



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

End of Term - Monday 21st July 2025



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

Career Workshop – Mr Browne

A Huge Thank You to Our Career Workshop Hosts!

We extend a massive thank you to the two dozen dedicated individuals who hosted captivating careers workshops. Your willingness to share your expertise and insights with our students was invaluable and greatly appreciated. These sessions provided our Year 12s with a fantastic opportunity to explore various career paths, gain practical advice, and consider their future steps with greater clarity.

Our Amazing Alumni: Inspiring the Next Generation!

A special shout-out must go to the 11 high-flying alumni who returned to their roots to inspire the next generation. We are immensely proud of:

Faizal Kimbugwe, Kashif Khan, Ismail Nabil, Kacey Scotland, Nadir Bonetti, Okeme Nelson-Akajagbo, Dr Adil Naeem, Klaudia Fior, Iman Haji, Jeriah Johnson and Monika Zajac.

Your success stories and willingness to give up your precious time truly made a difference. You are shining examples of what our students can achieve, and your contributions have undoubtedly ignited aspirations and provided invaluable guidance. Thank you for being the very best of the best! We are so grateful for your continued support in shaping the futures of our students.





Thought for the Week

"Resilience is accepting your new reality, even if it's less good than the one you had before."
- Elizabeth Edwards.



KS 3 Sports Day – Mr Sia

In the final week of the school year, Sports Day 2025 was a huge success seeing over 400 students participating in a variety of athletics event.

All of the students put on a real show from the 100m sprint to the mixed gender tug-of-war competition.

Students have been learning and practising the events in their PE lessons and after school clubs since Easter and the hard work paid off with a number of school records broken.

The eventual winners per Year group were:

Year 7 - DSV

Year 8 - RCD

Year 9 - BEN





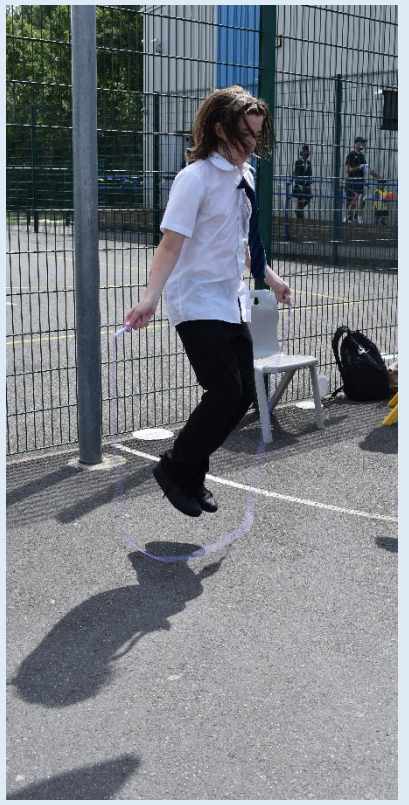


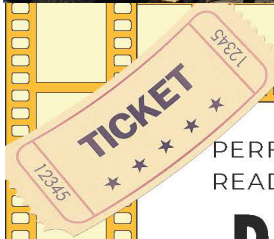
Year 9 Enterprise Day – Ms Hodgson

On Tuesday 15th July, the Year 9 students hosted their very own Summer Fair. The students worked in small groups to design their stalls, create a price list and organise their stock. Examples of stalls they ran include a tombola, pop the balloon, glitter tattoo making and sponge the teacher! Various local primary schools visited and according to them they “had the best day of their lives!”

The Year 9 students were fantastic and demonstrated their outstanding enterprise skills!







PERFORMANCE AND
READING IN CLASS

AT THE REGENTS PARK
OPEN AIR THEATRE

REVIEW OF NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

by Blossom Miller 8TAB



When I first came into this English class, I felt that this story was going to be boring.

However, I was surprised to find that, even though it was a text that I thought would be quite boring, *Noughts and Crosses* was quite interesting.

