



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

Year 9 News – Mr Lamboi

As we begin the New Year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some important developments and achievements for our fantastic Year 9 students.

Core Exam Success!

We are pleased to report that Year 9 students have successfully completed their core exams in Maths, English, and Science. These exams marked a significant milestone in their academic journey, and I am delighted to share that the students demonstrated exceptional focus, kindness, dedication, and excellent conduct throughout the process, which are some of our core values.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you, the parents and carers, for your continued support at home. Your encouragement, guidance, and the positive learning environment you've helped create have undoubtedly contributed to their success. We are confident that the hard work they've invested, both at school and with your support at home, will serve as a solid foundation for their future studies.

GCSE Options Week

This week was also an exciting and informative one, as we held GCSE Options Week. During this time, students fully engaged with a range of events, including the highly anticipated GCSE Options Fair. This fair proved to be a highlight of the week, offering students the opportunity to explore the diverse subjects available to them in Years 10 and 11. It was heartening to see the level of enthusiasm and engagement, as students took the time to learn more about each subject and ask questions of teachers.

As a result of their participation, our Year 9s are now in a much stronger position to make well-informed decisions when selecting their GCSE options. These choices are an important step in shaping their academic path, and we are confident that with the information gained this week, they will be able to make choices that align with their strengths and interests.





Thought for the Week – Leadership

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” – John F. Kennedy



Year 9 - Looking Ahead

As we move into the next stage of the GCSE options process, there are a few key events we want to highlight. First, IEAP Day on Thursday 30th January, will be a chance for students to consolidate their experience and further reflect on their GCSE options. During this day, they will formally present their experience of the GCSE Options process and share which subjects they are leaning toward for their final choices. It's a great opportunity for students to solidify their decisions and discuss their options with teachers. You are invited to come and see your child's presentation.

Following that, we have Parents' Evening on Wednesday 5th of March which will be a crucial part of the process. This evening will provide both students and parents with further insight into the GCSE options process and offer the chance to ask any remaining questions before final decisions are made. We cannot stress enough how important it is for every parent to attend this evening, as it is an invaluable opportunity to ensure that your child is making the right choices for their future. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions about the exam results, GCSE options, or anything else, please do not hesitate to get in touch. In the meantime any further information about the GCSE options available can be found on the Academy Website.

Lastly, a quick reminder: consistent attendance and punctuality are key to success. Being present and on time helps you make the most of every learning opportunity and stay on track with your goals. Let's keep it up in the new term

Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 30th January 2025 – IEAP Day
- Thursday 13th February 2025 – Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Monday 17th February 2025 – Academy Breaks for Half Term
- Monday 24th February 2025 – INSET Day
- Tuesday 25th February 2025 – Students Resume
- Wednesday 5th March 2025 – Year 9 Options Parents' Evening

Science Club

This week, we explored the science of osmosis by weighing cucumbers before and after their solution soak. The results were totally a-peeling!

Next week, we're getting up close and personal with the microscopic world. Grab a microscope and get ready to cell-ebrate as we examine multiple cells in incredible detail!

Don't miss this chance to zoom in on science—see you there!



Academy Hosts Visitors from Taiwan - Ms Marshall

This week the Academy welcomed a group of 30 students from Taiwan, who will be spending the next fortnight being immersed in British school life to help to improve their English.

Upon arrival, the visiting students were buddied up with students from Year 8 and Year 9. During their time here they will attend lessons with their buddies, have break time with all Academy students and take part in assemblies and other day to day activities. The idea is that the visitors will be fully assimilated into all the usual activities that their Academy-based peers take part in. While they are in London they will be staying with host families in Kingston, and will see the sights of London while improving their English language skills.



Spotlight Dance Show!

The annual school dance show is a dazzling display of student talent, showcasing a vibrant tapestry of dance styles.

From the contemporary expressions of modern dance to the electrifying beats of hip-hop, the show promises a captivating evening of entertainment. Whether it's the synchronized precision of a group number or the solo spotlight on an individual's unique artistry, the dance show is a celebration of passion, dedication, and the sheer joy of movement.

Come along and support your friends and family, or speak to Miss Lanning about taking part yourself!

THE RETURN OF...



3rd of April 2025

5PM - 6:30PM
ADULT TICKET - £1
CHILD TICKET - 50P

Speak to Miss Lanning if you are interested in performing

Creative Writing – English Department

Year 8 students have been studying a range of poetry in their English lessons this term. Inspired by the poem "Invictus" (Nelson Mandela's favourite poem), Phoenix Morgan-Cyrus (8RCD) has written a wonderful poem on the importance of resilience.

The real meaning of power

Resilience is the strongest kind of power
Falling and getting up is the strongest action
Forgiving is the most mercy you can show to a soul
Forgetting is the biggest weakness
Patience are the biggest riches

Flowers are like people
They wilt in the cold, dark miserable times and bloom when it's light
I want to be like a weed - they stay around in the cold determined to carry on
Rain or shine they grow and flourish
Miserable or not
For better or worse they move forward not looking back
They get stepped on and then they get back up not accepting defeat

Resilience is the biggest power
Patience are the largest riches
Pain the best teacher
Failure the best success
Be like a weed and not a flower
That is the best thing to do
The most brave

Inter School Football – Mr Munro

On Friday 17th January, Southfields Academy hosted its first inter-school football match between Year 7 A Team and Year 8 B Team. The game was played in fantastic spirit by all students involved, and it was a very close encounter. The game finished 1-1 with goals coming from Georgie Farley (Y8) and Ramiro Onfroy (Y7). Both teams were disappointed with a draw.

Looks like we'll have to have a second leg to find ourselves an overall winner.

