



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week Commencing Monday 23rd September



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

Year 8 - Mr Munro

I hope you had a restful summer break and were able to enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

As we embark on the new school year, there are several updates and opportunities for your child to engage in a range of activities that will be shared with you soon.

Uniform and Equipment

At the beginning of the academic year, students are usually well prepared with their uniforms and equipment. However, items can sometimes become lost or damaged. We kindly ask that you ensure your child has the correct school uniform and necessary equipment to help them be fully prepared for learning. Uniform expectations remain the same as in Year 7, with the addition of a gold and blue tie, which can be purchased from the Academy. The required equipment includes a black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, and reading book. This year, a calculator has also been added to the list to support students in maximising their learning in Maths. Calculators are available for purchase from the Academy.

Effort and Independent Learning

We are encouraging students to develop greater independence and take responsibility for their own learning. Our current focus is on ensuring that pupils complete their homework promptly and without the need for reminders. You can support this initiative by regularly asking your child about their homework. All tasks will be recorded in their student diaries, so you can easily track what has been assigned and when it is due.

In addition to homework, students can take ownership of their learning by consistently putting forth their best effort in every class. Effort is a quality that doesn't depend on ability, meaning every student can give their maximum in each lesson.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please notify the Academy as soon as possible. You can do this by calling the attendance line and leaving a message, or by emailing us at attendance@southfieldsacademy.com

Year 8 Tutor Team

As we begin this new academic year, there have been some changes to the tutor teams, including for Year 8. You may notice that your child has a new tutor. Please remember that the tutor is your first point of contact for any questions or concerns, and they will guide you to the appropriate staff member if needed. The Year 8 tutor team includes:

Ms Taibi (08TAB)

Mr Carmo (08CRO)

Ms Frith (08FRH)

Mr Richardson (08RCD)

Ms Swann (08SWN)

Mr Sia (08SIA)

Extra-Curricular Activities

The start of the academic year also brings a variety of new extra-curricular clubs for students to enjoy. We encourage you to discuss these opportunities with your child, whether it is continuing with a club they already enjoy or trying something new. Clubs range from PE and science to homework clubs and more—there's something for everyone.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Please note that the Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday, 21st November 2024. This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress across their subjects, speak with their tutor from a pastoral perspective, and meet with me to address any specific concerns. I look forward to seeing you all there.

If you have any questions before our next communication, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's tutor.



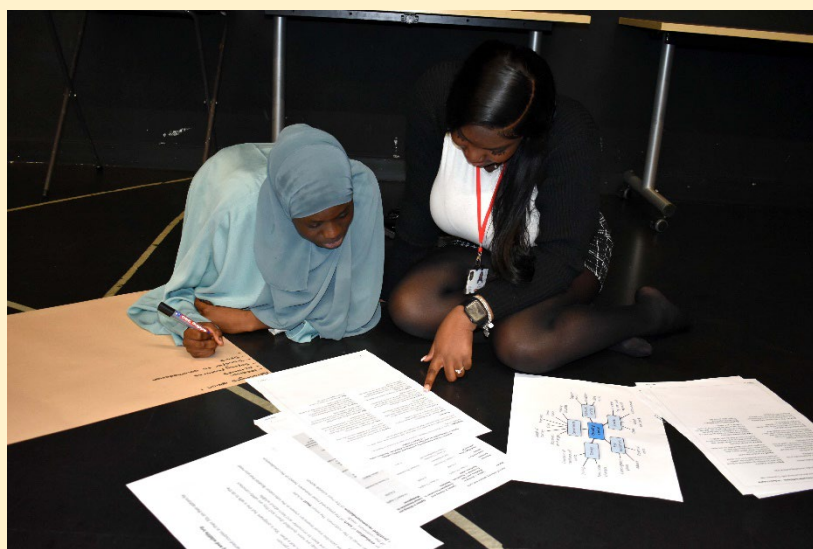
Thought for the Week

"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." — Tommy Lee Jones



Year 13 Travel & Tourism – Ms Hodgson

The Year 13 Travel and Tourism students have settled back into school exceptionally well. Today, they worked in groups in the black box, collaborating effectively and displaying great teamwork and communication skills. They practiced structuring their responses to an evaluation question, which will be invaluable preparation for their January exam. An outstanding effort from the entire class—well done!



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

European Day of Languages, MFL Department – Ms Terrington

This week, we are celebrating the European Day of Languages with a host of exciting events around the school. We are running a school-wide 'Languages For Peace' competition, playing a range of educational games in MFL lessons and running activities in tutor time and assemblies.

It is sure to be a fun-packed week - ask your child for more information on what they learn during these events!



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2024-EN

Autumn Term 2024 Open Events

Thursday 3 rd October	09:00-10:15
Tuesday 8 th October	09:00-10:15
Thursday 10th October	17:30-19:30
Tuesday 15 th October	09:00-10:15
Tuesday 22 nd October	09:00-10:15
Wednesday 23 rd October	09:00-10:15
Thursday 24 th October	09:00-10:15

At all other times, we welcome visits during the school day, please email: sean.french@southfieldsacademy.com or phone: 020 8875 2661

National Fitness Day 2024! – Ms Lenton

We celebrated National Fitness Day yesterday by doing an active mile in all PE lessons; students ran, walked or skipped for 1 mile at the start of their PE lesson. We also had 1 minute fitness challenges at both break times, these included cycling, rowing, ski ergs, skipping and step ups. It was great to see students from Year 7 to Year 13 getting involved and being active on the most active day of the year.