In comparison to *Romeo & Juliet*, this story stood out because I preferred the plot and the twists in the storyline of *Noughts and Crosses*. It was also quite fun to act out, really getting into the characters. Whereas, I found when we acted out *Romeo & Juliet*, it wasn't as enjoyable due to the old fashioned, Shakespearean English.

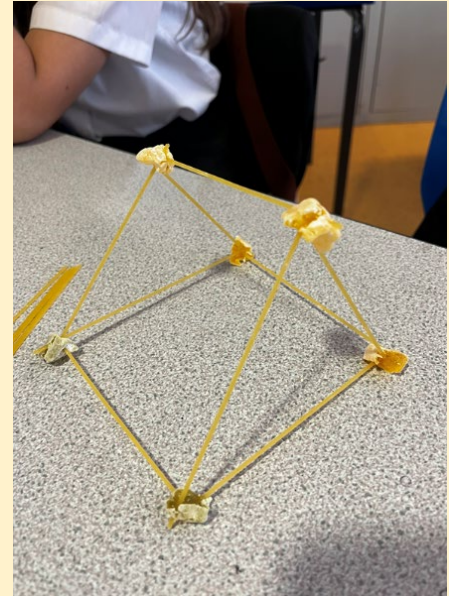
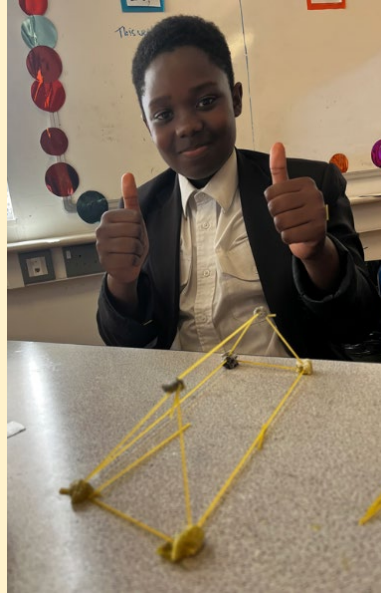
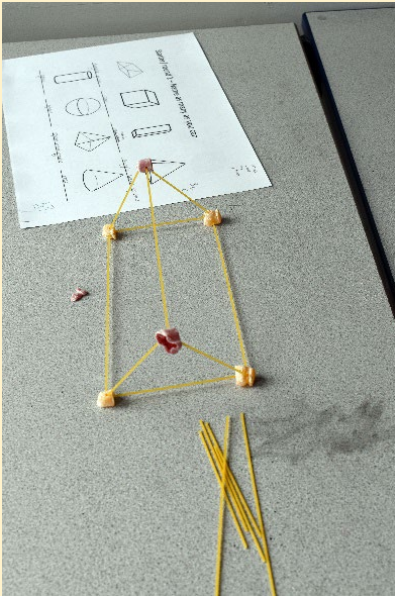
Therefore, I am giving *Noughts and Crosses* 4 stars.

Another reason to give *Noughts and Crosses* 4 stars is because of the performance I watched. It was amazing to see the actors dive deep into their characters, portraying strong emotions which they most likely don't feel themselves. I also give a lot of credit to the backstage crew, as the lighting and sound effects set the scene perfectly. So much so that there was a scene in the play when a bomb went off in the shopping center, and it startled me. It really made me feel like I was there. Overall, the play was amazing. Somehow, the actors even made me hate their characters.

