



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Monday 2nd February 2026



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

Year 11 – Mr Samuels

Year 11: Achievement and Aspirations Update

As we move further into the spring term, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the incredible hard work of our Year 11 students. They have been gearing up for their final GCSE examinations with maturity and a clear focus on their goals.

Celebrating Academic Excellence

I am delighted to announce that 32 students achieved an average grade of 7.0 or higher in their December mock exams. This is a phenomenal achievement that reflects their dedication.

Huge congratulations to:

Isadora Cometti	Samuel Norman
Kavya Patel	Danaya Ennis
Louis Antilli	Mohammed Alnoor
Izel Mellor	Simon Ferguson
Iryna Kulinich	Shafiun Islam
Rumaisa Arshad	Aqibb Khan
Pelham Miller	David Khong
Daisy Rolls	Kymani Edwards
Sahara Williams-Price	Youcef Boukhari
Amin Al-Cholbec	Layla Burton
Sara Arshad	Laura Sarli
Nana-Osei Yeboah	Kazi Bin Umair
Amar Zulic	Israa Cherraki Aqim
Sumeyo Keydsane	Fabian Garcia
Polina Kravets	Alfie Godden
Muhammad Anwar	Thomas Kiener

Additionally, we would like to commend the 104 students who received "Good" or "Outstanding" effort descriptors. Your consistency in lessons is the key to your upcoming success.

Key Reminders: Attendance and Discipline

To ensure every student has the best possible chance of success, we must maintain high standards of discipline and punctuality. Please note:

- **Behaviour:** Any student receiving a negative behaviour point is required to stay behind after school for up to 30 minutes.
- **Punctuality:** Students who arrive late to school will miss Break 1 as a result.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring your child's attendance and punctuality remain high. Every minute of lesson time is vital at this stage of the year.

Looking Ahead: Sixth Form Applications

Applications for our Sixth Form are currently open! We hope to see as many of our Year 11s as possible continue their educational journey with us. By staying with us at Southfields, students benefit from

:

- **Continuity:** Teachers who already know their strengths and how to push them further.
- **Environment:** A familiar, supportive community where they can step into leadership roles.
- **Excellence:** Proven post-16 results and tailored support for university or apprenticeship pathways.



Thought for the Week

“Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.” —Margaret Mead

Final Mocks and Revision

The final set of mock exams will begin on 2nd March. We ask that you encourage your children to use their time at home effectively for revision.

How you can help at home:

- Evidence of Revision: Ask your child to show you what they have been working on.
- Flashcards: All students have been creating flashcards in lessons; please use these to quiz them!
- Past Papers: These are available online for every subject.
- MCAS Support: Check the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app to view your child’s latest report. This includes the specific exam board for each qualification, which is essential for finding the correct revision materials and past papers.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's success.



Science Club – Mr Tahir

Science Club really launched into action this week as students built their very own catapults. After learning a little about how catapults work. Designs ranged from neat and carefully planned to “let’s see what happens,” and before long, ping-pong balls were flying across the classroom with impressive speed (and occasionally questionable aim). It especially impressed me how carefully students used the hot glue guns and how confidently they brought their prior knowledge into the lab this week

There were cheers for long-distance launches, laughter at surprise misfires, and a few dramatic near-misses. It was a brilliant mix of physics, creativity, and controlled chaos, and it’s safe to say spirits were high and ambitions were catapulted to new heights.



Congratulations Southfields! – Secretary of State for Education

A message from Bridget Phillipson



Dear Jacqueline,

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at your school achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

There are real opportunities available for you to support improvement for a wider group of pupils including through:

- engaging actively with [your region's RISE networks](#) and partnering with nearby schools and trusts;
- contributing to regional roundtables and professional communities to spread the approaches that are working in your context; and
- sustaining excellence by continuing to focus on disadvantaged pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

Your sincerely,

Bridget Phillipson

Secretary of State for Education

Creative Writing – English Department

This week's English Department entry is a poem from Laci-Jai Hawkins (09TOO) which was published in a collection from Young Writers' The Beautiful Truth: Reflections and Reverie book. Laci does an excellent job capturing a delicate, contemplative feeling while underlining a powerful message of hope! Laci also won an award for her poems, which was conferred to her at the Jack Petchey ceremony this week.

Sunset

People ask why she loves sunsets
If they symbolize that everything has their end
But the colour of the sun is what makes her happy.
It reminds her that whatever happens in the entire day
Something beautiful can still come at the end.

