



Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter

Monday 5th October 2026



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

Year 10 News – Mr Munro

Hello, and welcome to our first newsletter as Year 10, Key Stage 4. It has been a brilliant start to the year and I have some great news and important announcements to share:

Great Start to the Term

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and are showing fantastic motivation in their new option subjects. I have received numerous emails from teachers praising the year group's independence, maturity, and strong work ethic. As Head of Year, it is wonderfully encouraging to see such a positive attitude. I hope this hard work and dedication continues over the coming terms, laying the strongest possible foundation for success at the end of Year 11.

The Importance of Home Learning

As students begin Key Stage 4, the amount of independent study they receive will naturally increase, and it is more vital than ever. Students will be set weekly home learning across both core and option subjects. Managing their time effectively and meeting deadlines is essential. Students who regularly miss home learning tasks will be placed in an after-school intervention to help them stay on track. If your child struggles to focus at home, we offer excellent distraction-free spaces, including the school library and our dedicated Year 10 Home Learning Club in D189 every Monday from 15:00 to 16:00.

Attendance & Punctuality

Consistent attendance and punctuality are critical in Key Stage 4, as even a single day's absence means missing key GCSE content that can be difficult to make up. Department for Education research shows that missing 16 days of school (around 92% attendance) can drop a student's overall attainment by a full GCSE grade. Punctuality is equally vital. A student being just five minutes late each day adds up to over 10 hours of lost learning across the year.

Baseline Assessments

Year 10 students are currently completing their baseline assessments across all subjects. Having already finished Mathematics, they have two remaining core assessments over the next fortnight: Science on 6th October 2026, followed by English on 12th October 2026 (Red Band) and 14th October 2026 (White Band). Once marking is complete, results will be published on MyChildAtSchool so you can see how your child has performed at the start of their Key Stage 4 journey.

IEAP Day 1

On 12th November 2026, Southfields Academy will hold its first Individual Education Action Plan (IEAP) Day of the academic year. Year 10 students will attend for a shorter day, coming into school for a dedicated, specific appointment slot with their tutor. During these sessions, students will reflect on their academic progress by comparing their end-of-Year 9 performance data with their recent baseline assessment results. This is a valuable opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements, evaluate their start to Key Stage 4, and set clear goals for the year ahead.

Aspirational Learners

Following their end of Year 9 assessments, over 25 students in the year group were recognised for achieving 'Active' or 'Aspirational' effort grades across all of their subjects.

Due to the extremely positive start to Year 10, I am hoping that there are even more of these to share after the baseline assessments.

As always, if you need to contact me, please do so on gary.munro@southfieldsacademy.com.

Year 10 News Continued:

A massive congratulations to the following students:

AKRAM	Mnahel	10RCD
ASIF	Aliza	10HAY
DEMETRIUS	Indiana	10RCD
DHIBLAWE	Hussein	10CRO
DOS SANTOS POUZADELLA	Sophia	10RCD
DUDLEY	Leo	10RCD
EVANS	Ellie-Mai	10RCD
HAJI	Adar	10SWN
HUSSEIN	Safa	10RCD
JAMES	Rhershi	10HAY
JOLAYEMI	Dexter	10HAY
LAKE HUMPHREY	Evan	10TAB
LUCAS	Tegan	10RCD
MILLER	Cherry	10RCD
NAIL	Zohra	10HAY
NAKIYINJI	Hiqma	10CRO
PATEL	Devin	10RCD
PETROV	Andon	10RCD
RAJAKUMAR	Hajopnayan	10RCD
RAJAONARIVELO	Joe	10RCD
RAUBE	Zofia	10HAY
REZAEI	Sara	10HAY
SAMI	Raihan	10RCD
SHAHBAZ	Sareena	10RCD
SILVA MORAIS	Ana Laura	10SWN
SOARES SILVA	Henrique	10HAY
VARNS	Harry	10RCD
XASRAW	Mohammed	10RCD
ZAIATS	Karina	10HAY

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 9th October 2026 – INSET Day
Friday 16th October 2026 – Year 12 Residential Trip
Tuesday 20th October 2026 – Careers Fair
Tuesday 20th October 2026 – 6th Form Open Evening
Monday 26th October 2026 – Half Term
Monday 2nd November 2026 – Academy Resumes



