football (Year 7)	Astro	Mr Robertson	Year 7	
	PE	Football (Year 8)	Astro	Mr Munro	Year 8	
	PE	Booster (GCSE)	D080	Mr Sia	Year 11	
		Pride	Pride Club	A131	Ms Hoy	All Years (Break 2)

The Library is Open Mon-Fri. 7.30 – 3.30pm.

International Group Homework club – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday P6.

HIU Homework support – HIU department – every day, break 1.

Sociology – Individual drop in and break time revision sessions when required – Years 12 & 13.



No students should be on site unsupervised.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 19th September 2024 – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event

Friday 20th September 2024 – Year 10 Options Deadline

Thursday 26th September 2024 – Year 10 Parents' Workshop

Thursday 3rd October 2024 – Open morning

Thursday 3rd October 2024 – Year 12 Meet the Tutor Event

Tuesday 8th October 2024 – Open morning

Thursday 10th October 2024 – Open Evening

Adult's Activities

TUESDAYS

11am-1pm: Coffee Morning. Come into the library for a free cup of tea or coffee, biscuits included.

3rd September 2-3pm: Silver Circle Reading Group Chat about your current reads and get book recommendations from friends.

10th September 3-6pm: Sexual Health Clinic. Drop in for free rapid HIV tests, information, and advice organised by Spectra and KwaAfrica.

WEDNESDAYS

3-4pm: Adult Italian Conversation. Join fellow Italian language enthusiasts in the art of conversation.

11th September 5:30-6:30pm: Wednesday Reading Group. A great way to share your thoughts on the book of the month, *Empire of Pain* by Patrick Radden Keefe.

FRIDAYS

English for Speakers of Other Languages Reading Group. This group will not be meeting in the month of September.

Adult's Activities

FRIDAYS

2-3pm: Adult English Conversation. Casual setting to improve your English.

SATURDAYS

7th, 14th, & 28th September 11am-12pm: Councillor's Surgery Drop Ins. Meet your local Councillor.

21st September 11am-12pm: Saturday Reading Group. Discuss the book of the month, *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Special Adult's Activities

14th September 11am-12pm: Sarah Clarke Author Visit.

Meet a local author as she reads from her new book, *The Night She Dies*. Registration necessary, contact the library.



25th September 6-8pm: Collage Night. Turn old magazines into one-of-a-kind works of art! FREE and all materials will be provided. Ages

18+ and BYOB. Space is limited, register by speaking to a member of staff or contacting the library. Part of Wandsworth Council's Sustainable September campaign.



Southfields Library September Newsletter



Take part in Sustainable September!

Opening Hours

Monday—Closed
 Tuesday—9.00am - 7.00pm
 Wednesday—9.00am - 7.00pm
 Thursday—Closed
 Friday—9.00am - 5.00pm
 Saturday—9.30am - 2.30pm
 Sunday—Closed

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Children's Activities

TUESDAYS

4-5pm: Duplo/Lego Builders Get building with Lego (age 8+) & Duplo (age 2-8yrs) and see what you can create.

4:30-5:30pm: Board Games Club (age 5-12yrs) Choose from our selection of board games for kids.

WEDNESDAYS

9:30-10am: Baby Rhyme Time (under 2yrs) Enjoy songs & rhymes with your little ones!



FRIDAYS

9:30-10am: Tiny Tales and Tunes (age 2-4yrs) Come along to the library for singing and short stories.

11-11:30 am: Story Time (age 3-5yrs). Take a break and listen to some stories with your child.

4-4:45 pm: Italian Conversation for Kids (age 5+) Practice speaking Italian - led by an adult volunteer.

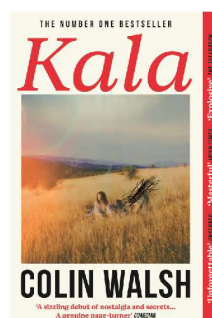
SATURDAYS

11am-12pm: Origami (age 6-12yrs) Shape and fold origami paper into beautiful works of art.



Special Adult Activities

WEDNESDAY 11th September 7-8pm: National Reading Group Day. Do you love the atmosphere of a reading group? Join the library after hours to discuss *Kala* by Colin Walsh. Reserve your copy today! Small fee may apply. Find out more about all the reading groups we offer by asking a member of staff.



Adult Activities

FRIDAYS 13th, 20th & 27th September 11am-12pm: Yoga for Health. Yoga classes taught by a certified Health Yoga instructor. **A fee per session may apply.** Booking essential, see a member of staff or email us at southfields.library@gll.org.



TUES-

DAY 3rd September 12:30-1:30pm & SATURDAY 28th September 12:30-1:30pm: Southfields Safer Neighbourhood Team. Meet with Metropolitan officers to discuss local issues or crime prevention.

WEDNESDAY 25th September 10:30am-12pm: Digital Inclusion Programme Session. Having difficulties with digital technology? Once a month, Age UK Wandsworth offers free computer help at Southfields Library. Booking is not required, although spaces may

Youth Mental Health Day - Control your scroll! Ms Nearn

Today's young people are growing up in a world unrecognisable compared to 10 years ago. Being able to instantly connect with peers, expressing creativity, and accessing entertainment and information in an instant, are just a few of the many positives the online world presents.

Yet for every positive there is a negative, and the online world poses many harms (both hidden and overt) that young people didn't have to face ten years ago. In a [stem4 survey](#) of 1,025 young people,

- 93% said they had been scared by content online;
- 59% were worried about disinformation, misinformation and fake news;
- 58% were affected by online scams and fraud;
- 52% were affected by online bullying;
- 39% were affected by sharing of sexual images;
- And 58% said they would avoid using search engines or apps if they knew they had the potential to cause them harm.



Following conversations with young people, stem4 has chosen to dedicate Youth Mental Health Day 2024 to the theme #ControlYourScroll, so that we can equip young people with the simple digital hacks and mental health strategies needed for a positive and safe online experience.

Click [here](#) to download the digital guide.



Place2Be Educational Psychology Team -
Workshop for Wandsworth Secondary Parents/Carers

Recognising and Regulating Worry and Anxiety

Place2Be are delivering an online workshop for families in our Wandsworth Secondary partner schools.

The sessions will be presented by Place2Be Educational Psychologist, Dr Sarah Sivers, a Child, Community and Educational Psychologist who assists in supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children and young people.

Date and Times:

Morning: Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 10am (60mins. Zoom)

Afternoon: Tuesday 24th September 2024 4.30pm (60mins. Zoom)

The workshop will offer insights and strategies on:

- What is the difference between worry and anxiety?
- How, when and why do these feelings arise in adolescence?
- How families can help manage feelings of worry and anxiety (strategies for young people and their parents/carers)

To attend, please register via the relevant link below. We will then send you a Zoom invitation.

Morning session:

https://place2be.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rS6OQ6uGQDKY5JBbTsbagw

Afternoon session:

https://place2be.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9CK2VOakRw2gTLNgmwLLOW

By providing us with your email address, you hereby grant consent for us to send you the Zoom registration link for the webinar. Please rest assured that we will neither retain nor use your contact details for any other purposes or pass this information on to Third Parties.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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