



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

Prize Evening 2024

On Thursday 14th November we held our annual Academy Awards prize evening.

This ceremony takes place to recognise and celebrate the achievement of students in Years 8 – 13 for the previous academic year and to recognise those Year 7s who have achieved most in their first half term with us.

This was a lovely ceremony, hosted with great aplomb by Sahara Williams-Price and Harun Hassan in Year 10. There were also four very good musical interludes from Sophia Alix Joa Romero, Melissa Regalado Iglesias, Emily Rose Smith, Scarlett Spencer and Ruxandra Barabas-Brancoveanu which added beautifully to the occasion.

In front of their peers and parents, a large number of students were presented with awards for their achievements by Mr Whitfield, the Heads of Year and our special guest, Kenny Annan-Jonathan, Creative director of Crystal Palace Football Club and alumni to Southfields.

Kenny Annan-Jonathan recently made history as the first-ever creative director for English Premier League football club, Crystal Palace. Kenny, who also doubles as the founder of bespoke sports marketing agency, The Mailroom, has spent the past four years amplifying the human side of athletes by launching them into non-traditional spaces and helping them to connect with traditional and non-traditional audiences.

It was a brilliant evening and the Academy was delighted and pleased that Kenny, along with so many parents and carers could join us to celebrate our students' achievements.

Special Awards were received by:

Isadora Cometti

- David Edwards Creative Writing Award

Cora Whyte

- Bryan Jagdeo Award for Outstanding Progress

Fizzah Mirza

- Oliver Builders Award for Design Technology

Sahara Williams-Price

- Humanities Award

Nathanem Yared

- SAS Copiers' Award for Business Studies

Sofia Alix Joa Romero

- Lab Studio Achievement in Music Award – Girl

- **Louis Antilli**

Lab Studio Achievement in Music Award - Boy

Jaden Hall

- Marta Stroczyńska Award for Mathematics

Jaden Hall

- Robin Reeves Award for Overcoming Adversity

Labia Waseem

- James Murray Award for Determination

Tyler Christie

- Trustees' Award for Most Improved Boy

Diaz Boyd Roberts

- Trustees' Award for Most Improved Girl

Muskan Ahmed

- Principal's Award for Attainment – Girl

Kacper Pietraszewski

- Principal's Award for Attainment - Boy





Thought for the Week



“You can have the greatest idea in the world, but if you can’t communicate your ideas, it doesn’t matter.” —Steve Jobs





Creative writing – The English Department

The English Department have been so impressed with the creative work of our students that we've decided to share one example per week in the weekly newsletter. Every week, watch this space for a new story, poem, article or speech by our fantastic students. The selected piece will also be on display in our school library for students to read and take inspiration from!

On a different note from last week, Year 7 have been reading a book called Boy 87 in English - a book about the obstacles and challenges faced by refugees. This week's entry is by Kayden Adeleke (7DSV), who has written a powerful monologue from the perspective of a young refugee...

My chest cramps and my legs hurt. I feel like mum, LemLem and Bini are important to me. The names are circling around my head. Bini not being here to talk to and listen to has taken a toll on my emotions.

I am walking now, feeling the intense heat beam around my body. My body seems like it's walking on its own. I don't even feel myself twist my ankle; I just fall to the ground. My body's natural response kicks in, clutching and rolling to the ground. A truck is driving near me. I freeze and quickly try to hide. Too late. They have probably seen me. But they do not wear soldiers' uniforms.

The thought of not going back home and seeing mom and LemLem again fuels me up with the energy to walk. I have to get to the border. I have to get to England. I have to make it home. I need to find myself. My thoughts flood my mind:

*England
Bini Mom Will I survive?
Dad
Smugglers Lem Lem "squirt

I want to go home border

Thirst Hunger Swollen ankle

I might be found by soldiers.
Bullets whizzing*

Bini I miss you.

I want them to stop. I want it to end my suffering, my ankle, my pain. I curl into a ball and I drift off into my own thoughts.

