



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

Year 7 News – Ms Gbolonyo

Year 7 Parents' Evening and Assembly Shout Outs

Parents' Evening

The Year 7 team would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all parents and carers that attended Year 7 Parents' Evening at the end of last term. It was an amazing turnout and the Year 7 Team had such great feedback from parents on how well their child has settled into Year 7 and the great level of confidence, hard work and independence they have shown.

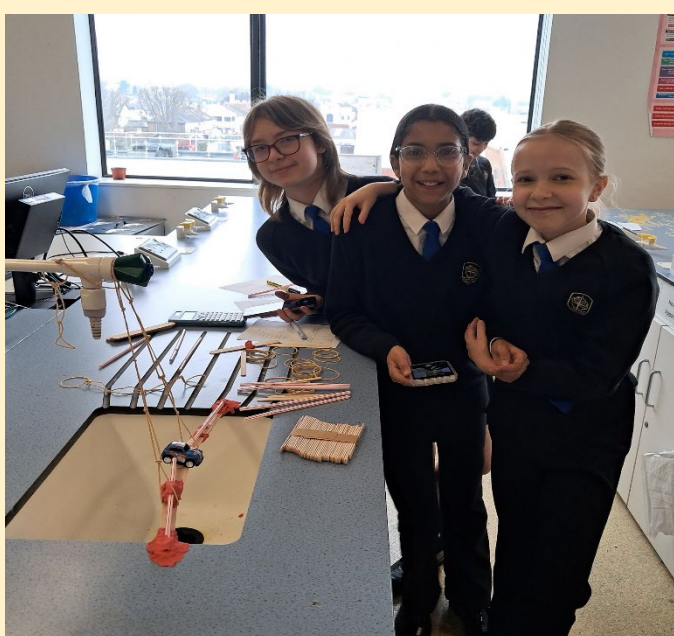
Year 7 Assemblies

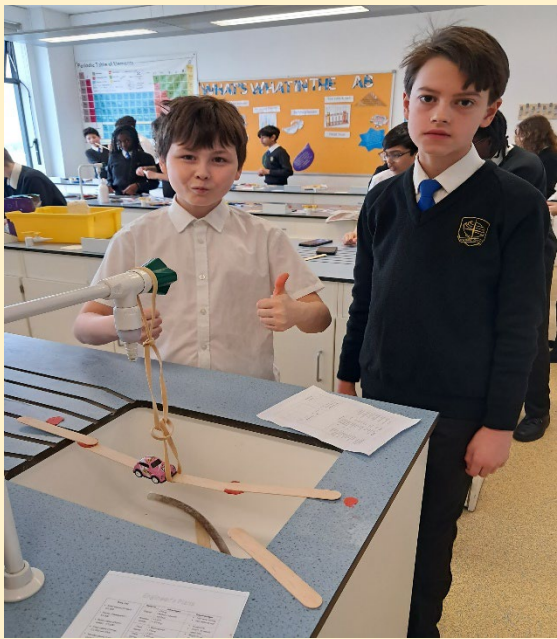
Assemblies have been a joyous occasions where Mr Salter and I have had the pleasure of celebrating what students are doing around the academy and the daily 'shout outs' we are receiving about the quality of work and engagement.

Ms Lunt shared a special shout out below: "A huge shout out to Sophie, Ibrahim, Sudais, Haroon, Aleena, Jack, Lance, Zhi and Kayden for making excellent use of a maths lesson and producing some beautiful revision posters for shapes that they can use for revision".



Mr Norris also shared a special shout out in this week's assembly *"What a most excellent science week it has been! So much excellence to celebrate! I could do a write up, but a picture is worth a thousand words. Special congratulations this week go to Aleena, Sophie, Zikria, then to Lainey, Jazmin, Roman, Balacz for their excellent water filters and Aleena, Jazmin, Lainey, Mustafa, Zikria, Balacz, Dennis, Israa, Sophie, Alexia, Mohid, and Luis for their excellent bridges"* (pictured below)





Creative Writing – English Department

Year 7 have been reading Michael Morpurgo's WW1 novel "Private Peaceful". Inspired by the events of the book, Tiana Gunn (7ALH) has written a powerful monologue, which demonstrates the horror of being a soldier in the trenches.

