Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter
Monday 16th November 2026

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

Year 8 News – Ms Watkinson

Year 8 made a great start to the academic year! They have a made a significant improvement in their behaviour, organisation and punctuality and are showing a phenomenal attitude towards their learning.

Year 8 have received a total of 6088 positives overall with the top 10 students being:
- Maisie 8ONE 101
- Carla 8ONE 99
- Amelie 8SCH 91
- Viara 8AAD 88
- Hyujin 8SCH 88
- Andre 8HUH 86
- Clara 8SCH 85
- Zoha 8HUH 84
- Elliott 8SCH 82
- Ameen 8ONE 82

A special mention to both Aisha 8HUH and Charles 8ONE who are our top students for positives for kindness, and Aarib 8HUH, Maisie 8ONE, Macey 8OMR and Olivia 8OMR for being our homework heroes for Autumn 1!

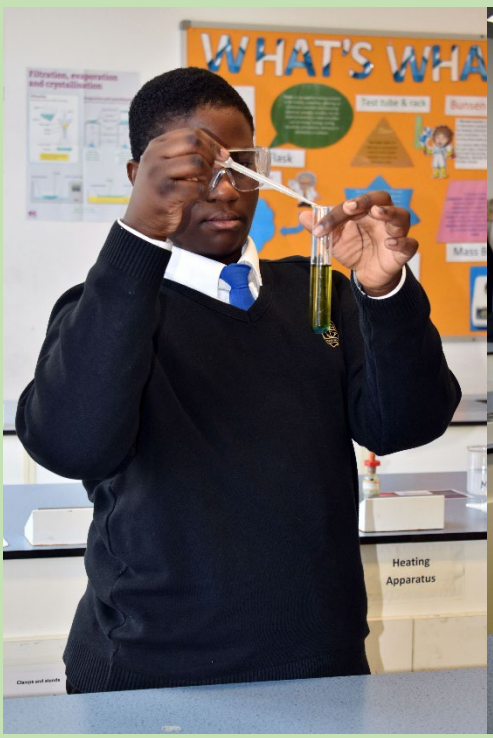
In Autumn 1 they participated in the Career's fair, have supported with Open Evening and represented the school at various different sporting events, and Autumn 2 is even busier! This term we have had our IEAP Day 1 on Thursday 12th November, and will have Parents Evening on Wednesday 18th November, School Council Election Day on Thursday 19th November and fixtures both in the Wandsworth Borough and the in the Inner London Cup.

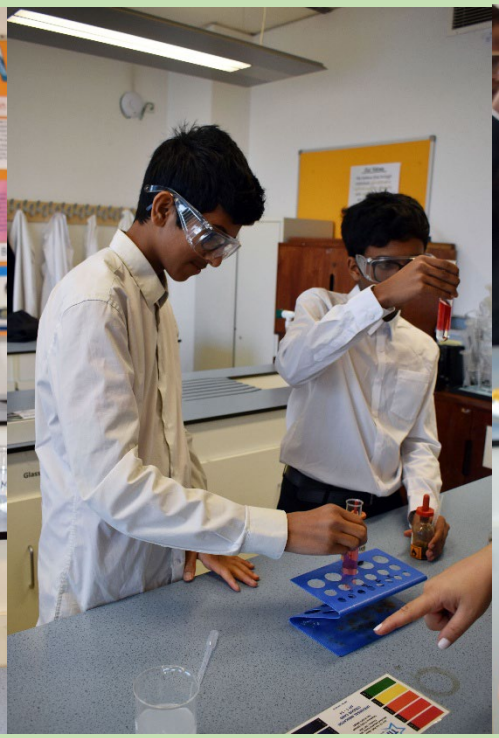
Thank you all for your continued support with your child. I look forward to providing updates on the year 8 groups sporting success as we progress through the term!

Science Club – Ms Akhvlediani

Science Club explored acids and bases this week by creating vibrant pH rainbows! Students added universal indicator to a starting solution and gradually introduced a reacting chemical to watch the colours shift right before their eyes.

Seeing the rainbow spectrum appear in their tubes made for a brilliant bit of chemistry in action!







Thought for the Week

“Inspiration follows aspiration.” — Rabindranath Tagore

Senior Maths Challenge – Ms Felbinger

A few weeks ago a number of Year 12s and Year 13s have competed in this year's Senior Maths Challenge. The results are fantastic this year - our best ones yet!