Thought for the Week

"The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." — Michelangelo



Southfields Academy Open Events

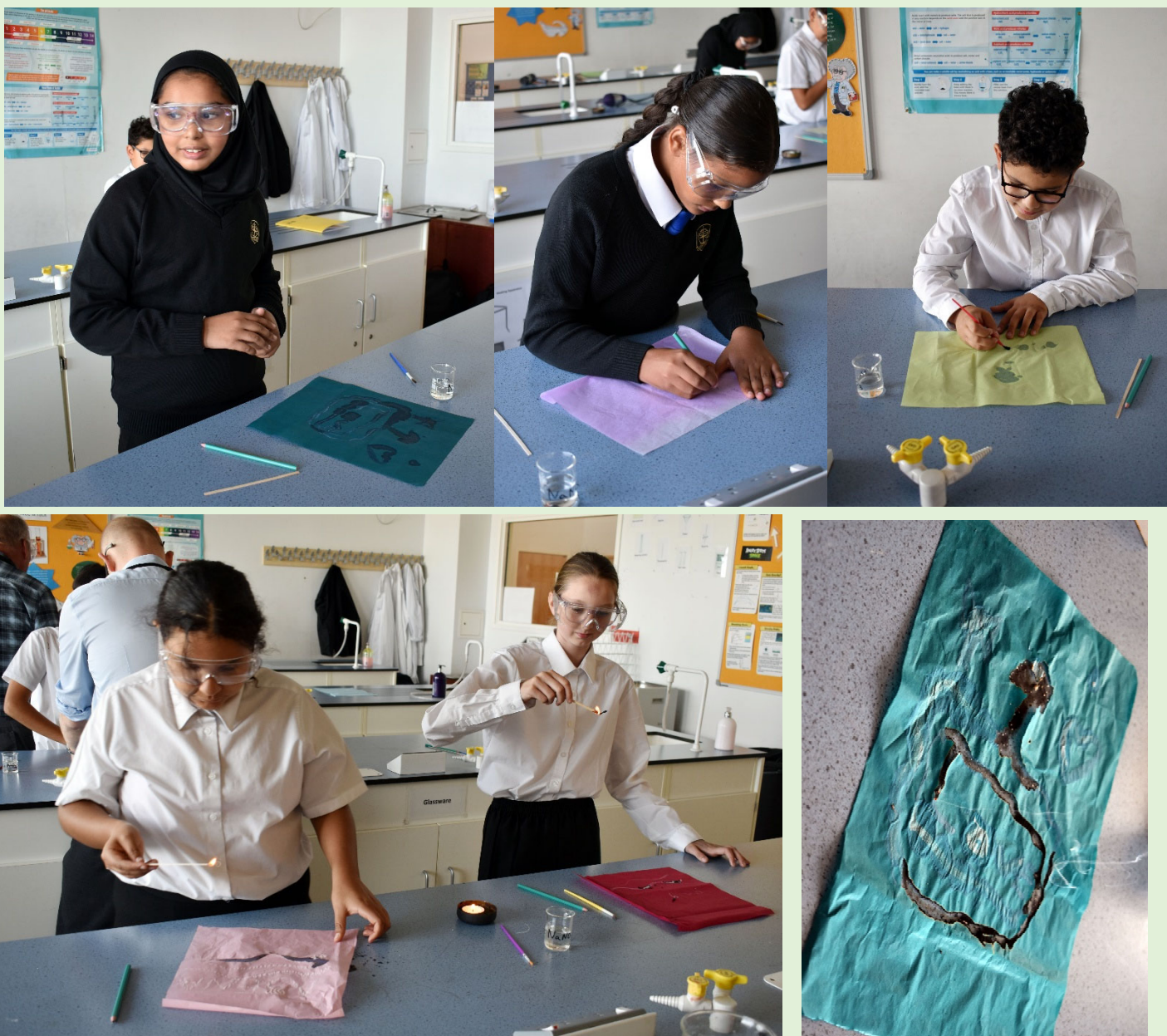
Tuesday 6th October 2026 – Open Morning
Thursday 8th October 2026 – Open Evening
Tuesday 13th October 2026 – Open Morning
Wednesday 14th October 2026 – Open Morning
Thursday 15th October 2026 – Open Morning
Tuesday 20th October 2026 – Open Morning
Tuesday 20th October 2026 – 6th Form Open Evening

Science Club – Ms Akhvlediani

Secret Messages in Science Club!

