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Southfield Rocks!

A long-overdue tribute to our amazing Rock Challenge performers.



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Once again we are back into the busiest, and best, part of the school year cycle, with students out on visits, residentials and Duke of Edinburgh's Award hikes, and our friends from partner special school Alfred Delp Schule spending time on an exchange with us in Bradford recently. There will be more about those events online and in our next newsletter. In this edition we bring you a recap of events from earlier this year, a period when we enjoyed many successes, not least at Rock Challenge and the Trinity Kitchen Challenge.

In other news, you may have seen in the Telegraph and Argus, and on our website, that there are some big changes being considered by our Board of Trustees currently. We have opened a consultation on the proposal that Grange would leave the academy trust to join a new trust with Guiseley School, and that Southfield would continue as the anchor school in a re-launched academy trust for special schools and other SEND specialist provision in Bradford. Our feeder primary school Delius has already applied to join our trust, and there is a lot of excitement about what this change could mean for the future of SEND in Bradford.

I would welcome your thoughts and ideas about this proposal, so please do read the prospectus and FAQ documents and feel free to call me, or even better to put your ideas down in writing or an email, so that I can share them with our Board of Trustees. The prospectus, FAQs and all other information is available on a dedicated page of our website at: www.southfieldgrange.org.uk.consultation

Additionally at this point I would like to invite any parents who might be interested in joining the Southfield School governing body, to get in touch with myself or Jacqui Hill, as we have some long-serving members coming to the end of their terms of office, and we would welcome parents of younger children stepping forward.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Wall

Headteacher

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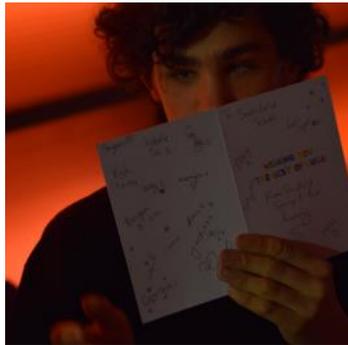
Trinity Kitchen Challenge Winners!

This term six students took part in a programme of activities at the Trinity centre in Leeds where they competed with other schools to design and create a 'street food' concept. Their task was to design a fictitious 'pop-up' food stall before presenting their idea to a panel of experts. Our entry for the challenge included 'tapas style' quiches in a range of flavours and a brilliant chocolate egg dessert (pictured below). As well as creating the recipes, the team had to design a portable outlet to sell their products from.

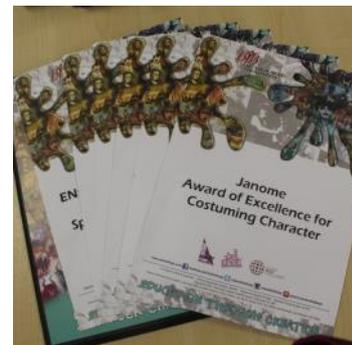
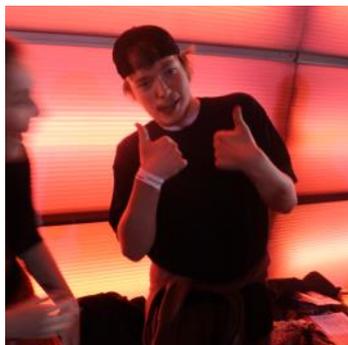
The team worked really hard to perfect the recipes and their presentation and they put on a brilliant performance showing great confidence, resilience and independence. We are proud to announce team Southfield won the 'People's Award'. This was voted for by the other five other schools who attended the competition. Each student received a certificate and a £25 gift card to spend at the Trinity Centre. Overall, this was an amazing experience and a well deserved prize. Well done team!



Rock Challenge



We love to dance at Southfield and have a proud of our tradition of performing on stage to celebrate a variety of different events. UK Rock Challenge is an international dance competition organised by the Be Your Best Foundation to help promote healthy lifestyle choices. With the odd exception, students from our Pathfinder Vocational Centre have been entering Rock Challenge with some success every year since it began in the UK around 20 years ago. This year, led by Dance Teacher Carrie Gledhill, we opted for a 'Happy Days' theme, taking inspiration from 1950s / 1960s America but with a modern twist which allowed the students to perform their favourite dance style: 'street'. The team did an amazing job and brought back a host of awards including the coveted 'Spirit of Rock Challenge' award, voted for by the other students competing on the day. Online readers can click [here](#) to read the full report with more photos on our website and [here](#) to see the media coverage in the Telegraph & Argus.



"The quality of dancing and coordination was absolutely outstanding and it was great to see the students out there enjoying themselves on stage. A performance like this is not an easy thing to achieve and was the result of excellent preparation and teamwork, with students working backstage as well as performing on it." **Mrs Hill, Head of School**

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Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February was 'Safer Internet Day' across the UK, and Southfield signed up to take part. In this digital age, it is really important for our students to learn how to communicate safely and deal appropriately with risks they might encounter online. Issues with social media usually arise through a lack of understanding of the consequences of sharing information by our young people. To address this, Internet Safety and Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a key area in our new curriculum.

Our teaching staff were given a range of resources to deliver the message of Safer Internet Day into their lessons on the day and beyond. The aim was to engage the students and put across the message: "Be the Change, Unite for a Better Internet".

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Need Benefits Advice?

We have a free benefits advisor in school on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings by appointment only. Contact Taslim Afzal or main reception to book.

RSPB Big Birdwatch!

Last term, class G04 took part in the Big Schools' Bird Watch, run by the Royal Society for the Protection of Bird (RSPB). The students spent an hour in the PVC garden identifying and counting the birds they could see and hear. The results were then submitted to the national survey. The most-seen birds nationally were the blackbirds, starlings and woodpigeon.



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Saying Goodbye

Before Easter we said a fond farewell to some colleagues who have worked at Southfield and formerly Haycliffe and Bolling Schools for decades.

Mick Hodgson (pictured) committed almost his entire career to the schools, having worked on this site for nearly 30 years, most recently as the Director of PVC, our outstanding Sixth Form provision. Malcolm Raper is another stalwart of Southfield, having worked here for 22 years and lived on site at the PVC as a Site Manager. In true Southfield style, we held a leaving assembly before Easter to bid farewell to Mick, Malcolm and also Evans Duah, who has returned to London after a short but very effective spell as a Dance Instructor in the PVC. The assembly, held in the PVC sports hall was a fitting and entertaining tribute which recognised the contributions of our staff and the regard in which they are held by their colleagues and students alike. We wish all of them the very best for the future.



Having a laugh!

Charity is an important part of what we do at Southfield. Our students participate in and contribute towards fundraising activities regularly throughout the year. This helps to develop their understanding of society and the many challenges faced by people around the world whilst enabling them to develop empathy. For Comic Relief this year we decided to get everyone involved by asking all classes around the school to tell jokes for a Southfield Comic Relief Show Reel which was posted on our social media pages and shared around school. There was a red theme and the PVC opened the café to sell the amazing cupcakes students around the school had baked during the week. We raised over £300—thanks everyone!

