



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

Our Air, Our Action – Year 7 News – Ms Gbolonyo & Mr Salter

We are excited to share that Southfields Academy are a part of Wandsworth Council's new environmental project, Our Air, Our Action. Through this project, our Year 7s and 8s will learn about air quality and climate change issues and develop ideas on how to take action through different assemblies and fun, hands-on experiments.

Last week, we had our first workshops, which focused on Air Quality Monitoring. Year 7s and 8s learnt about what air pollution is, how it's caused, how it affects our health and environment, how it can be monitored and how it can be reduced. A smaller group of Our Air, Our Action Student Ambassadors measured air quality around school using hand-held monitors and discussed how air quality can be improved both outside and inside.

But what actually is air pollution? Air pollution is the release of pollutants into the air around us that are harmful to our health or the natural environment.

1. Air pollution affects everyone's health and can impact our lungs, hearts and brains.
2. Young people are more vulnerable to the impacts of air pollution whilst their lungs are still developing, so it is very important to try and reduce your exposure to harmful pollutants.
3. We can all make sure we breathe cleaner air by opening windows, walking down quieter roads or having plants to help filter pollutants.





Thought for the Week

"I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it." - Maya Angelou



Our final term in Year 7 and already there were so many things to celebrate this first week back. During Year 7 assembly we were stunned by the amount of 'shout outs' from subject teachers for the amazing work Year 7s have done.

It was also great to celebrate Krzysztof Antropik (7HAD) in assembly on Wednesday for the entry he submitted in the Wimbledon Bookfest last term.

Ms Lunt also presented our amazing winners below with their bronze and silver certificates for the UK Junior Maths Challenge organised for Year 7 and 8 students.



Creative Writing – English Department

Our fourth entry for Wimbledon Bookfest is a mythical story by Sofia Joa Romero (9CRT); it's an excellent - but gruesome - story about the legendary sirens; the vocabulary, in particular, is superb.

A bittersweet melody echoed through the ship, rendering the sailors lustful and irrational. Their gazes became lost in the vast darkness of the ocean and their consciousnesses detached themselves from their minds as they tried to follow the disincorporated voices singing in ancient tongues. The sailors were unaware that these voices did in fact have bodies, though they were hidden in the cold waves, waiting for the right moment to reveal themselves to these foolish men that were so easily tricked.

These ethereal creatures swam close to the ship, but very quietly as experience had taught them, and sang effortlessly beautifully for the humans on board until they were entranced, enraptured. When the vessel came to a slow stop near a deserted island, the beasts approached the coast and sang, expecting the sailors to climb off - or rather jump off.

They waited impatiently by the rocky edge of the isle, their limbs glinting in the moonlight as the water slid off their strangely pale bodies covered in pearls, gold, and seashells.

The men dived into the still ocean, splashing the creatures whose lullaby still played in their ears, then stopped swimming. Their clothes began to pull them down, and when their human consciousnesses had floated back and the hungry beasts had ceased to sing, it was already too late. Water filled their lungs as panic pushed them deeper into the dark. They could not get back up onto their ship even if they wanted to. They tried to swim, but they had been caught.

After their short bath in the moonlight, the creatures made sure that the people were most definitely dead, then slithered into the water silently, quickly rushing towards the nearest human. Using their long, clawed fingers, they carved out fresh hearts, letting the blood dissolve in the water, tinging it a pretty shade of pink. They removed the organ, careful not to burst it, and retreated back into the shadows of the sea.

Satellite Cardboard Request – Mr Clarke

This term, we are very excited to announce that Year 7 students will have the opportunity to take part in a bespoke workshop learning about - and making - satellites! The resources and expertise are provided by UK Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (UKSEDS), a national student-led space charity. They support students and young professionals across the country by running events and competitions focused on education about space.

The 6 hour workshop will be delivered over 2 weeks to students in their science classes and aims to teach students the importance of satellites in modern day life, promote role models and reveal career paths in the space industry, and provide a hands on building task to create a model of a satellite in groups.

For this, we need you! There is a bin labelled "Satellite Materials" located in the science department. We would love for you to bring in ideally thin, intact cardboard - think cereal boxes and loo roll inners rather than amazon boxes - these are much easier for students to handle. Two litre plastic bottles and tin foil are also excellent additions. Thanks for your help, and I look forward to sharing pictures of the satellites our Year 7s design!

GB Hockey Player visits Southfields Academy to boost inclusive sports kit

- *Written by the students of 08S-EN1*
- *Sub-Editor: Audrey Tinline, BBC & Financial Times Journalist*

Southfields Academy played host to GB hockey player Tess Howard as part of her campaign to make sports kit more inclusive.

Students arrived at the astroturf early in the morning on a sunny day at the end of April to meet Tess and take part in a hockey coaching session.

Tess, who has been capped for England's hockey team 27 times so far, told the students that the type of sports kit available, especially for young women, should not be a barrier to taking part in sport and enjoying games.

She said: **'sport is the place you can be free, so you should wear something you feel free in.'**

Tess has successfully pushed for female players to have a choice to wear skorts or shorts while playing hockey, after research she conducted showed that many women and girls stop playing sport due to issues with clothing.

She was at Southfields Academy to highlight her 'Inclusive Sportswear' campaign, which aims to make sure young people feel confident in their PE kit and continue to play sport.

And she was celebrating an award of a £10,000 ChangeMakers grant to boost the campaign.

