Southfields Academy Weekly Newsletter
Monday 30th November 2026

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

Prize Evening 2026

On Thursday 26th November we held our annual Academy Awards evening.

This ceremony takes place to recognise and celebrate the achievement of students in Years 8 – 13 for the previous academic year and to recognise those Year 7s who have achieved most in their first half term with us. The ceremony was beautifully presented by Melody Stanley and Amari Rodriguez During. There was also stunning music performed by the band consisting of: Louis Antilli, Daniel Vardon-Odonkor, Henry Domingo, Alfie Godden, Kymani Edwards, Emily Rose-Smith, Sofia Alix Joa Romero and Jeanne Permejo.

This year we were honoured to welcome former student Dani Harris-Walters. Dani is a dynamic & multifaceted entertainer with a rich background as a Dance Artist, Choreographer, Presenter, Writer, and DJ. Dani has immersed himself in the vibrant realms of Hip Hop culture & theatre. His infectious charm, reflected in his ever-present smiley face, sets him apart as a beloved figure in the industry.

Graduating from the University of East London with a degree in Dance: Urban Practice, he continues to extend his influence by working with community groups & mentoring young creatives across the UK. In summer 2024 Dani's West End debut came playing the character Baitface in the afro-surreal play G at the Royal Court Theatre, London.

As always it was a brilliant evening and the Academy was delighted that Dani along with so many parents and carers could join us to celebrate our students' achievements.

Special Awards were received by:

Mnahel Akram
David Edwards Creative Writing Award

Kymani Edwards
Oliver Builders Award for Design & Art

Iryna Kulinich
Humanities Award

Ashlee Griffin
James Murray Award for Determination

Taysia Drake
Peter Brown Award for Construction and Design

Sarah Muneeb
Robin Reeves Award for Overcoming Adversity

Jeanne Permejo & Louis Antilli
The Lab Studios Music Award

Fabian Garcia Gonzales
SAS Copiers Award for Business Studies

Amin Al-Cholbec
Marta Stroczynska Mathematics Award

Hrithick Sridharan
The Bryan Jagdeo Award for Kindness

Nayfeer Ramirez Pena
Trustees' Award for Most Improved Boy

Danaya Ennis
Trustees' Award for Most Improved Girl

Izel Mellor
Headteacher / Principal Award for attainment – Boy

Kavya Patel
Headteacher / Principal Award for attainment – Girl







Thought for the Week

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” — Eleanor Roosevelt

















Year 9 News – Ms Agboola

Year 9 has had a booked and busy Autumn term!

For the end of Autumn half-term 1, Year 9 celebrated our first “Zero Heroes” party. This recognised what a fantastic achievement it is to receive zero negative points - hooray to these students: Alicia A., Kayden, Israa, Steven, Tawhid, Natasha, Krystof K., Salmo, Sumaya, Maliha, Katie, Amelia, Angelina, Fabi, Lia, and Alia. We hope to be able recognise our next set of “Zero Heroes” in our end of Autumn term celebrations in December.



Year 9 has also been impressing us with increased punctuality and attendance. This half-term, we have been holding a weekly celebration of punctuality and attendance – the prize is a bar of chocolate, what a treat! Thank you, parents, for supporting your child to be in school. It provides them with the best chance of success. In England, a standard school year consists of 190 days (380 half-day sessions), which means that a 1% drop in attendance equals roughly 1.9 days of missed school. While a 90% attendance rate sounds high on paper, it actually translates to missing nearly four full weeks of learning across an academic year. We continue to ask for your support in this critical year, especially as students begin to determine their GCSE options and pathways.

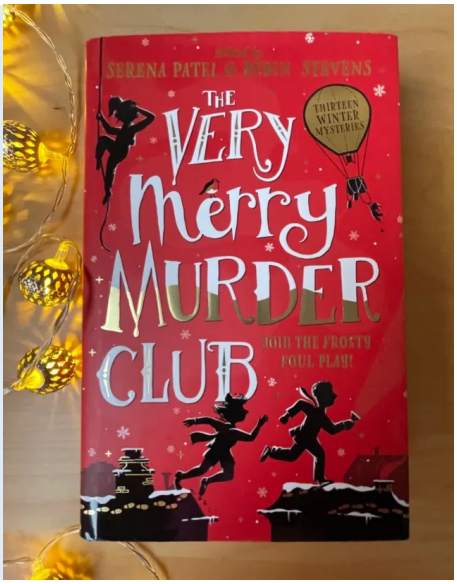
Speaking of which, our IEAP day two weeks ago was a hit! Students spoke confidently about their career goals and aspirations for the future, and we are pleased that they have started to think about their pathways to success. Please support your child in the upcoming weeks and months, to research the GCSE options required to achieve their future careers. Remember that students can speak to any subject teachers or heads of department to find out more about a particular subject they are interested in.