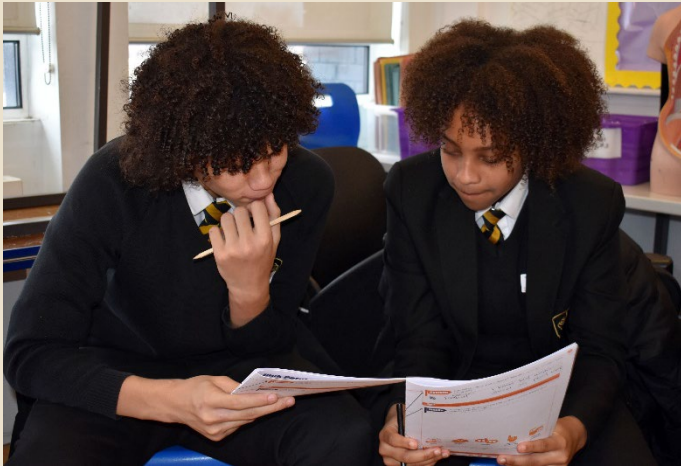
Laci-Jai Hawkins (Y9)

Jack Petchey – Ms O'Neill

On IEAP Day all Year 10 students took part in the 'Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge. The workshops were led by Speakers Trust trainers who are experts in their field.

The workshop leaders shared with our students their expert knowledge in areas such as overcoming nerves, learning how to listen and work together to give positive and constructive feedback to each other.

All Year 10 students did an amazing job and the team of trainers were blown away by the insightful speeches and the students' commitment to developing their public speaking skills. Well done, Year 10!



Academy Hosts Visitors from Taiwan

This week the Academy welcomed a group of 22 students from Taiwan, who will be spending the next fortnight being immersed in British school life to help to improve their English.

Upon arrival, the visiting students were buddied up with students from Years 7 - 9. During their time here they will attend lessons with their buddies, have break time with all Academy students and take part in assemblies and other day to day activities. The idea is that the visitors will be fully assimilated into all the usual activities that their Academy-based peers take part in. While they are in London they will be staying with host families in the local area, and will see the sights of London while learning about their host nation.



Study Support News – Mr Arthur

Autumn Term Achievement Assembly

Students recently enjoyed a special achievement assembly celebrating excellence in attendance, attainment, and positive role modelling.

The event recognised students' hard work with rewards, certificates, and shout-outs, while also incorporating fun games that added energy and excitement to the celebration. It was fantastic to see students encouraging one another, sharing in each other's success, and reflecting on the positive choices that make a difference in school life.

The assembly highlighted the importance of effort, consistency, and community, and left everyone feeling inspired to continue striving for personal and academic success.

Student Revision

Students in the SSC have shown fantastic commitment to their revision studies, making great use of the space to focus, prepare, and support one another.

Alongside structured revision, students have been creative in their approach to learning, sharing ideas, working collaboratively, and encouraging each other to stay motivated. The SSC has become a calm, supportive environment where students feel confident to ask questions, revise together, and take ownership of their progress.

This positive attitude and teamwork reflect a strong sense of responsibility and resilience, and we are proud of the way students are supporting one another during this important time.

School Trip to the HS2 Acton

On 14 January 2026, students took part in an exciting and educational trip to London, where they explored the HS2 project, one of the UK's largest current infrastructure developments.

During the visit, students learned about the wide range of careers and apprenticeship opportunities linked to major national projects, taking part in engaging workshops that connected learning to real-world pathways. The day also included a visit to a historic London location, brought to life through interactive games and hands-on activities.

The trip was a great success, giving students valuable insight into future opportunities while also enriching their understanding of London's history in a fun and memorable way.

IEAP Day

Students recently took part in IEAP Day sessions focused on supporting their post-16 progression and future career planning.

As part of the day, students joined a series of live Google Meet sessions, giving them the opportunity to speak directly with professionals from a wide range of industries, including Gaming, Property Development, Solicitors and Criminal Law, and the Chelsea FC Foundation (education pathways).

These sessions allowed students to ask questions, gain real insight into different career routes, and better understand the skills, qualifications, and pathways needed beyond secondary education. The experience helped students make meaningful links between their current learning and future opportunities.

The sessions were highly engaging and provided valuable guidance to support students as they begin to plan their next steps.

British Sign Language

Students recently took part in an engaging British Sign Language (BSL) session led by staff from Southfields Academy's HSC Hearing Support Centre.