Pain. Pain can describe a lot of things: pain as in chest pain, leg pain. But my pain. The pain in my soul. The pain of me dying. The pain of me never seeing Bini ever again. The pain of me dying from thirst and hunger. The pain of me having a heat stroke. The pain of me losing hope.

Y13 psychology – forensics and careers – Ms Swann

The Y13 psychology students have had two exciting opportunities over the last couple of weeks. They have been studying forensic psychology and were able to apply their knowledge of offender profiling to a crime scene and solve the crime.

They also had a session on careers in psychology delivered by two research assistants from University College London's Anxiety, Self-Image and Mood Lab.



Hampton Court Trip – Ms Atley

Last Wednesday 70 Year 10 history students visited Hampton Court.

The students' behaviour was amazing and the whole day was educational and fun. Students learnt about Elizabeth I, her character and court and got to explore Hampton Court Palace and gardens, including the maze.

We had a tour guide who was engaging and students got to take part in a debate about who should be named as Elizabeth I's heir. The whole experience has really helped to bring to life the GCSE topic on Early Elizabethan England.

Thank you to all staff and students involved for making it such an enjoyable trip.



Year 8 News – Mr Munro

Greetings to Parents and Carers of Year 8 Students!

A warm welcome to our latest update. A lot has happened since we last reached out, and as always, I have grouped the key information below.

Year 8 Assessments

Year 8 recently completed their first set of assessments for the academic year. We are proud of the effort our students put into their preparation; many were revising on their own time, seeking out extra resources from their teachers, and thoughtfully discussing their assessments afterward. Results have now been shared with some students, and they are delighted to see their hard work reflected in their scores. We hope they continue with this positive approach to learning throughout the year.

Year 8 Sport and Physical Activity

Our Year 8 students have been highly engaged in sports and physical activities this term. The Year 8 boys' football team achieved notable wins, including a victory over Sacred Heart in the Inner London Cup and a friendly win against Ashcroft. Although they recently faced a strong Fulham Boys School team and are now out of the Inner London Cup, they continue to show resilience and teamwork. The Year 8 girls' team has also been outstanding, recently winning a 6-a-side tournament among Wandsworth schools. Special congratulations to Ellie-Mai Evans and Tegan Lucas, who represented the Year 10 girls' team, both excelling in their matches. Well done to all!

Prize Evening

Our annual Prize Evening took place on Thursday at Southfields Academy, where ten Year 8 students were honoured by their teachers for exceptional achievements. It was a wonderful celebration of their hard work, and I feel incredibly proud to be their Head of Year. Congratulations to all of our award recipients.

IEAP Day

Our first IEAP Day of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, 20th November. Year 8 students will participate in two workshops delivered by the Metropolitan Police and the London Ambulance Service. This will not follow the standard school timetable, and a letter will be sent home soon with details about the day. For students who have yet to complete their summer holiday homework, there will be time allocated during IEAP Day to support them in finishing it.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday, 21st November, from 16:30 to 18:30 at Southfields Academy. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their academic progress and well-being. It will also allow us to connect since the last Parents' Evening in Year 7. I will be present as well and am happy to speak with you regarding any aspect of your child's experience at Southfields Academy. We look forward to an evening of collaboration between parents, students, and the Academy, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Dates for Your Diary