Year 12:
Gold certificate - Sumeyo
Silver certificate - Amin, Henry
Bronze certificate - Maryam, Pelham, Nana-Osei, David, Izel, Luca, Martin, Kian, Etehsam, Aqibb

Year 13:
Gold certificate - Saad, Kavinran, Shayaan
Silver certificate - Abdelhadi, Liam
Bronze certificate - Attila, Rani

All student with gold certificates have been invited to the follow up competitions, with Sumeyo, Kavinran and Shayaan invited to the Senior Kangaroo and Saad invited to the British Maths Olympiad!

Well done to all students!





Creative Writing – English Department

Year 9 have been studying Shakespeare's Othello, which features one of the most cunning and evil villains of all time: Iago. Year 9 have written in character as this villain, applying for the job of "head villain". They have tried to show off their sinister side! Here are two of the best job applications from Issaiah Kone 9KUL and Aysha Rizahi 9DSV

To whom it may concern,

My name is Iago, and I believe I would be perfect for the role of head villain. Allow me to explain my skill set.

I am the most vindictive man alive—like a demon seeking vengeance on all of humanity, except I do not merely seek vengeance. I am the darkness to the light; I am the shivering cold to the flame. If I feel the need to harm you, you will be victimized, ripped to shreds. You will be devoured until there is nothing left of you but a hollow shell.

Once, in the peak of the night under the stars and moon, I spread a secret out to the entire neighbourhood like a poison mist. Do not think my cruelty is filled with ignorance; I am a master of my arts, like a puppet master whose strings are thicker than steel.

I am as two-faced as the sun and the moon. Those who stand against me will be drowned in darkness and will rot away, while those who stand with me will be led to success and salvation. And on my rest days? I will probably snatch someone's soul just for the fun of it.

Issiah

To whom it may concern,

My name is Iago, and I believe I would be perfect for the role of head villain. Allow me to explain my skill set.

I know I would be perfect for the role of head villain as I am a two-faced, vindictive man with no feeling or respect for anyone; I will take revenge in the cruellest way I know. I will not care about anything; I will expose and humiliate you in front of all your family and friends whenever and wherever I seize the chance. I will scream outside your balcony late at night saying the nastiest stuff so all the neighbours can hear. I do not care who the person is or what connection I have with them—I will do whatever it takes to stab them in the back and betray them with no shame. I have no fear, and I will not leave until I see the shame and embarrassment on that person's face.

Another reason is that I will act normal and friendly, pretending to have your back, but the second I get the information I need, I will leave and make you regret trusting me. I will manipulate you into giving me your trust, then selfishly use everything against you without your finding out, which is why I am a great manipulator.

Overall, I believe I am the perfect candidate for this job because I have all the necessary skills and am exactly what you are looking for.

Aysha

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 18th November 2026 – Year 8 Parents' Day
Thursday 19th November 2026 – School Council Election Day
Monday 23rd November 2026 – INSET Day 2
Thursday 26th November 2026 – Prize Evening
Friday 18th December 2026 – End of Term
Monday 4th January 2026 – Spring Term Starts

Southfields Academy Annual Chess Tournament – Mr Spencer

On Thursday 12th November 2026 we had our annual chess tournament.

It was fantastic to see a full range of ages playing against each other with Year 7 students competing against Year 13s.

The etiquette on show was exemplary with matches ending early often followed by mini lessons between fellow players.

This year's winner was PELHAM MILLER (12LNT) with 6 wins out of 6.

And well done to Kavinran Puthuvlakan (13SNR) in second place with 5 wins.

A reminder that chess club takes place every Monday in A227 between 3-4pm.

Thanks to all the players listed below.

Name	Tutor group
Sugash Kamaleswaran	07GLH
Jayden Oyibo	07WLM
Mursalin Sadat	07WLM
Zhi-Afriq Piesare	09DSV
Ibrahim Hussen	09FRH
Andrei Didulescu	10CRO
Hiqma Nakiyinji	10CRO
Zohra Nail	10HAY
Riyaan Wardhere	10MAU
Hrithick Sridharan	10SWN
Ledion Miftari	11HOY
Pelham Miller	12LNT
Luca Tudor	12LNT
Shayaan Farooq	13DES
Kavinran Puthuvlakan	13SNR
Tajus Lincoln	13SNR
Theo de Andrade	IGBZI
Athila Alexandrino Correa Lima	IGBZI
Bahram Kohestani	IGHSD
Mohabatyar Khan	IGHSD









Year 7 Explore Road Safety in PSHE – Ms Molloy

Last term Year 7 in PSHE were taught about their responsibilities as young learners and citizens and we looked at road safety, getting students to identify hazards on their way to school and ways to tackle them.