During the session, students learned basic BSL signs and explored the importance of communication, inclusion, and accessibility. The workshop helped students develop greater awareness of the Deaf community and understand how BSL supports effective communication for individuals with hearing impairments.

Students participated enthusiastically and showed respect, curiosity, and a willingness to learn new skills. The session was both educational and inspiring, reinforcing the importance of empathy and inclusive practice within our school community.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 12th February 2026 - Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 16th February 2026 – Half Term Starts

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Academy resumes

Wednesday 4th March 2026 – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 27th March 2026 – INSET Day

London Youth Games Information – David Sia

I wanted highlight an opportunity for your son or daughter to be part of Team Wandsworth at the London Youth Games 2026. The London Youth Games is for those aged 7-17 living in, or going to school in Wandsworth.

I have attached the 2026 promotional posters which features a QR code and sign-up link for registrations. The trial process varies dependent on the sport you are applying for. I would greatly appreciate it if you could let me know if your child is successful in making a team after trials.

David.sia@southfieldsacademy.com



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London Youth Games 2026

Join Team Wandsworth
Sign up to trials now



Scan the QR code or visit:
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University of East London Visit – Ms Hodgson

On Wednesday 28th January, Year 12 Travel and Tourism students visited the University of East London for a day experiencing life as potential tourism students. The day included informative sessions led by university academics covering tourism, airlines, and airports.

Students also toured the campus and explored a range of future pathways. Throughout the day, they were highly engaged and enthusiastic. The organisers described them as “golden students”!!

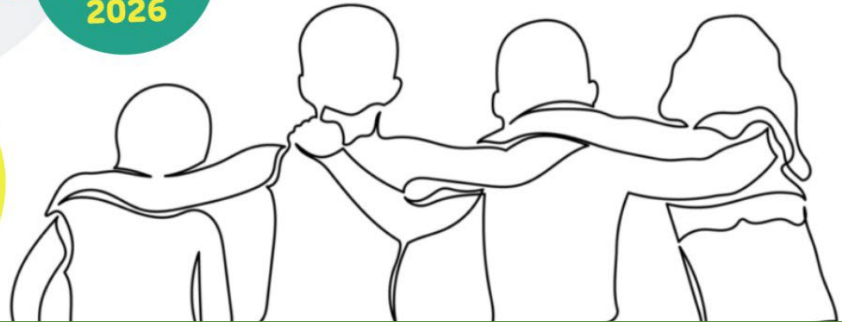
Well done, Team Travel!

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

9-15
FEB
2026

You
belong
here!



At Southfields Academy we
Celebrate each other's differences
as well as similarities.

We are respectful of people's
backgrounds and experiences.

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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Healthy Habits in Teenagers with Autism

A 1.5 hour long webinar dedicated
to look into how healthy habits can
be implemented at home to
improve the wellbeing of teens
with autism.

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LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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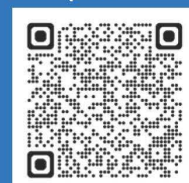
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DATE / TIME

Wednesday 4th February.

12.30-2.00pm

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NHS - Education Wellbeing Service February webinars

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>

If your child is interested in 1:1 sessions with our in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help with worries, low mood or anxiety, they can speak to Ms Nearn, Senior Lead for Mental Health.

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Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring Term 2026

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

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.

**4TH FEB 26
12.30 PM - 2 PM**

Healthy Habits in
Teenagers with
Autism

**9TH FEB 26
7 PM - 8.30 PM**

Supporting Siblings
of Children with
SEND

**10TH FEB 26
1.30 PM - 3 PM**

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](#)



Making Life
Better Together

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting your teenager with Exam Stress in the run up to big exams (Years 11-13)

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Service

Upcoming GCSE & A level exams (as well as BTECs etc) can be a stressful time for your teenager.

This workshop talks through some of the common challenges many young people face when their stress around revising or sitting an exam becomes too much. It will also cover how, as a parent or carer, you can best support your child to manage these feelings and do their best.



DATE / TIME

Monday 16th February
7.00-8.00pm



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Tuesday 17th February
1.00-2.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Supporting Siblings of Children with SEND

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This webinar invites parents/carers of children aged 7 years and above to explore the special nature of the sibling relationship when one or more children has additional needs, with practical advice about how to foster sibling harmony, manage rivalry and, most importantly, keep your own wellbeing in mind.



DATE / TIME

Monday 9th February
7.00-8.30pm



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DATE / TIME

Tuesday 10th January
1.30-3.00pm



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