The next IEAP Day is on Thursday 21st January 2027, and will be work shadowing. It is an opportunity for students to go to work with a parent/guardian, relation or family friend for the day, and get a real-life insight into the world of work. The job which students choose to work-shadow can be anything from administration to pet grooming, from a law meeting to training with a sports team for a day. Your child needs to experience a real work schedule and see some genuine tasks – icing cakes, data entry, weeding, planning a meeting... anything in a normal day’s work.
You should have received a letter from our admin team as well as a printed copy from your child. We ask that you assist your child to find a placement as soon as possible and return the slip to us by the deadline on the letter.

Year 9 News Continued……

Finally, in the run-up to the Christmas break, we know the hard work it takes to show up every day. We ask that you continue to equip your child with all that they need to succeed, which includes a reading book. There is strong evidence showing a link between reading ages and attainment. Our library stocks reading books that are appropriate for their reading development, and local libraries and charity shops are also fantastic places to go to borrow or acquire new reading books.

Might I recommend “The Very Merry Murder Club”, which is a seasonal mystery, blending festive cheer with a ‘whodunit’, for readers who like puzzles with their holiday stories!



Creative Writing – English Department

For this week’s English Department work of creative writing, Leo Dudley (10RCD) wrote an entry on the Life of a Victorian Pauper. Year 10 students are currently reading A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, and, in this piece, Leo puts himself into a first-person imagination of what the drudgery and gruelling nature of poverty at that time must’ve been like.

I have been confined to these chains of society. I wake up sharp in the morning to get dressed in my barely tangible clothes, most times I don’t even get to see my lovely sons as they are usually out running errands to scrape off any pennies they can get for our crumbling household.

I reluctantly pull myself to my first session of work, fully prepared to throw my back out working tirelessly for the most measly portion of money I can gain. Every day I am chained to sweeping. Sweeping, Sweeping, Sweeping. I dig into all of the little nooks n’ crannies of these blasted chimneys that I always have to come back to eventually. I cannot afford those tobacco products, to ease my pain. Instead here I always have my lovely hellish whirlpool of smoke that seemingly loves to claw its way deep into my lungs. I would certainly not be surprised if they turned out to look more like burnt cauliflower at this point. Outright bloody preposterous.

After a long, harrowing day of chimney sweeping, I stumble home at sunset. Every time I simply walk on the pathway - which does not even seem designated for people like me - those rich people stare and glare. They spit too, if it’s a good day. They disgust me. I have done absolutely nothing to you, and you dare to pull me down even further, boast about your success and how I’ve ‘’failed’’ while I’m stuck fending for my life day-to-day with a family so starved our ribcages are practically exposed. They make me sick.

I arrive home, with enough bought food to collectively feed a family of none. I sit on the decaying wood table with both of my most lovely, hardy sons, nibbling at the scraps of food we managed to garner. My wife is sick; she has been bedridden for months and there is not much we can do to pay for medical treatment.
I finally lay in my torn bed, pulling (what’s left of) the cover over my crooked worn out body, and weep, dreading the moment my eyes open.

And the cycle repeats itself.

A Level Sociology Visit – Ms Olasimbo

Our A-Level Sociology students had the pleasure of welcoming Judy, a local female priest and former RE teacher here at Southfields, for a fascinating Q&A session. Linking directly to our Beliefs in Society unit, Judy shared valuable insights into her vocation, lived experiences as a woman in religious leadership, and changing gender roles within the Church.

Our students asked thoughtful, analytical questions that really brought their classroom theory to life. A huge thank you to Judy for giving her time and enriching our Sociology lessons!





Dates for Your Diary

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 (2) Day
Monday 25th January 2027 – INSET Day
Thursday 28th January 2027 – International Group Parents' Evening

Body Worlds Exhibition – Ms Nilsson

Southfields Academy recently took its Year 12 sports students on an educational trip to the Body Worlds exhibition in London, giving them a unique opportunity to see human anatomy and physiology up close. Through the museum's real, plastinated specimens, the students explored the intricate structures of the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and respiratory systems in action.

The visit brought their classroom work to life, deepening their understanding of how muscles, joints, and organs respond to physical activity, athletic training, and lifestyle choices.







Newsletter:

Please click to access the **12th Edition of the Southfields Academy Careers Newsletter** which highlights free mentoring opportunities for Year 12 students among other things. There is the **Young Illustrator's Prize 2007** open to students aged 12-18, a free public speaking challenge for students aged 14 – 18 and information about how to get into Property or Healthcare careers. Also still time to sign up for the free webinar "Oxbridge Interviews and Personal Statements" taking place on Saturday 5 December from 2 to 3pm.

Work Experience (WEX) Dates 2026/27

Our Year 12 children are currently looking for a work experience placement, if you think you could offer one we would be very grateful?

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

NHS
South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service

Missed your flu vaccine?

Do you live or attend school in the borough of Wandsworth? Aged 4 - 16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and protect yourself!

Thursday 12 November, 15:00 - 18:00
1st East Putney Scout Group, SW15 2LQ

Wednesday 25 November, 15:00 - 18:00
Toland Square Community Clubroom, SW15 5PF

Saturday 28 November, 10:00 - 15:00
Fayland Children's Centre, SW16 1SY

Call 020 3903 3374 or scan the QR code for more information or to book an appointment

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