This culminated in a dynamic and interactive presentation from S.A.M.E Academy. Students were engaged and thoughtful during these sessions. October and November tend to be the worst times for pedestrian road accidents due to dark nights, so it is pertinent to remind students to stay safe with winter approaching.



PSHE lessons will celebrate Anti-Bullying Week 16th -20th November

During scheduled PSHE lessons next week we will be focusing on the issue of bullying and encouraging students to, “break the silence” around it. Lessons have been organised in age appropriate topics:





Year 7: Cyberbullying: what it is & how to report it.
Year 8: Being a force for good: How to stop bullying in all forms.
Year 9: Role models and peer pressure
Year 10: Sexting, manipulation and coercive control: analysing the law and ethics
Year 11: Body shaming & sexual harassment and assault: analysing the law and ethics

Year 7 also has a **poster competition** they can enter explaining what bullying is and how they can break the silence.

Jamie’s Farm Workshop and Celebration – Ms Gbolonyo

Felix from Jamie's farm visited our students Nabeel (8SCH), Zayn (8AAD), Penelope (8OMR), Abbie (8OMR), Layla (8ONE), Sumaya 9ALH), Jahniyah (9DSV), Jessica (9KUL), Omera (9DBY), Kyerell (9DSV) and Elijah-Blu (9KUL) to complete a follow up session following their amazing week at Jamie’s Farm.

During the workshop Jamie shared with students a video of their highlights from the week, played team building games and celebrated each students’ accomplishments, handing each student a certificate.

Students were so excited to see Felix and also asked about updates of the animals on the farm.

There were so many highlights from the session. Students shared they have formed really good relationships with one another and shared some of the skills and habits they have continued since the residential trip.

Many of the students have started using the cook books they were given and even shared that they have committed to reducing the amount of time they spend on their mobile phones at home.

Felix and I were are incredibly proud of this group and look forward to reunion in summer 2027.







Newsletter:

Please click to access the **10th Edition of the Southfields Academy Careers Newsletter**. We have a focus on Creative Careers - whether you're interested in gaming, music, design, film, fashion, technology, writing, woodturning, or something else, there are more ways into creative careers than ever before.

Check out the exciting world of theatre, a window-display artist, or maybe a museum curator…?

Work Experience (WEX) Dates 2026/27

If your child is in Year 12 or Year 10, please try to assist them in finding a work placement for work experience so that they can enjoy the benefits of a live workplace?

- WEX Year 12: Mon 8th – Fri 12th Feb 2027
- WEX Year 10: Tue 13th – Thu 15th Jul 2027

Southfields Academy Coffee Mornings for Parents

CONNECTION - SUPPORT - LEARNING

Wednesdays from 8:30-10:00 am on the following dates:

27 January 27
10 March 27
05 May 27
30 June 27

Please arrive via the main reception

- Join us for a hot drink and biscuits
- Connect with other parents
- Hear from guest speakers and special presentations
- Learn how to best support your children and each other

WE BELIEVE IN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS, SCHOOL STAFF, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS TO SUPPORT PUPILS' AND FAMILIES RESILIENCE AND WELLBEING. YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO US!

AFC Wimbledon Women's Home Game Tickets

We would like to invite students and their families to an AFC Wimbledon Women's home game this season, with free tickets.
Use the code **AFCWWFOU** at checkout to claim your free tickets for any of these Women's fixtures:

- **AFC Wimbledon Women vs Fulham**: Sunday 29th November, at Cherry Red Records
- **AFC Wimbledon Women vs Portsmouth**: Sunday 6th December, at Tooting and Mitcham

It's a great opportunity for pupils to watch women's football live and see the team in action close to home.
How to claim your tickets

1. Visit our ticket page
2. Select your game and the number of tickets you need
3. Enter code **AFCWWFOU** at checkout

Tickets are limited, so we'd recommend booking early.
We hope to see you at a game soon.

Andy May, Head of Sport & Education – Wimbledon AFC

