



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

### Year 13 News – Mr Browne

#### Southfields Academy Prepares Students for New UCAS Personal Statement

Exciting changes are coming to the UCAS application process for students aiming for university entry in Autumn 2026. The traditional personal statement is evolving, with applicants now required to answer three specific questions within a 4000-character limit. These changes aim to create a more structured and equitable application process, guiding students to clearly articulate their motivations, skills and experiences.

The three key questions are:

1. **Why do you want to study this course or subject?** Focus on your passion, understanding, inspiring moments, relevant research and future aspirations.
2. **How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?** Highlight relevant knowledge and skills gained from your academic qualifications and how they prepare you for university-level study.
3. **What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?** Discuss extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteering, and hobbies, reflecting on the skills developed and their relevance to your chosen course and university life.

Southfields Academy is dedicated to ensuring our students are fully prepared for this new format. Our Sixth Form team, subject teachers, and careers advisors are working together to provide comprehensive support.

#### Crucial Event: UCAS Launch - Wednesday, 10th July

This is for all Year-12 Level 3 students. This event will provide a detailed overview of the new personal statement format, including an in-depth look at each question and what universities expect. The UCAS Launch Event will also cover navigating the UCAS website, understanding deadlines, and exploring course options and entry requirements.

Our goal at Southfields Academy is to empower our students to achieve their academic goals. By proactively addressing these changes to the UCAS personal statement, we aim to ensure every student feels confident and well-prepared to submit compelling university applications.

Parents play a critical role too - it's vital they encourage their sons and daughters to engage in super-curricular and extracurricular activities from Key Stage 3 onwards.

#### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Academy Resumes  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – IEAP Day  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Year 13 Prom  
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  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 12 Level 3 Parents' Evening  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 12 Careers Day  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 9 Enterprise Day  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Key Stage 3 Sports Day  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 10 Work Experience Debrief



# Thought for the Week

"If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to meet it", Jonathan Winters

## MFL Spring Poster Competition – Ms Ratkevicius

A big thank you to everyone who captured the beauty of spring and shared it with us! Your spring snapshots brought colour, joy, and inspiration to the competition. 🌸  
Congratulations to the winner and the runners-up!