April 12, 1917

Another wet, miserable day. The rain hasn't stopped, and the mud makes everything harder. My boots are soaked, and I can barely feel my hands from the cold. We've gotten used to the sound of artillery, but it still rattles the bones. No man's land looks even worse today, more craters, more barbed wire.

We stood watch in the morning, always waiting for something. I can't stop thinking about the men out there—always just out of sight. In the afternoon, Private Thompson got hit by a piece of shrapnel. It wasn't bad, but the blood kept coming. We tried to keep his spirits up, but it's hard with all the blood and the fear.

The shelling this evening was the closest yet. We all ducked into the mud, hearts in our throats. It's strange how quickly you learn to fear the noise and not the explosion itself.

Night's come, and with it, the quiet. But I know it won't last. I don't know how much longer I can do this. We just keep going.

— Private Gunn



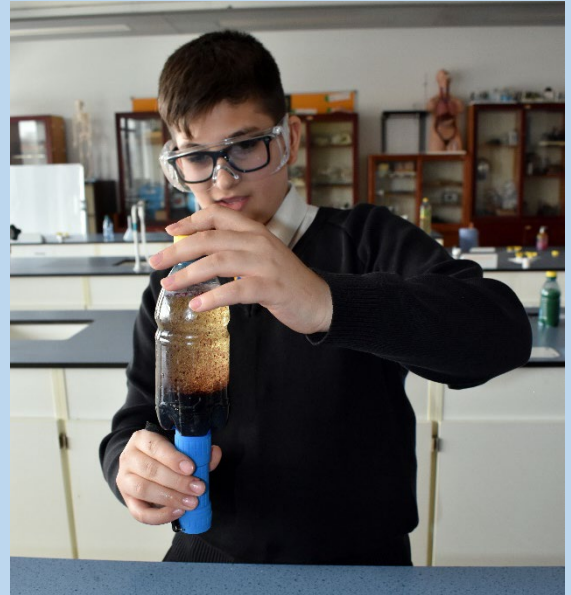
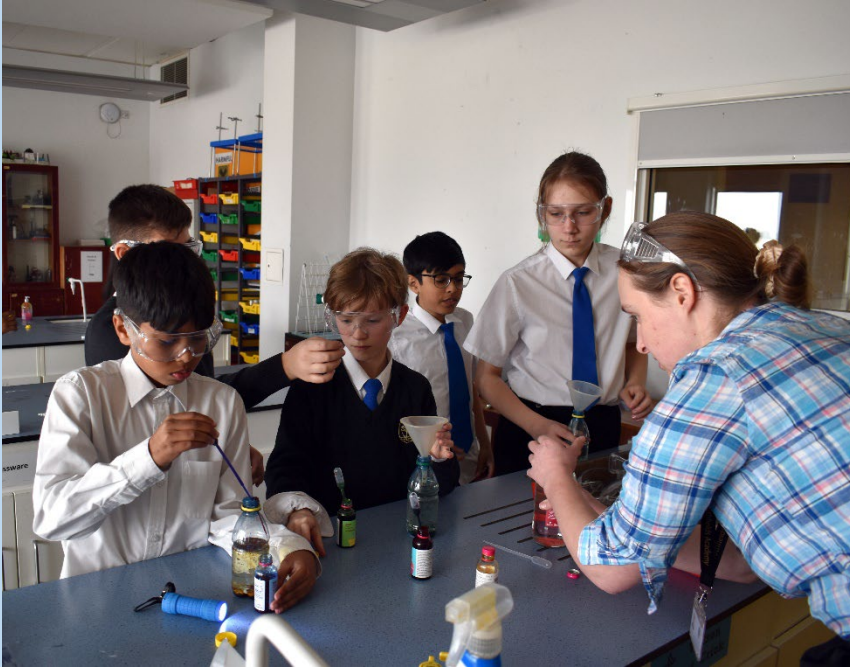
Thought for the Week – Leadership

“Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.”
Albert Einstein



Science Club – Ms Maere

This week's science club was unbelievable. Who knew an empty Radnor bottle could be made to look so intriguing? Using bicarbonate of soda, oil, vinegar, and a few drops of food colouring, our shining young scientists crafted bubbly lava lamps. We were glowing without exception as we left the lab!



