



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



### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition – A Journey of Resilience and Teamwork

More than 30 of our enthusiastic Year 9 students recently took on the challenge of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice expedition along the beautiful yet demanding trails of the North Downs Way. Over two days, they walked more than 10km each day, navigating the route while carrying all their belongings in the heat — a true test of resilience and determination.

The students learned a host of valuable outdoor skills, including how to read maps, use a camping stove, and put up tents — many for the first time. Lunchtime picnics and the camaraderie shared along the way made for lasting memories, while every challenge was met with impressive teamwork and a positive attitude. The North side vs South side football match provided the campsite entertainment!

I am incredibly proud of their commitment, growth, and grit. This experience has prepared them well for the qualifying expedition ahead in July!

Miss Fox, Dr Stackhouse, Mr Saysell, Mr Robertson and Ms Meah





## Thought for the Week

When we succeed, we succeed because of our individual initiative, but also because we do things together. – Barak Obama



### Athletics – Mr Munro & Ms Lanning

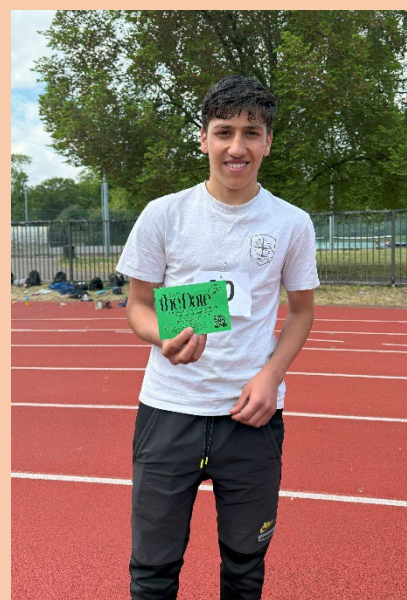
Amazing effort from the Y7 & Y8 Athletics team during the Wandsworth Athletics Championships 2025!

Every student gave their all during the event and did themselves, and the school, proud. When students were not participating, they supported their teammates, which was lovely to see.

Huge congratulations to Yousuf (Y8) who won the shot putt & Arthur (Y7) who won the 200m and secured a place in the London Championships.

Special mention to Lurdes (Y8), Fola (Y8), Mirwais (Y8) & Kaiden (Y7) who placed in the finals of their respective events!

The students are all very motivated to attend next year's event and want to improve on their places from this year!



## Year 8 Press Team – Ms Sulliman

On 30th April our Y8 press team were out on the Astro reporting on Tess Howard's launch of Inclusive Sport, which they took to their news teams on 9th May to start the publishing process! News teams are being guided by BBC Journalist, Audrey Tinline as part of Wandsworth's Borough of Culture Journalism Project.

Watch this space to "read all about it"- hot off the press!



## Word Millionaires

We have Word Millionaires in each KS3 year group!  
A huge congratulations to Thomas. R in Y7, Safa. H & Rayan. E in Y8 and Ada. A in Y9!

Lots more reading celebrations to come in the summer term, so keep turning those pages and taking your quizzes!