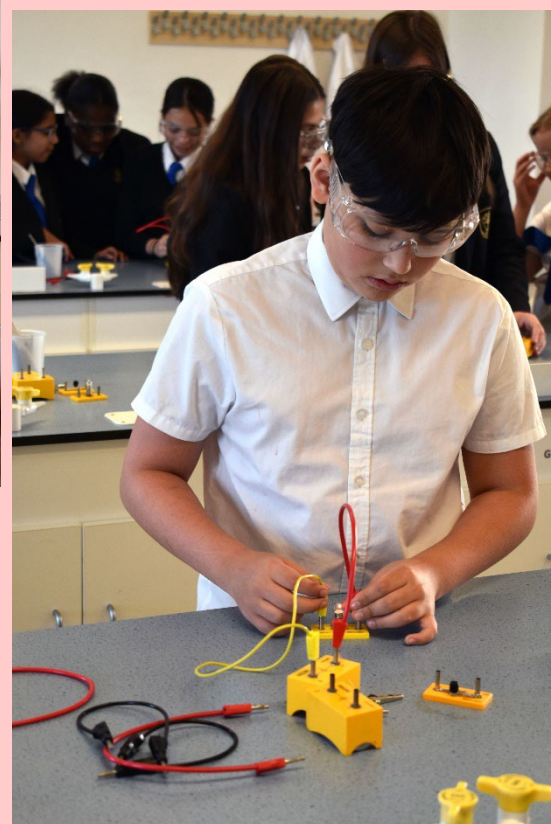
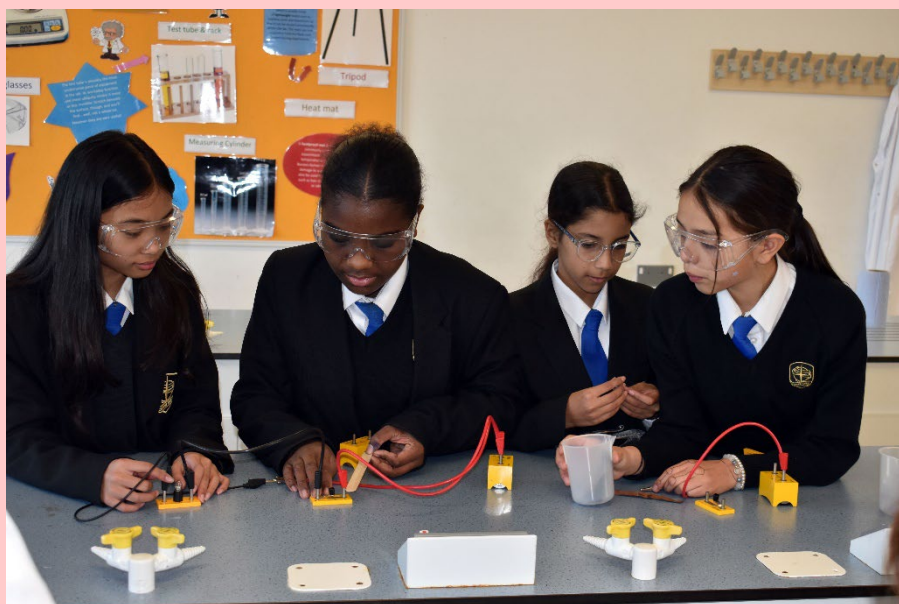
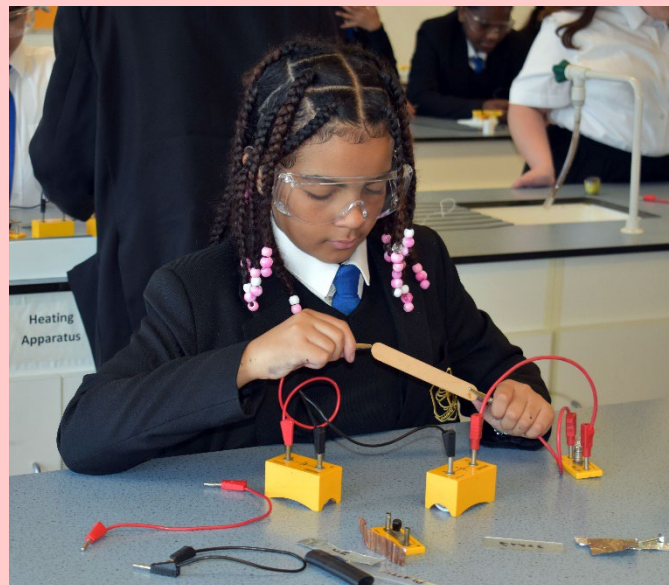
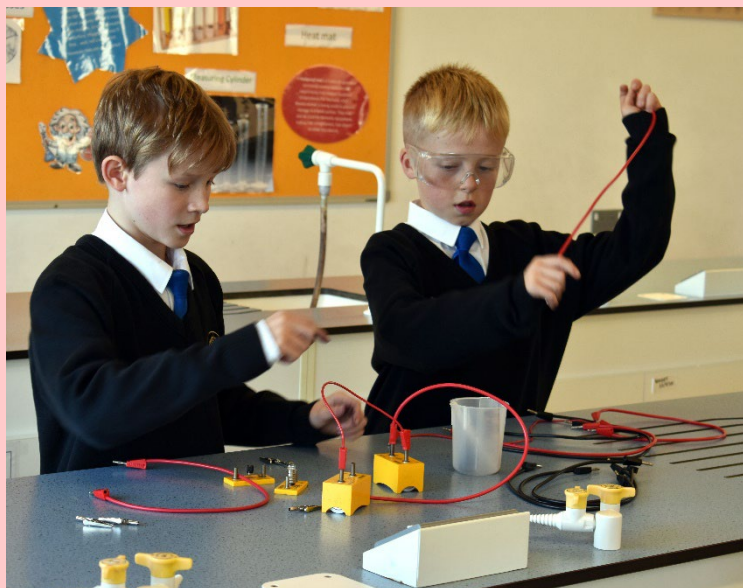
Wednesday 20th November 2024 - IEAP Day
Wednesday 20th November 2024 – Academy Chess Tournament
Thursday 21st November 2024 – Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 28th November 2024 – Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 2nd December 2024 – INSET Day
Friday 13th December 2024 – UCAS Application Deadline
Wednesday 18th December 2024 – End of Term for Years 10,11,12,13 & IG
Thursday 19th December 2024 – End of Term for Years 7, 8, 9