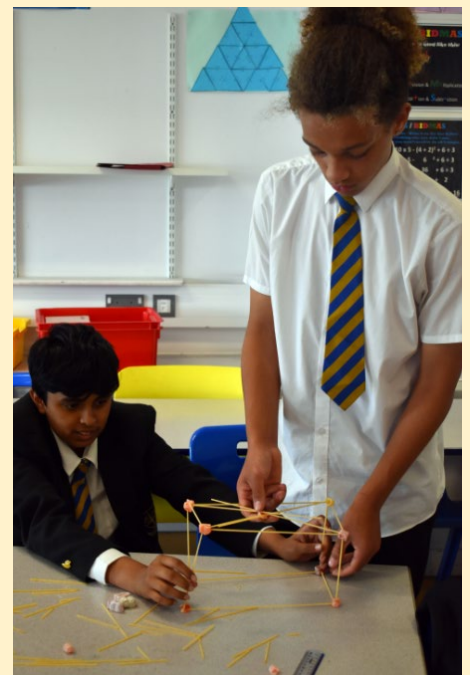
Y8 STEM - Spaghetti & Jelly Baby Engineering! – Ms Lunt

To wrap up a fantastic year of learning, Year 8 students put their teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills to the ultimate test in our final STEM challenge: Build the Tallest Freestanding Tower – using only spaghetti and jelly babies!

With laughter echoing through the classroom and jelly babies disappearing at a suspicious rate, students quickly discovered that spaghetti engineering is no easy feat! The challenge required careful planning, steady hands, and a whole lot of trial and error as teams raced to construct a solid triangular prism to warm up before reaching for the sky with their towering spaghetti structures.



Some towers wobbled, some collapsed in dramatic spaghetti explosions, and a few stood proudly against the odds – but we were blown away by the perseverance, innovation, and brilliant teamwork on show.



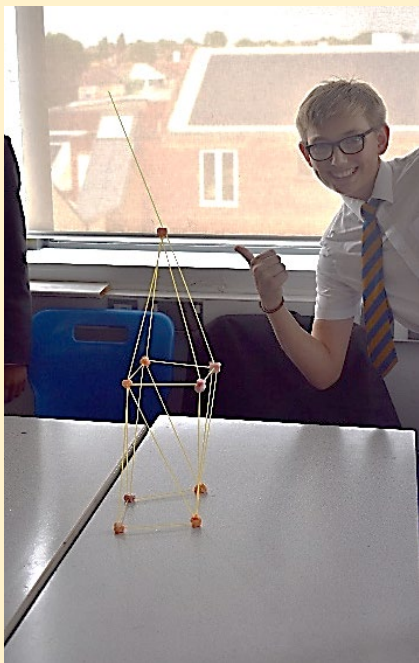
Unbelievably there was a three-way tie across Year 8 with three teams getting towers that measured a whopping 71cm tall. Well done to:

Ava, Shayanah and Hiqma from Ms Lunt's class.

Harry, Devin, Hajop and Ismael from Ms Taibi's class.

Paris, Jerry, Vasilis and Aiden from Mr Spencer's class.

It was a great way to celebrate the end of a brilliant year – hands-on and filled with learning disguised as fun. Have a fantastic summer, and well done Year 8!



The winners!

Year 9 Graduation – Mr Lamboi

As the school year ends, we proudly celebrate a key milestone: the Year 9 Graduation.

This event marked the achievements, progress and personal growth of our students as they finish Key Stage 3 and prepare for the challenges of Key Stage 4.

We honoured students for academic excellence, effort and positive contributions. Awards reflected not only success, but also resilience, growth and character — qualities that will serve them well in the years ahead.

Finally, we offer sincere thanks to all parents, carers and staff for their unwavering support this year.

Together, as a school family, we can help ensure that every student thrives as they embark on Key Stage 4.

To our Year 9 students: enjoy a well-deserved summer break, recharge and come back ready to embrace the exciting challenges of Year 10. We believe in you and can't wait to see all you will achieve!

And finally, a special shout-out to Mrs Millward, our Deputy Head of Year, whose dedication, care and tireless support behind the scenes has been instrumental in making this year — and this celebration — possible.

Thank you, Mrs Millward, for everything you do for our students and our school community.