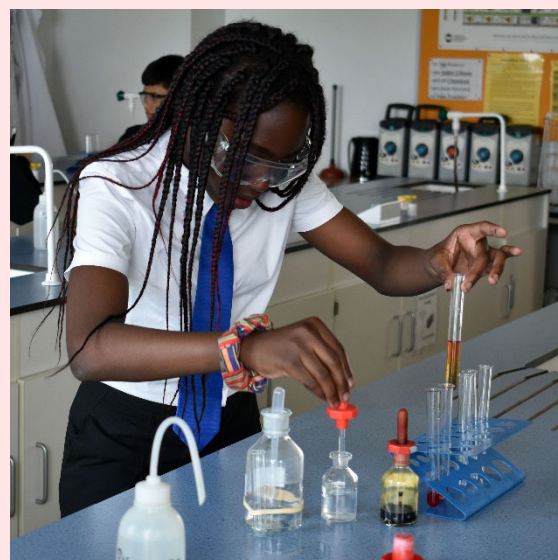
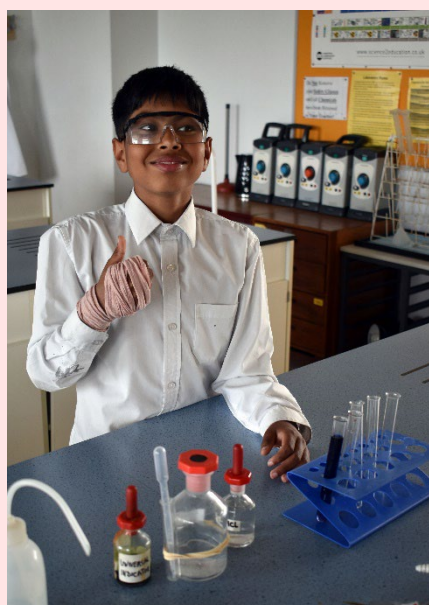
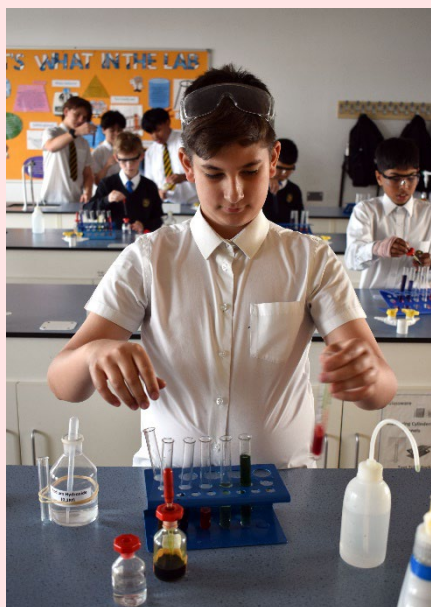
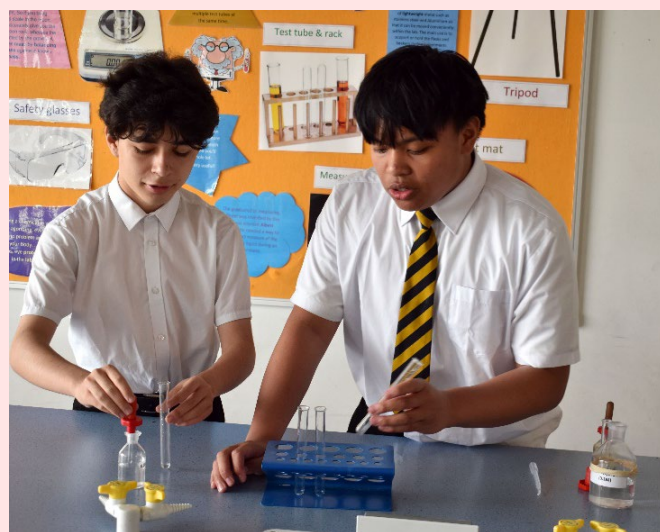
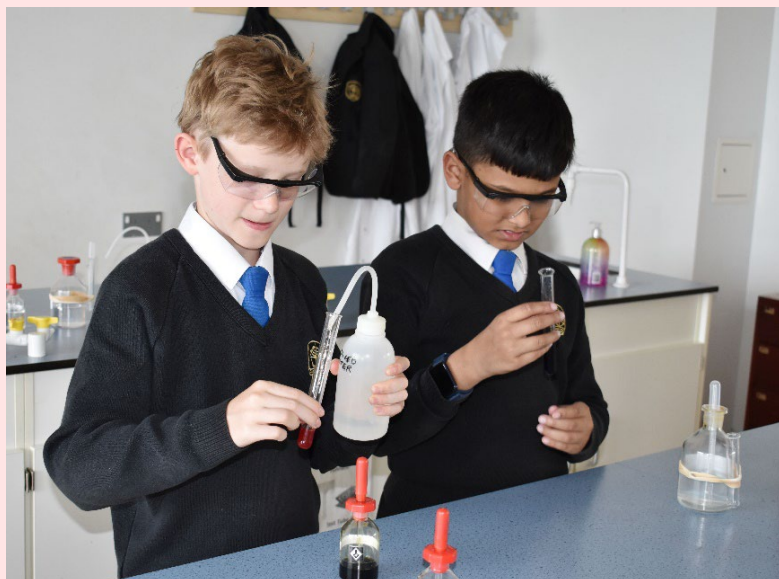
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## Science Club - Mr Abdirahman

This week, we created a rainbow pH scale using acids and alkalis in test tubes. With a little indicator magic, our lab turned into a colourful spectrum of science—it was pH-antastic!

Next week, we're turning up the foam factor with elephant's toothpaste! Get ready for a bubbly, explosive reaction as we explore chemical reactions and catalysts in action.



### Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – Academy Breaks for Half Term Holidays

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Academy Resumes

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – IEAP Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Year 11 Leavers Celebration

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – INSET Day

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Year 6 Induction Day

### Careers Information – Ms Stewart

Discover the amazing world of apprenticeships in this useful magazine for students and parents. The monthly choices magazine features information and resources to help support and guide you with apprenticeship and technical education decisions. <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/>

## Government visit – Mr Miller & Mr Sia

We were visited on Wednesday by Catherine McKinnell MP, The Minister of State for School Standards to launch the Inclusion 2028 programme. The aim of the initiative is to increase the quality of physical education and school sport for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We had a number of our students and sports leaders participating as well as some younger primary school pupils who visited us for the afternoon.

Southfields Academy was specifically selected for the Ministerial visit in recognition of their expertise in engaging young people with SEND to participate, compete and lead through PE, physical activity and school sport.

As the Youth Sport Trust's Lead Inclusion School for Central London for many years, Southfields has worked to improve the quality of inclusive PE and school sport provision for SEND pupils in Wandsworth Schools and across the capital. This has been achieved by staging inclusive sporting events, providing advice, guidance, support and training to education sector in Central London.

Southfields is looking forward to working with the Youth Sport Trust to continue to champion the accessibility of opportunities for SEND pupils to participate, engage and learn through PE and school sport, through the new Inclusion 2028 programme.



## Year 12 News – Mrs Harb

### Primary Mentoring Success

Southfields Academy was delighted to welcome Year 6 students from one of our local Primary School as part of our ongoing Primary School Mentor Programme, now successfully running for two years. Our dedicated Year 12 mentors guided the visiting pupils around Southfields, giving them a first-hand look at our classrooms, facilities, and everyday school life. The afternoon included an engaging lesson, fun activities, and plenty of opportunities for the younger students to ask questions about starting secondary school. The visit ended on a high with a lively football session on the AstroTurf pitch, where the Year 6 students and their Year 12 mentors teamed up for a friendly match. It was fantastic to see the energy, teamwork, and new friendships developing throughout the day.

### Department for Education Policy-Making Day

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April our talented Year 12 students were invited to the Department for Education for a special Policy-Making Day. Students had the incredible opportunity to meet a range of government employees, learn about how education policies are developed, and take part in workshops on how to bring ideas to government. The day offered a fascinating glimpse into policymaking and public service, and our students represented Southfields Academy with great maturity, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

### Goodbye and Good Luck to Our Level 2 Students

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we said a fond farewell to our Level 2 students as they completed their studies at Southfields Academy. It was a day filled with mixed emotions — pride, excitement, and some sadness as we said goodbye to a wonderful group of young people. We wish every single one of them the very best in their next steps, whether moving into Sixth Form, college, apprenticeships, or employment. We are confident they will continue to achieve amazing things in the future — and we look forward to hearing about all their successes!

## Creative Writing – English Department

***This is our second entry into the "Wimbledon Bookfest" creative writing competition: an excellent recreation of the story of the minotaur by Isla Antilli (8RCD).***

I was lying on a cold, damp floor when I came to my senses. I opened my eyes to darkness. I sat up and squinted, trying to take in my surroundings. A tiny torch flickered and spluttered a few metres away. I was in a narrow corridor, which split off into two other paths. I rubbed my eyes. Where was I? A hazy memory appeared at the back of my head. A girl, a maze, a beast ... string? I looked down. I was wearing battle armour, and attached to my belt was a sword, and a ball of red string. It seemed to glow in the semi-darkness. A faint voice echoed in my head: Use this to navigate the maze.

It all came flooding back to me - every year, King Minos sends 7 boys and 7 girls into the labyrinth to keep the Minotaur at bay. The maze was designed by Daedalus, and was so complex that it was almost impossible to find your way through it. Almost impossible. I glanced at the string. If I unwound it as I walked through, I could retrace it and find my way back properly. I was here because I volunteered to be sent with the next 14 into the maze, so I could defeat the Minotaur, and put an end to all the deaths.

But where was the exit? Where did I come from? I looked around again. Straight above me was a metal grate, revealing the night sky. This must've been where I came from. I gazed up at the stars, already wanting to leave this place. After a minute, I shook my head. I needed to focus. I looked back at the pathways. After deciding to go left, I took out the string, and unraveled it. I gave the stars one more longing look, then set off.