Science Club – Mr Abdirahman

This week, we got wired up testing which materials let electricity flow and which ones kept it in check. It was an electrifying experience to see conduction and insulation in action!

Next week, we'll be heating things up with a classic chemistry experiment: the thermal decomposition of copper carbonate. Watch as it breaks down into copper oxide and carbon dioxide—it's going to be a great session!

Don't miss out on the action as we continue to break down the mysteries of science!



AFC Wimbledon Utilita Girls Cup – Ms Lenton

Our U13s girls' football team participated in the Utilita Girls Cup on Wednesday at the Bank of England Sports Centre.

There were 13 schools in the tournament. Our girls had a tough group but they played extremely well and won their first game against Ursuline 2-1. They then played against St Marks and won 4-1, Tegan scored all six goals in our first two games, she was outstanding. Due to winning both of our games we got through to the quarter finals and faced Saint Cecilia's where we won 2-1, Perle scored two great goals. The girls then got through to the semi-finals where they faced Ricards Lodge, this was a close game but the girls managed to win 1-0.

After a great day of football the girls played against Surbiton High in the final, we knew this was going to be a tough game due to Surbiton High winning the tournament in previous years. However the girls went out strong and showed great resilience. Unfortunately we did not win in the final but I am extremely proud of the girls for coming runners up in the tournament. This is a huge achievement and they definitely deserved it.

Well done to all the girls who played, you are all very talented and brilliant footballers.



Photography Club – Ms Darby

Photography club is back after half term and despite the darker evenings, we went outside to have a look at sports photography and portraits! We looked at using fast shutter speed to capture movement, and framing of subjects for atmospheric portraits. We used the background of a Year 7 football game to capture some great shots, my favourite being of a Year 7 performing football kicks, using the ball to obscure his face. The background of the football game works really well here, as well as the darker colour pallet. Well done Charlotte for capturing the scene!

Photography club will be back on Tuesday 26th November, where we will look at some more portrait photography.



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