SPRING THROUGH MY EYES  
MFL Photo Competition

Winner:  
Krystof  
07RBT

Runners-up:  
Alex 07NOR  
Vasilina 07DSV  
Inna 09FOX

*Congratulations!*



Jasmín

Mi jardín  
en  
Primavera

Moras



Arce japonés

Lirio de los valles



Grosella

Arbusto de grosella roja



**MI PRIMAVERA**



**zorro en mi jardín**



**ardilla curiosa**



**flores de primavera**



**árbol en flor**



**flores rosas bajo el sol**

Inna Sanduta-9FOX

*S'éclater avec mes yeux.*



*Beaucoup de pluie et d'ares-en-ciel*



*De belles fleurs de cerisier*



*Des journées plus longues.*



*Couchers de soleil plus attrayants*



*Paques*

# Spring





**Caracol**



**Magnolia**



**Buzón de correos**



**Enjambre de abejas melíferas escapado**



**El arbusto de humo**



**Pan y huevos de Pascua**

*Happy Easter!*

**Magnolia – magnolia**

**Caracol – snail**

**Buzón de correos – post box**

**Enjambre de abejas melíferas escapado – escaped swarm of honeybees**

**El arbusto de humo – the smoke bush**

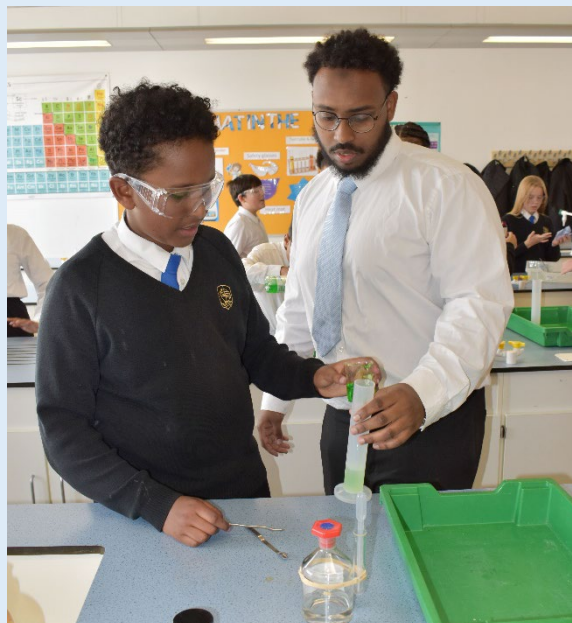
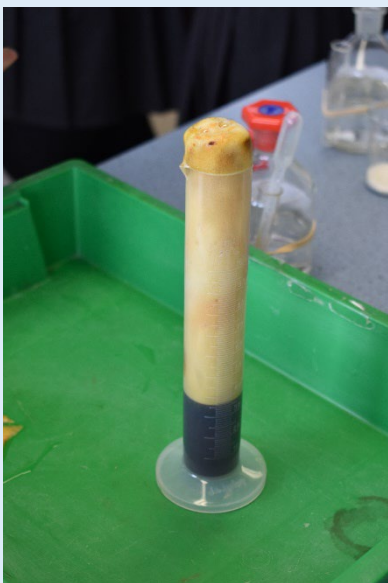
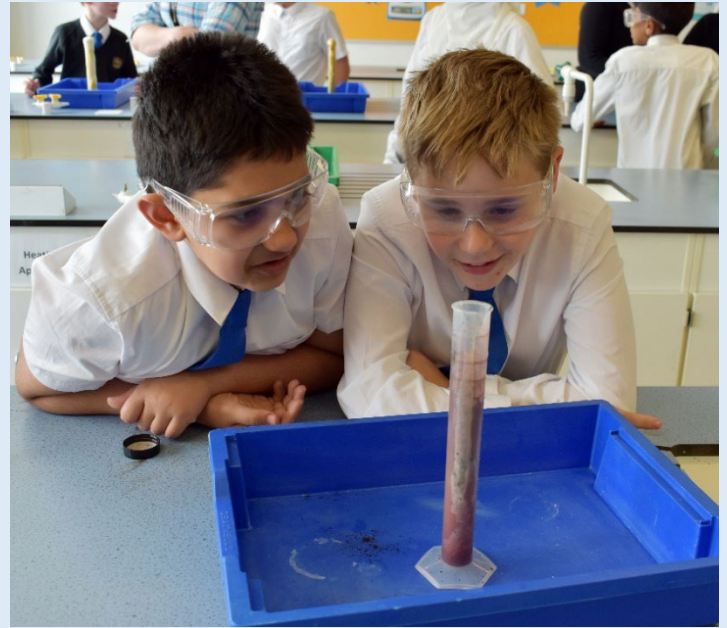
**Pan y huevos de Pascua – Easter bread and eggs**

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## Science Club - Mr Abdirahman

This week, we caused a chemical eruption with elephant's toothpaste! Foam shot out of our flasks - it was a blast!

Next week, we're getting gooey with slime! Get ready to stretch, squish, and learn about polymers in this hands-on experiment.



## Creative Writing – English Department

*For our third entry for Wimbledon Bookfest, it's a poem from Krzysztof Antropik (7HAD) this week, who has described his epic battle with a dragon: a cautionary tale about arrogance and hubris.*

### The Legend

There once was a dragon,  
It has never been fought,  
It was a legend,  
That I was once taught.

It was a mighty beast,  
Eyes as red as blood,  
Wings were so powerful,  
They could cause a flood.  
I was a hero,  
At least my mum said,  
But when I saw this creature,  
I fell into deep dread.

I fought with my life,  
Couldn't miss a hit,  
Equipped with full steel armour,  
But it still bit.

It had me in its huge fierce jaws,  
And then it swallowed me whole,  
A sudden disaster happened,  
The beast took my soul.

I slide down its slimy throat,  
My body twists and bends,  
My skin slowly dissolves,  
And that's how the story of **The Legend** ends.



# 10 YEARS OF **FREE 2B**



**From June 2025 – June 2026, we'll be celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with a year of celebration, reflection and fundraising!**

That's 10 years of creating safe spaces, championing inclusion, and supporting LGBTQ+ young people and their families. We're incredibly proud of how far we've come – but we can't stop now.

Right now, LGBTQ+ young people are facing some of the toughest challenges we've seen in years. The need for safe, supportive spaces is greater than ever – and so is the need for your support.



**We need your help now more than ever.**



## INTRODUCING OUR 10TH BIRTHDAY LOGO!



## JOIN OUR 10K FOR 10K FUNDRAISER

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Time 12.30pm Battersea Park**

We're bringing the Free2B community together for a joyful 10k walk – and we'd love you to be part of it. Whether you walk the full 10K or just a few laps, you'll be making a real difference for LGBTQ+ young people. After the walk, we'll head straight to Wandsworth Family Pride (also taking place in Battersea Park) to keep the celebrations going! Download our **10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Fundraising Pack** for full details. To take part, please fill in this **[Google Form](#)**.

## DESIGN YOUR OWN 10 FOR 10 FUNDRAISER

Take on your own fundraising challenge inspired by the number 10 in honour of our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday – any time throughout our birthday year!

It's simple: set yourself a creative goal involving the number 10 and raise funds for Free2B. You can do it solo or as part of a team – at home, school, work, or with friends. You could complete a 10-hour sponsored silence or wear different pride-themed outfits to work for 10 days straight. The opportunities are endless, and we can't wait to see what you come up with!

We're here to support you every step of the way – please contact Leo on **[leo@free2b.lgbt](mailto:leo@free2b.lgbt)** for help with your fundraiser.

## MORE TO COME...

A community bunting project created by our young people, birthday videos from across the Free2B family, and loads more to be announced. Keep an eye on our brand new **10<sup>th</sup> birthday webpage** for all the key updates.

