Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter
Monday 23rd November 2026

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

Gina Miller Visit – Ms Atley

On Thursday the Law Society and Year 12 and Year 13 politics students attended a talk by political activist, lawyer and business women Gina Miller. She came into school mainly to talk about the two legal cases she brought against the government: R (Miller) v Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union (2017) and R (Miller) v Prime Minister (2019) which are case studies for A level Politics.

However, she answered questions from the students on a variety of topics from the constitution, voting system and Brexit to women in business. Thank you so much to all the students who really engaged with her fascinating talk and came up with thoughtful and well researched questions.





Crochet Club – Ms Hoy

Crochet Club continues to be a success across all year groups within the Academy. Students are working on individual projects from face cloths, to blankets to tote bags. Students have been progressing their skills and teaching each other, which has formed a great community at break time.





Thought for the Week

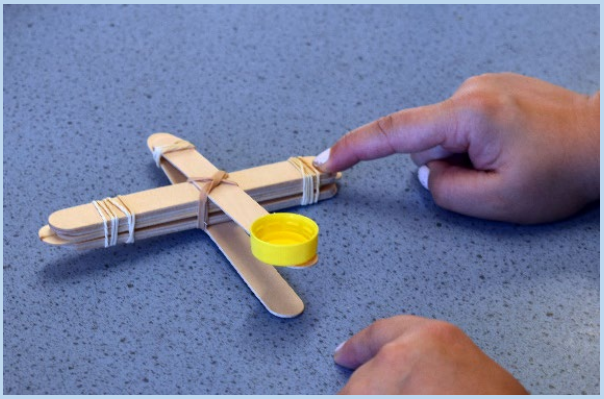
"To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to." — Khalil Gibran

Science Club – Ms Akhvlediani

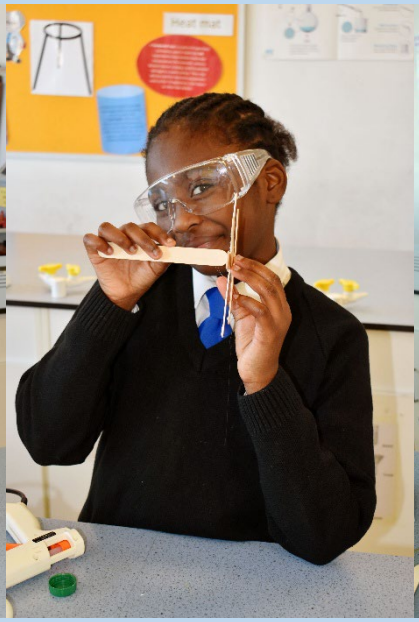
Science Club put their engineering skills to the test this week by building catapults!

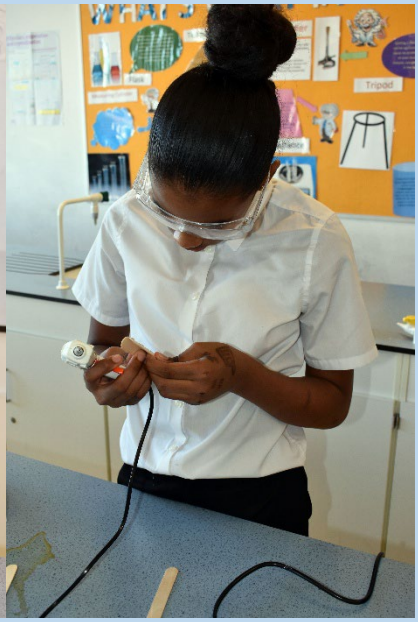
Starting with a basic design template, students had the freedom to experiment and come up with their own creative adaptations.

Testing their custom-built launchers made for an exciting, hands-on session!









Opportunities for Students and Parents: GCSE Revision Masterclass

The **GCSE Revision Masterclass** is led by Harry and Joe, co-founders of The Degree Gap, the session will cover:

- How to turn mock exam results into a clear plan for improvement
- How to identify which subjects and topics need the most attention
- Simple, effective revision techniques students can use at home
- How to recognise and manage exam stress before it becomes overwhelming
- How parents can support revision without arguments or added pressure

It is a 30-minute masterclass followed by 30 minutes of live Q&A taking place on Tuesday 1 December, 7 to 8pm. Please follow the title link for information.

Dates for Your Diary

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
Thursday 7th January 2027 – Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 21st January 2027 – IEAP Day

Mock Interviews 12th November 2026 – Ms Shah

On the IEAP day on the 12th of November Year 12 took part in live Mock interviews. We welcomed 34 interviewers from organisations such as Metro Bank (9 members of the team came to support the event),Gilbert Ash (construction Industry), ITV (Broadcaster), The Civil Service, The Royal Marsden and partners of The Academy of Real Assets and other independent participants who all volunteered their time for free.

The students selected their job of choice and were given face to face interviews and feedback from their interviewer. For many students it was the first time that they were interviewed and there were lots of nerves but every student embraced the opportunity, came prepared and left the hall feeling uplifted and more confident about the prospect of a real job interview. The visitors commented on how delightful, engaged and prepared the students were. We are grateful for the support and input the students received.