For what seemed like hours, I was lost. There was no sign of any monster, or of any people. After some more doubling back, and helplessly kicking at walls, I found the first indication that I was on the right track. I stepped forward and felt a loud crunch underneath my boot. My heart leaped into my throat. I shut my eyes and hoped for it to be something like a twig, or a leaf. Except there aren't any twigs or leaves in an underground maze. I looked down and found my foot stuck in a human ribcage. A fresh ribcage, with tiny bits of flesh hanging off the bone. That's when I realised that the whole floor was littered with them.

Before I could remove my foot, or throw up, I heard a deep rumbling sound coming from right behind me. My shaky breath wasn't the only one here. It was accompanied by a low and unsettling rasp. Trembling, I turned. All I saw was a hunched, muscular figure looming over me, its claw reaching above its head. Then nothing.

## Shaw Trust Supported Internship Day for SEND students – Ms Stewart

We are delighted to invite you to our Shaw Trust Supported Internship Wandsworth Open Day! This event is an excellent opportunity to:

- Learn more about the program and its offerings.
- Meet our dedicated team.
- Have your questions answered.
- Assess if this program aligns with your aspirations for September 2025.

### Event Details:

**Date:** Tuesday, 27th May 2025

**Morning Session:** 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

**Afternoon Session:** 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Venue:** 7 Ram Street, SW18 1TJ

*Please note: **Parking is not available on-site.***

To confirm your attendance, please contact Chance James (Wandsworth Job Coach):

**Email:** [Chance.James@shaw-trust.org.uk](mailto:Chance.James@shaw-trust.org.uk)

**Text:** 07731030593

When confirming, kindly provide:

The names of attendees.

A contact number where we can reach you.

Our Open Day will feature:

A presentation on the Supported Internship program.

A Q&A session to address any questions you may have.

We have attached:

Our Supported Internships program brochure.

An application form (if not already submitted, please complete and return it as soon as possible).

An itinerary for the day

For more information about the Shaw Trust Supported Internship program, please visit the following link:

<https://shawtrust.org.uk/>

We kindly request punctuality on the day, and parents or carers are welcome to join. Light refreshments will be provided during the event.

Please see below the Open day Itinerary:



### Wandsworth Supported Internship Open Day 28th May (Morning)

Agenda		Timings	
1	Welcome & Refreshments	10:30	11:00
2	Presentation	11:00	11:20
3	Question and Answer Session	11:20	11:40
4	Application Forms/ Booking Assessments	11:40	12:00

### Wandsworth Supported Internship Open Day 28th May (Afternoon)

Agenda		Timings	
1	Welcome & Refreshments	1:30	2:00
2	Presentation	2:00	2:20
3	Question and Answer Session	2:20	2:40
4	Application Forms/ Booking Assessments	2:40	3:00

We look forward to meeting you and sharing all the exciting possibilities that our program has to offer!

Kind regards,

Chance James (**she/her**)

Job Coach, Wandsworth - Supported Internships

**Action Group**

# FAMILY FUN DAY

25th MAY

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- Face Painting • Raffle • Sweet Stall
- Donkey Rides • Merchandise Stall
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Disco Bus By [Britishredbus.com](http://Britishredbus.com)
- Magic Shows • Hit the Skip Challenge
- Meet AFC Wimbledon Women Stars
- AFC Wimbledon Club Shop
- Food and Drink stalls

For further info visit [donslocalaction.org](http://donslocalaction.org)

**OPEN**  
**10am - 1pm**

(Free entry until 1pm).  
OLD RUTS, MERTON PARK  
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SW1 3JS

**TICKETS:** Purchase in advance (or on the day subject to availability)

**ONLINE:** [oldruts.club/rutsfest](http://oldruts.club/rutsfest) or from the Old Ruts bar

**ADULTS:** £15 in advance or pay (£18 on the day)

**CHILDREN UNDER 12:** FREE

**UNDER 18'S AND STUDENTS:** £6 in advance or (£8 on the day)

**ADVANCE FAMILY TICKET:** (2 Adults + 2 Children)  
£36 in advance, (£46 on the day)

This is a fundraiser for Old Rutlishians

FROM 12.00 UNTIL LATE

# RUTSFEST 2025

ROCK & MUSIC FESTIVAL  
SUNDAY 25TH MAY

**MUSIC AND FUN FOR THE FAMILY:**

- 16 live bands
- DJ's throughout the day
- All day BBQ's and delicious hand-made pizza's
- Real Ale Bar
- FREE Bouncy Castle
- FREE Donkey Rides
- PLUS much much more...

**AND NOT TO BE MISSED!**  
A tribute to Oasis at 5.30pm

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