Book Clubs in Schools – Ms Reynolds

This year is the 10 year anniversary of Southfields Academy's relationship with Book Clubs in Schools! To kick-off the celebrations, we will be hosting a party for a very special guest on Tuesday, 24th September, who will be delivering a specialised workshop for 25 of our Year 10 students. Unfortunately, we can't give away all of the information just yet, as we do not want to ruin the surprises.

All 25 students who will be attending the workshop received their invitation during the Year 10 assembly and the excitement for the event is high!

#10YearsOfBookClubs #englishdepartment #southfieldsacademy #surprise #september #celebrations #anniversary #bookclubsinschools #bcis #year10



Book Clubs in Schools (BCiS)

Where books are about more than just reading

Lost Property and Uniform Donations

Lost Property

We have already accumulated a significant amount of lost property including new blazers, new shoes, football boots and other items of clothing. None of these items are labelled so we are unable to reunite them with their owner.

PLEASE CAN PARENTS/CARERS TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE THEIR CHILD'S NAME CLEARLY ON ONE OF THE LABELS IN THEIR CHILD'S CLOTHING, OR USE BOUGHT LABELS.

If your child has lost an item, please ask them to see Mr Millington. Any unclaimed lost property will be held for 3 months and then put into our spare uniform stock.

Uniform Donations

If your child has outgrown an item of their uniform which is in a good enough condition to be worn again, please consider donating this to our spare uniform stock. Please put the item in a bag, leave it at reception marked for Mr Millington's attention. Your donation will be gratefully received.

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Getting Into School & College: Common Challenges & Supporting School Avoidance

It can be incredibly difficult to know how to support your child and help them when they are struggling emotionally with managing and attending school or college.

This workshop provides some key tools, understanding and resources for supporting your teen.



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DATE / TIME

Tuesday 24th September 1.00–2.00pm

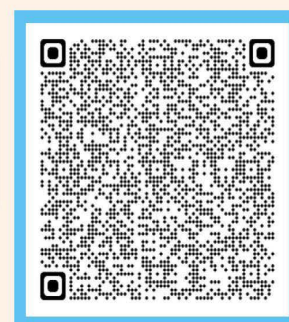
Thursday 26th September 6:30–7.30pm

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#) to book



wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondarycollege-parents-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm-source=cp&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-campaign=social&utm-medium=discovery&utm-content=creatorshare>

Family Online Safety Courses

These 4 session courses are designed to help parents and carers understand online risks and provide practical strategies for keeping children safe online. Topics include social media, online gaming, parental controls, and privacy settings. Each participant will also receive a refurbished P2C laptop upon completion.

Yvonne Carr Family Hub

Dates: 1st October - 22nd October 2024

Time: Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm

Address: Yvonne Carr Family Hub, 2 Thessaly Road, SW8 4HT

Roehampton Family Hub

Dates: 4th October - 25th October 2024

Time: Fridays, 10am - 12pm

Address: Roehampton Family Hub, 166 Roehampton Lane, SW15 4HR

To book a place, please contact 07934 553192 or email: hello@powertoconnect.co.uk



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Wandsworth SEND Strategy 2025

**We want
to hear
from you!**

We need your help to develop our new strategy for supporting children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) in Wandsworth.

We want to hear from everyone, including young people, parents and carers, and professionals.



Please visit: haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/wandsworth or scan the QR code to complete the survey.

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POWER TO CONNECT

Digital Drop Ins



These free sessions give you the opportunity to connect with others on all things digital, share tips and get expert advice from our Digital Champion volunteers. Visit us with your device or use one of the devices available.

****Booking is not required, but please keep in mind you may need to wait to chat to one of our volunteers****

Autumn 2024 (September - December)

BATTERSEA LIBRARY

265 LAVENDER HILL, SW11 1JB

**Every Monday
10am-12pm**

ROEHAMPTON LIBRARY

2 DANEBURY AVENUE, ROEHAMPTON, SW15 4HD

**Every Monday
2pm-4pm**

TOOTING LIBRARY

75 MITCHAM ROAD, SW17 9PD

**Every Friday
2pm - 4pm**

Important Notice

Digital Drop-ins will NOT be available:
week commencing 28th October 2024

ESOL Classes at Fayland Children's Centre

Fayland Avenue

SW16 1SY

Working Together with Lifelong Learning

ESOL can help you improve your language skills if English is not your first language.

The course will help you improve your reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. It will help you to develop your understanding of grammar and your employability skills.

COURSE INFORMATION

Every Friday

4th October (enrolment) to 13th December

9:30 – 11:45am

Places are available for parents of children 0 - 19 years of age (25 with SEND)

Please contact Carol 07813542856 or Keeley 07929874341 to book your place.