'The event was really well organised and, although fast paced, it was, hopefully for the 8 students I interviewed, a useful experience. All of the students I met were engaged and well prepared and seemingly wanted to get the most out of the experience the school had arranged for them. They were a credit to the school and I'm certain that many of them will have bright futures.' - Emily Das – ARCH







Everyone's Invited – Ms Hughes

We are pleased to invite you to an online talk delivered by *Everyone's Invited* in collaboration with Southfields Academy and Wandsworth Council. Everyone's Invited is a leading sexual violence prevention charity working with schools across the UK. This session is designed to provide a supportive, informative space for parents and carers to learn more about the challenges and pressures young people face today.

The **Parent and Carer Talk** will explore many of the issues parents and carers often raise as concerns or wish they understood better. Topics include:

- The influence of social media platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat
- Gendered pressures and expectations
- Consent and healthy relationships
- Pornography and the rise of AI, including chatbots
- Image-based abuse and sextortion
- Online misogyny and harmful digital trends

The session will also offer practical strategies to help you support your child as they navigate an increasingly complex digital world. Everyone's Invited's approach is grounded in empathy, openness, and partnership, and we believe you will find the talk both reassuring and empowering.

We hope you can join us for this valuable opportunity to learn, reflect, and work together to ensure the wellbeing of our young people.

Please see the talk details below:

Monday, 23rd November | 18:00 - 19:00 | **Get your free tickets here:**

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2003653026138?aff=oddtdtcreator

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Ms Hughes
Southfields Academy DSL



Big Sister Project – Ms Lenton

Our year 7 girls were very lucky to have visitors from Places Leisure and Big Sister Project during their PE lesson this week. The girls took part in a sport and physical activity workshop which focused on being active and enjoying sport and physical activity. The girls took part in some fitness challenges as well as some competitive football games, which they loved.

Big Sister project helps girls aged 9-15 in target areas feel 'sport ready' by recruiting a network of 'big sisters' to empower and enable girls to enjoy sport, exercise, and physical activity during puberty.

As part of their commitment to helping girls get into activity they are offering a free membership to girls who meet the eligibility criteria, or a 50% discounted membership for all other girls, which includes:

Unlimited gym use during Junior Gym hours, which includes a gym induction (11-15 year olds)
After initial gym induction, unlimited access to the gym at any time when accompanied by an adult aged 18+
Unlimited swimming
Friendly on-site team, to support you through your activity
Free access to Places Leisure App and Virtual Studio which includes a Big Sister channel



To find out more information or to sign up, please visit the link below:
https://www.placesleisure.org/big-sister-project/#whatisthebigsisterproject

Parents and Carers Information Session

Investment20/20 is hosting a series of free online **Parents and Carers Information Sessions** to help families understand careers in investment management, including apprenticeships, trainee programmes and other opportunities.
Each session lasts just **30 minutes**.

Dates and times

Date	Time	Registration link
Tuesday 24 November	11am – 11.30am	Registration - The Investment Association Services Ltd
Wednesday 25 November	4.15pm – 4.45pm	Registration - The Investment Association Services Ltd
Thursday 26 November	6.30pm – 7pm	Registration - The Investment Association Services Ltd

Location: Zoom Webinar

Once parents and carers have registered, they will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link.

Creative Writing – English Department

We are delighted to share a sneak peek at an imaginative new piece of creative writing by Amelia McIentrye (08HUH).

Currently in the drafting stages for the upcoming Young Writer's 100 word Mini Saga competition, this piece showcases how the structure of a story- no matter what length- can engage the reader from the very first word.

It has been wonderful to watch Amelia develop and refine her ideas from an initial spark into a compelling draft.

If you would like your child to enter the competition too, please check out this link: https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/secondary-11-18/gone?view=ind

Best Friends to Enemies

Gone. 10 years of friendship gone in hours.

The day out was supposed to be fun. An adventure we had planned together that we thought would bring memories to laugh about forever, but it was the opposite.

We didn't laugh. We argued.

There was no joy. There was anger.

Tears, shouting and mean words.

Friends don't treat each other like that!

We are now enemies.

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Faith Direct – Ms Olasimbo

On Tuesday, ten Year 9 students represented our school at the Faith Direct event, held at the Wandsworth Civic Suite. During the visit, students met with local faith leaders from across Wandsworth, giving them a fantastic opportunity to ask thoughtful questions, explore how different beliefs shape daily life, and deepen their understanding of diverse beliefs within our local community.

They ended the day by hearing a speech from the Mayor of Wandsworth, Councillor Emmeline Owens. They were a real credit to the school!







Newsletter:

Please click to access the **11th Edition of the Southfields Academy Careers Newsletter**. There's useful info ref **National Care Leavers' Month**; plus for Year 10s and 11s there's a **free** talk on GCSE Study Skills and exam revision; for Sixth Form a list of **free** virtual events with leading employers – plus there's a chance to practice interview skills with an AI Interview coach; Have a look at **Day of Wrk** which shows what people actually do for their jobs through authentic day-in-the-life stories.

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!