Dates for Your Diary

The new term in September 2025 will resume as follows:

Monday 1st September 2025 – Staff Resume
 Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – Year 7 & Year 12 Resume
 Thursday 4th September 2025 – Years 8 – 11 & IG Resume
 Monday 8th September 2025 – Y13 Resume
 Thursday 18th September 2025 – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
 Thursday 25th September 2025 – Year 10 Parents' Workshop
 Friday 26th September 2025 – Year 7 Enrichment Fayre
 Thursday 2nd October 2025 – Open Morning
 Tuesday 7th October 2025 – Open Morning
 Thursday 9th October 2025 – Open Evening
 Friday 10th October 2025 – INSET Day

End of Year 7 Celebrations- Ms Gbolonyo

What an exhilarating last week of term Year 7s have had!!!

A huge thank you to the PE team for arranging sports day on Monday 14th July.

Year 7s had a wonderful time at their first ever sports day. Year 7s shared it was the best sports day they have ever been too! I could not agree more. Year 7s showed great sportsmanship/womanship and it was wonderful to see all students get involved.

Year 7s created vibrant banners for their tutor groups and continued to cheer on their peers throughout the day. The atmosphere for the day was amazing.

A huge well done to 7DSV that achieved the highest points, not only in Year 7 but across all the KS3 tutor groups.

End of Year Trips

Tutors did a phenomenal job arranging all the year 7 end of year trips.

On Wednesday 16th July 2025, Year 7 students attended: Putt in the Park, Clip and Climb and Gravity.

Students also had the opportunity to have picnics in the park and play sporting games with their peers.

I am incredibly proud to be head of year as throughout the day students expressed the gratitude to staff and shared some positive feedback.

Yusuf 7DSV- I am grateful for all the teachers that put in the time and effort to organise this trip"

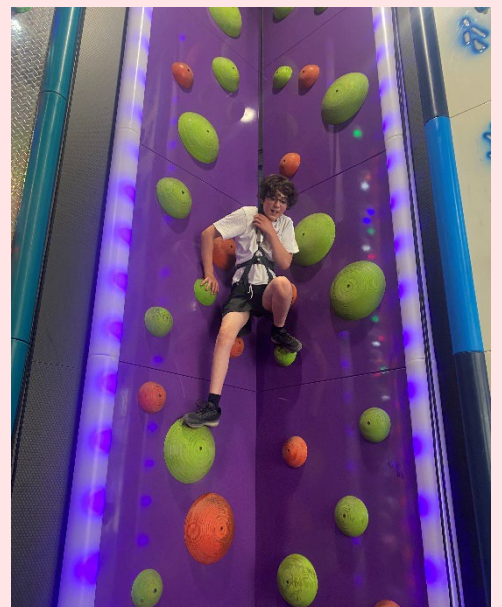
Achievement Assembly

We had our final achievement assembly on Thursday and the celebrations were endless. A huge shout out to Sophie 7DSV who has achieved 517 positive points this academic year. This was the highest in the year group and the academy.

Looking forward to seeing the cohort in September, where they continue their journey in KS3, and will officially begin 'Year 8.'

The entire Year 7 team would like to thank all parents and carers for the on-going support.

Wishing you a wonderful summer break!