This week, Science Club tried out a fun experiment called Fire Writing. Using paintbrushes and a sodium nitrate solution, students painted hidden designs onto tissue paper and dried them with hairdryers.

Once dry, applying a small spark to the edge allowed a glowing ember to trace along their painted lines, burning their secret messages into the paper!



Year 7 Enrichment Fair

On Friday 25th September representatives from each department transformed the black box with interesting and interactive displays advertising their department's extra-curricular clubs and subject material.

Year 7 students scoured the array of stalls that promoted the clubs, and uncovered the many opportunities and new skills that students could embrace and learn inside and outside of the classroom as well as searching for the knowledge hunt clues. Students also had the opportunity to explore careers linked to subjects.

In order to complete the knowledge hunt competition, Year 7 had to search for information at each stall and compose a tie-breaker answer. The amount of completed forms and information gained was astounding! The winner of the competition will be announced in assembly.



Royal Navy Team-Building Workshop for Year 12, IG and Year 7 Students

This week, our **Year 7, IG, and Year 12 students** swapped their classrooms for a high-energy, hands-on experience led by the **Royal Navy's Youth Engagement Team**.

The mission? To crack complex challenges, unlock leadership potential, and master effective teamwork. The venue was absolutely buzzing with intense concentration, brilliant bursts of creativity, and plenty of laughter as students tackled a series of interactive games. From the whistle the pressure was on to think fast, communicate clearly, and listen closely to one another.

These activities encourage students to think through problems together, listen to each other's ideas, and adapt quickly.

Students explored what it means to lead as well as support others, rotating leadership roles within their groups during a construction challenge. This encouraged every student to step up with confidence and also recognise the importance of valuing the input of others. The workshop reinforced key messages about trust, communication, resilience, and teamwork — qualities essential not only in the Royal Navy, but also in everyday school life.

Well done to all the students that took part! It is fair to say that all students thoroughly enjoyed the workshops.

Thank you to Ms Harb who arranged for the Royal Navy to deliver this phenomenal workshop to our students.







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Big sister

Big Sister is a fun and supportive physical activity programme designed specifically for **girls aged 11-15**, aiming to build confidence, encourage participation in sport and exercise, and help young people develop healthy habits for life.

To sign up, participants simply need to register at the **reception desk of their chosen leisure centre** (Putney or Latchmere).

 **Places
Leisure
Part of Places
for People**

BIG SISTER

IS COMING TO WANDSWORTH!

(COMING FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER)

*For girls aged 11-15 -
get active, grow your confidence
and make friends.* 



 **THREE CONVENIENT
LOCATIONS**

 **PUTNEY
LEISURE CENTRE**

 **LATCHMERE
LEISURE CENTRE**

 **TOOTING
LEISURE CENTRE**

FUN, GIRLS-ONLY ACTIVITIES



**GYM &
STRENGTH
TRAINING**



FOOTBALL



**CIRCUIT
TRAINING**



**TEAM SPORTS
& GAMES**



**OTHER FUN,
GIRLS-ONLY ACTIVITIES**

OUR PROGRAMME AIMS

- ✓ Build confidence in the gym and while exercising
- ✓ Learn new skills and safe exercise techniques
- ✓ Try different sports and activities
- ✓ Make friends and feel part of a supportive group
- ✓ Develop a positive relationship with physical activity
- ✓ Find enjoyable ways to stay active



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AND SUPPORTIVE
PROGRAMME WHERE
GIRLS CAN GET ACTIVE,
BUILD CONFIDENCE
AND TRY NEW THINGS
TOGETHER.**

**NO PREVIOUS GYM OR
SPORTS EXPERIENCE
IS NEEDED.**



*We can't
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meet you!* 



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