Tess is planning to use the money to help her build the Inclusive Sportswear Community Platform, providing free guidance and support to schools across the UK to implement inclusive PE kit policies.

While at Southfields Academy, as well as giving students some top hockey tips, Tess told them that she would like to see schools changing **their** rules on kit in general.

She said that schools with gendered sports uniforms can impact people's confidence and body image, leading to higher dropout rates from sports. She would like to change kits as sexualised uniforms can make girls and young women feel uncomfortable.

ChangeMakers is a partnership between Allwyn (which operates the National Lottery), UK Sport, Team GB and ParalympicsGB.

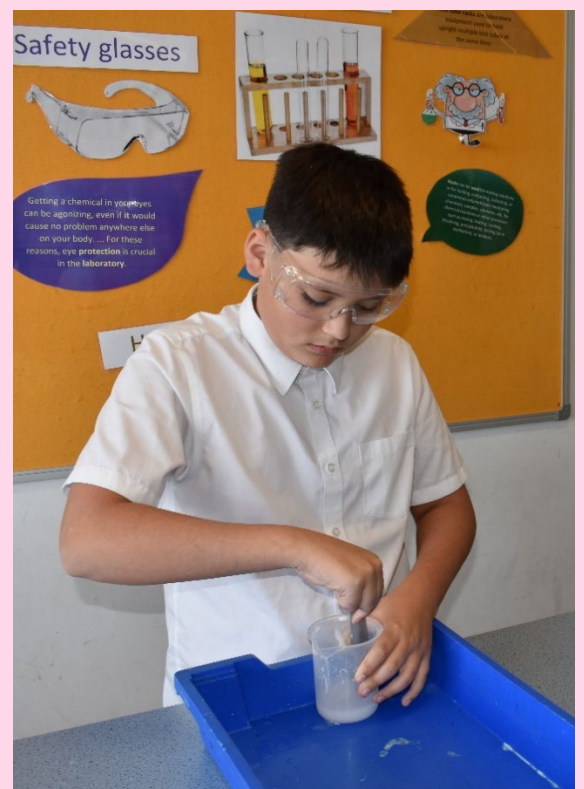


<https://www.allwyn.co.uk/insights/changemakers-allwyn-announces-olympic-and-paralympic-athletes-set-to-drive-social-impact-through-new-changemakers-grant>

Science Club - Mr Abdirahman

Last week, we got *sticky with it* by making slime and learning all about polymers. Stretchy, squishy science at its finest!

This week, we're diving into the weird world of oobleck—a substance that's *solid when you hit it and liquid when you don't!* Get ready for some messy fun with non-Newtonian fluids!



Rowing at Barn Elms – Ms Maunder

The rain didn't dampen the spirits of our Year 9, 10 and 12 students who took to the water for the first time this week. 30 students had the opportunity to join a 6 week learn to row course from Barn Elms Boathouse. This week, students learnt how to use the equipment correctly, with many taking their first rowing strokes on the River Thames!

The coaches from Barn Elms were so impressed with the students and can't wait to get them rowing on the water again next week!



School Uniform Support Scheme 2025

Friday, 30/05/2025 | Services for Schools



Wandsworth are pleased to launch our School Uniform Support Scheme again in 2025. We want to ensure support is available for Wandsworth residents in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), who are moving into Reception and Year 7 in September 2025, to buy uniform for their new school. For those moving into Reception it will be a voucher of £45 and for those moving into Year 7, the voucher of £170 will be awarded.

We will be contacting all families we believe are eligible for School Uniform Scheme vouchers. If parents or carers have not received a confirmation, and believe that they are eligible, they can get in touch with us on voucherandholidaysupport@wandsworth.gov.uk. Vouchers will be issued at the end of June.'

If parents or carers have not been contacted by 27 June, and think that they are eligible, please contact: voucherandholidaysupport@wandsworth.gov.uk

For those not currently at a Wandsworth school or if their child will not be attending a Wandsworth school

If they are currently not in a nursery within a school, they can check if they are eligible for free school meal using the following <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>. (If they made an application for their child's school place online, they may already have access and a login to this portal).

If their child is going to an out of borough school, they will need to use the eligibility checker <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/> and provide confirmation from the checker to the Council to confirm eligibility.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th June 2025 – IEAP Day
Tuesday 24th June 2025 – Year 13 Prom
Thursday 26th June 2025 – Year 11 Leavers Celebration
Friday 27th June 2025 – INSET Day
Tuesday 1st July 2025 – Year 6 Induction Day
Thursday 10th July 2025 – Year 12 Level 3 Parents' Evening
Friday 11th July 2025 – Year 12 Careers Day
Friday 11th July 2025 – Year 9 Enterprise Day
Monday 14th July 2025 – Key Stage 3 Sports Day
Monday 14th July 2025 – Year 10 Work Experience Debrief

SEND

FREE

Family Fun Day

For children and young people
0-25 with SEND and their families

Children and young people must
be accompanied at all times
unless they are able to travel
independently.

Saturday 7 June
11 am to 3:00 pm

George Shearing,
Este Rd, SW11 2TF

Refreshments provided all day

Lunch provided from 1-2pm

- **SENSORY ZONE**
- **OUTDOOR PLAY**
- **YOGA**
- **FACE PAINTING**
- **PHOTO BOOTH**
- **CIRCUS SKILLS – AVAILABLE AM**
- **DRUMMING – AVAILABLE PM**

You will be entered into
our raffle for 2 x shopping
vouchers on registration

No booking necessary,
just turn up on the day