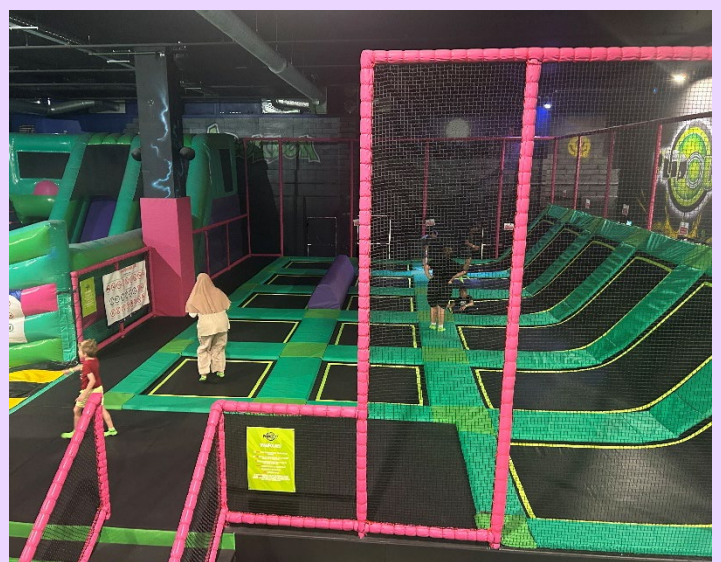
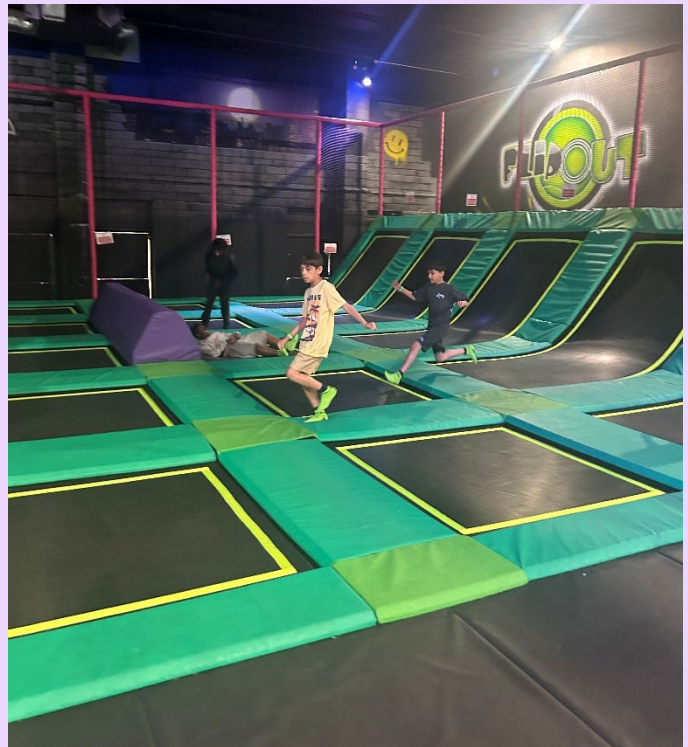






FlipOut with 8SWN – Ms Swann

As an end of year treat, 8SWN went to FlipOut for the day. The students enjoyed the inflatables, trampolines, roller skating, laser tag and many more activities. Their behaviour was excellent and the whole group seemed to enjoy it. I look forward to seeing them again in September!



Wandsworth Young People's Wellbeing Service

Self-care Summer Newsletter

NHS
South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

**Are you OK
Wandsworth?**

Wandsworth Education Wellbeing Service work in schools to support young people with their emotional wellbeing, offering 1-2-1 support, groups and workshops. This is our summer newsletter which provides information on activities and wellbeing events that you can try over the summer.

Relationships & Connection

Spending time with friends, family, pets and our community helps boost our wellbeing.



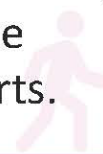
Creativity

Finding ways to be creative helps you express yourself and be more present. Try drawing, writing or making music!



Keeping active!

Keeping active improves our mood. Find something that works for you whether it's walking, dancing, online classes or sports.



Emotional Wellbeing Support

Take a look at **page 2** for self-care plans and mental health support helplines and websites.



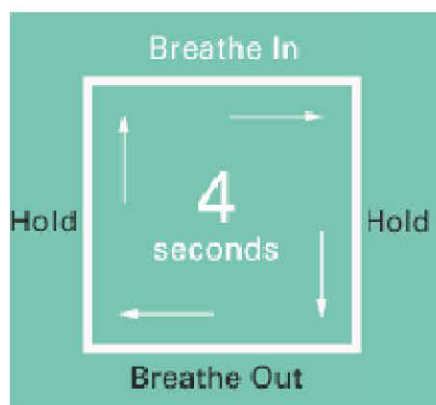
Relaxation

See below some relaxation strategies to try this summer. Click [here](#) for other relaxation ideas.



