



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Monday 9th March 2026



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

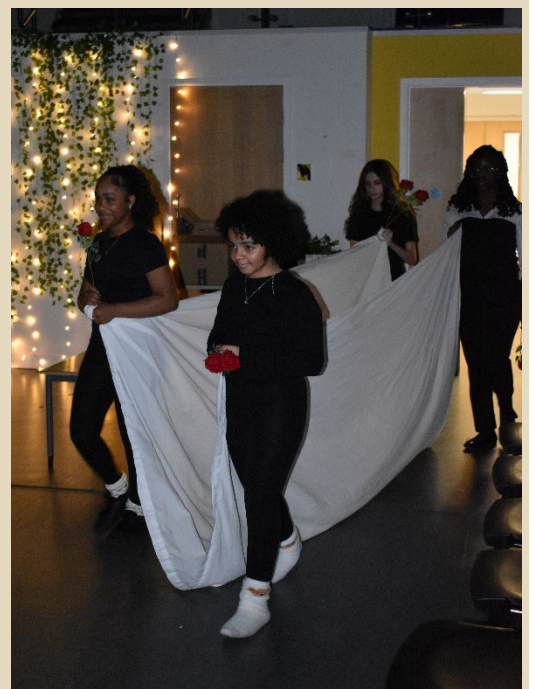
🎭 Whole School Production – *Romeo & Juliet: South London Edition* 🎭

Last week, we were incredibly proud to present our whole school production of *Romeo & Juliet: South London Edition*. Set in 2026 inner South London, this powerful modern adaptation followed Romeo as he found himself torn between loyalty to his friends and his deep, life-changing love for Juliet. In a world shaped by reputation, social pressure and rising tensions between communities, the story explored the courage it takes to choose compassion over conflict. Our students delivered a moving and mature performance that captured both the intensity of young love and the consequences of violence.

This truly was a whole school achievement, with students aged 11–18 involved on stage and behind the scenes. We were especially impressed by our **Sixth Form Stage Management and Technical Team**, who led lighting, sound, staging and backstage coordination with professionalism and confidence. Their leadership and collaboration with younger year groups demonstrated outstanding teamwork and responsibility.

We are immensely proud of every student who took part. The commitment, talent and support shown throughout the rehearsal process and performances reflect the strength of our performing arts culture and the creativity that continues to thrive across the school.



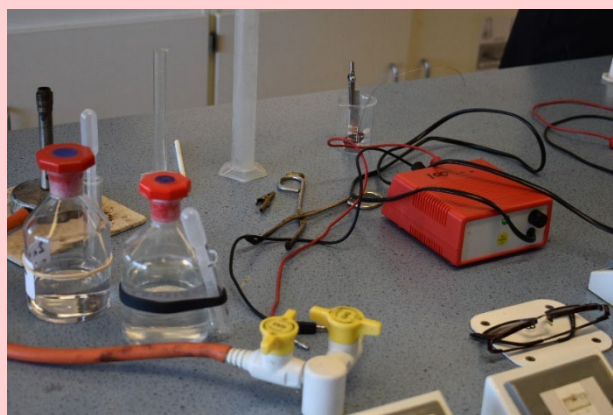




Science Club – Mr Ahmad

This week in Science Club we turned a simple bronze coin into something a little more precious. Using a bit of magic (... also known as science), students changed the colour of their coins from bronze to silver and finally to gold. It might have looked like alchemy, but it was actually some clever chemistry at work, possibly even a little electroplating!

There were plenty of surprised reactions as coins transformed before our eyes, and students were already wondering if the Royal Mint might be hiring. Sadly, the coins won't buy you a castle just yet, but it was a golden example of how science can turn everyday objects into something a little more exciting.





Thought for the Week

“Education without application is just entertainment.” – Tim Sanders

A Level Geography Field Trip

Last week, 14 of our Year 12 and 13 A-Level Geography students set off on the school minibuses for a field trip to the picturesque Derbyshire village of **Bakewell** – famously the home of the Bakewell tart!

Once there, students carried out a range of exciting geographical fieldwork and had the opportunity to speak with local residents about life in a rural community, very different from South West London. These conversations helped students gain valuable insights into rural living and local economic change.

Students stayed for two nights in Ravenstor Youth Hostel, using it as a base for further investigation. Their work included river fieldwork and a wet but spectacular 20km walk through the beautiful Peak District landscape. After long days outdoors, hot showers and warm food were the perfect remedy.

Throughout the trip, students showed excellent independence, a positive “can-do” attitude, and great teamwork. They were an absolute delight and represented themselves, their parents/carers and the Academy exceptionally well.

We are very proud of how they approached the experience and the enthusiasm they showed for their geographical learning.

We look forward to next year’s residential!

Mr C Bradbury and Ms A Hoy



Stranger Things – English Department

On Friday 27 February, 30 students from Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10 went to see "Stranger Things: The First Shadow" at the Phoenix Theatre. This was a reward for their excellent effort and performance in English lessons this year. One of the students, Ada Alptekin 10LAN, has written a review of the trip.

Stranger Things: The First Shadow is a West End and Broadway stage play serving as a prequel to the TV series, set in 1959 Hawkins. The story serves as a prequel to the events of the television series "Stranger Things", exploring the backstory of Henry Creel before he became the antagonist Vecna.

The play was very well written and it was paced out really well. It gave off an energy much familiar to the show, making the play feel very nostalgic

The wide variety of sets were built very skilfully and the props used were exceedingly realistic. The visual and sound effects were spectacular and so was the soundtrack, made up of a variety of well-known songs from the 50.

Many of the scenes were made up of horror elements that kept the audience on edge the whole time. There were even a few jumpscare that made the whole theatre jump out of their seats. The actors were also extremely talented and professional, making the play feel like a real life story.

Overall, the play was astonishing and left the audience in awe. The students from Southfields Academy thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon at the theatre.



Sunshine Run – Ms Toffolo

Ms Hoy, Charles, Jamal and I did a lovely 2.2km around King George's Park on Tuesday afternoon in the sunshine.

We are keen to get as many students "running for their mind", please see the poster for information.

All are welcome - running, jogging even a bit of walking - we will tailor this each week depending who attends.



STAFF AND STUDENT RUN CLUB

ALL YEARS AND ABILITIES WELCOME!

WITH MS TOFFOLO AND SPECIAL GUESTS... AND MORE!

every Tuesday

3:15pm start

meet on the tennis court

choose your distance 1.2km or 3km loop, all abilities catered for

*must wear appropriate running shoes and clothing

MR ROBERTSON

MS HOY

MR HAYMAN

RUN FOR ENJOYMENT!

RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

BE STUNNED

THE PHOENIX ARTS CLUB

THE DINING WEST GROUPS TAKES THE BRAM & PARTIES

BOOK

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 25th March 2026 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 27th March 2026 – INSET Day
Monday 30th March 2026 – Start of Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April 2026 – Academy Resumes
Monday 4th May 2026 – May Bank Holiday



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

Education
Wellbeing
Service

Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents Spring Term 2026

Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

2ND MAR 26
7 PM - 8 PM



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Supporting your
teenager with Exam
Stress (Years 11-13)

3RD MAR 26
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM



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9TH MAR 26
1 PM - 2 PM



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Conflict, Communication
and Compromise - the
teen years

12TH MAR 26
7 PM-8 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.

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