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 4th April 2025 – INSET Day

Friday 4th April 2025 – Academy Breaks for Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – Summer Term Starts

Wednesday 7th May 2025 – Year 12 Level 3 C4C Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd May 2025 – Academy Breaks for Half Term Holidays

Monday 2nd June 2025 – Academy Resumes

The Entitled Sons

The assembly hall at the academy pulsated this week to the sound of a visiting band, 'The Entitled Sons', comprising of the four sons of TV presenter, Sarah Beeny.

In addition to their lively and thoroughly entertaining performance, which was enjoyed by many students across the Academy, the band members were able to share their own experiences, including those of neurodiversity, mental health and healthy relationships, while promoting the importance of respect, tolerance and celebrating diversity.

It was an inspirational event for students and staff and has created a whole new fan base for the band amongst staff and students. Sarah Beeny herself dropped in towards the end of the day and was able to join in the fun.



Jack Petchey 'Speak out' Challenge - Ms O'Neill

On Thursday 27th March our Jack Petchey Assembly Finalists took to the stage to compete for a spot at the Jack Petchey Regional Final. Simon Ferguson, Sahara Williams-Price, Amar Zulic, Sumeyo Keydsane and Nana-Osei Yeboah all gave powerful speeches that shone a light on important societal issues and inspired their year group think deeply about the world around them. Nevertheless, our judges, Mr Peck and Ms LeGrande, were tasked with the difficult job of selecting two winners, with Sahara and Simon claiming the title of Assembly Finalists.

A week later, our finalists, Sahara and Simon, then took to the stage at Graveney School to compete in the next round of the competition. They both demonstrated exceptional skill and enthusiasm, facing tough competition from schools across the region of Wandsworth. They tackled challenging problems, presented compelling arguments, and showcased their creative talents with remarkable poise. Despite the wide range of competition, Sahara captured the hearts of the judges, gaining the massive achievement of being awarded second place in the competition. This means that Sahara will be a judge on the panel for next year's Jack Petchey Regional Final!

Congratulations once again to our fantastic finalists! We are immensely proud of you and look forward to seeing you continue to shine.

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THE RETURN OF...



3rd of April 2025

5PM - 6:30PM

TICKETS GO ON SALE ON THE 10TH OF MARCH - IN THE FINANCE OFFICE

ADULT TICKET - £1

CHILD TICKET - 50P

International Women's Day – Ms Lenton

We celebrated International Women's Day with a week full of energy and empowerment! Our Southfields Girls Can Week featured everything from water polo and pool games in PE to a Beyoncé dance workshop, IWD strength workouts, girls-only trampolining, and exciting football matches.

It was a week to remember! Well done to all girls that got involved!



International Women's Day continued – Ms Lenton

Southfields was buzzing with energy on Friday 7th March as we hosted the Wandsworth Year 7 & 8 International Women's Day football tournament! Over 70 enthusiastic young athletes from across the borough showcased their skills, teamwork, and passion for the game. A huge thank you to our incredible Southfields sports leaders (8 of them!) and our dedicated Southfields Girls Can ambassadors who stepped up as referees, ensuring a fair and fun competition for all. This event was a true celebration of female empowerment and the growing strength of girls' football in Wandsworth.

Southfields brought their A-game to the tournament. Our Year 8 team were overall champions with GOLD medals, and our Year 7 team came runners-up with SILVER! These girls are unstoppable! We're incredibly proud of every participant and look forward to seeing these talented players continue to shine!