Fun and entertainment

Take a look at **page 3** for lots of free/low cost and FUN activities in Wandsworth!



Take a deep breath. Look around you and name:

5 Things you can see



3 Things you can hear



Things you can feel



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2 Things you can smell



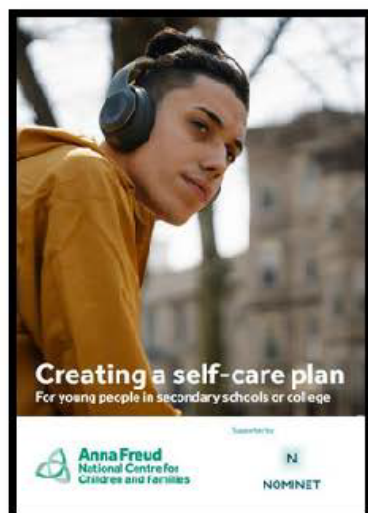
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Thing you can taste





Wandsworth Young People's Wellbeing Service Self-care Summer Newsletter



Creating a self-care plan

Self-care is the **littlethings** we do to **look after our wellbeing** and to keep ourselves **feeling good!**

There are many aspects to self-care:

Physical



Emotional



Social



Practical



Anna Freud have created a self-care plan booklet for young people to fill out. Click [here](#) to access it.

Mental Health Helplines for young people:

If you are concerned about your mental health over the summer, you can contact the below services:

- ❁ **South West London 24/7 Mental Health Support Line** on 0800 028 8000
- ❁ **Childline:** Call 0800 1111 (available 24/7)
- ❁ **Hopeline UK (Papyrus):** Call 0800 068 41 41, text 07860 039967 or email pat@papyrus-uk.org (available 24/7)
- ❁ **Samaritans:** Call 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org (available 24/7)
- ❁ **Shout:** Text SHOUT to 85258 (available 24/7)
- ❁ **The Mix:** Call 0808 808 4994 (available 4pm to 11pm, Monday to Friday) or text THEMIX to 85258 (available 24/7)

For emergencies, please call 999 or visit your local A&E



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Wandsworth Connected Summer Holiday Activity and Food Offer- 28th July - 31st August 2025

This summer there are **over 40 free** activity camps available for children across Wandsworth borough, including 2 Specialist SEND provisions.

Activities include: **Climbing, Art & Crafts, Dance, Skating & Scooting, Day Trips, Cooking, Boxing & Football, Music & Drama, Beauty, Swimming, BMX** and much more!

***** Eligible for young people in receipt of benefit related free school meals. From school years reception to Year 11 *****

More info [here](#) or email wandsworthHAF@wandsworth.gov.uk

Tooting Bec Lido - Outdoor Swimming available for free to families and resident that live in Wandsworth – more info [here](#) The Lido is open **Sunday -Friday from 6am- 8PM**. Families and Young people will need to **book ahead** of attending. 

Youth Clubs within Wandsworth - They offer variety of relaxation and creative activities, giving Children and young people opportunity to socialise and meet new people. –more info [here](#) to look out for summer holiday time hours. 

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent Webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

You can sign up to any of their free webinars by copying this URL:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondarycollege-parents-wellbeing-workshops-725989?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

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Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Autumn Term 2025

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

10TH SEPT 25
7.30 PM-8.30 PM



[SCAN OR CLICK HERE](#)

Mental Health During
the Teenage years

17TH SEPT 25
12.30 PM-1.30 PM



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23RD SEPT 25
1 PM-2 PM



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Getting into school -
common challenges and
supporting school
avoidance

24TH SEPT 25
6 PM-7 PM



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We also provide free 1:1 early help support programmes for young people to support with anxiety or low mood. Speak to your school to find out more.

To view further event details and descriptions, and to book on to any of the webinars, please scan the QR Code or follow the link to our Eventbrite collection.

[Click here](#)



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