



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



## The Principal's Weekly Newsletter

Mr Deryck M. Wilson

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

### Professional Joint Development Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 was a joint professional development day with Rome International School. The purpose of the day was to get to know our colleagues at Rome International School and discuss a wide range of subjects that we have in common. Over thirty workshops took place and a great deal of expertise was shared. Mr Daniel Jones (Chief Education Officer of Globeducate Schools) who shared the Globeducate agenda and vision with us gave the keynote speech. The schools will continue to work together in a collaborative and mutually beneficial manner.



If you wish to view an extract of the presentation please

[CLICK HERE](#)

### Globeducate Agenda SDG 2030

The Globeducate Agenda underwrites the United Nations 2030 Global Sustainable Development Goals. Our project unites our students and teachers from around the world to partake in active discussions and to make an impact on the future, shaping the world.



To view the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals video please Click on the image on the right



## First International School Group to Partner with WWF

Globeducate is the first International Schools Group to go into partnership with WWF. Our schools will benefit from a wealth of resources, in a variety of languages



- ✓ WWF teams in 100+ countries
- ✓ WWF played key role in creating the 17 SDGs with the UN
- ✓ WWF will support our schools in sourcing inspirational speakers
- ✓ WWF Online Sustainability Education for teachers



## Southlands first steps to Achieve Eco-Schools status

Eco-Schools is the largest global sustainable schools programme – it starts in the classroom and expands to the community by engaging the next generation in action-based learning.

The programme's greatest achievement is arguably the fact that it produces generation after generation of sustainably minded, environmentally conscious people. These individuals will carry the behavioural patterns they uptake under the auspices of Eco-Schools with them through life, in turn teaching the next generation the habits to make a difference.



Each school follows a seven step change process and empowers their young people to lead processes and actions wherever they can.

1. Form an Eco Committee	5. Curriculum work
2. Carry out an Eco review	6. Inform & involve community
3. Form a SMART Action Plan	7. Produce an Eco Code
4. Monitor & Evaluate	

### The Green flag

After two years of implementation & high performance.

### 12 themes for Eco-Schools committees

• Biodiversity & Nature	• Litter
• Climate Change	• Marine & Coast
• Energy	• School Grounds
• Food	• Transport
• Global Citizenship	• Waste
• Health & Wellbeing	• Water

**Southlands has formed an Eco committee and will be involving students, teachers and parents in the process of becoming an “ECO School”**

## **Brown Derbies**

On Wednesday the 8th January, the students and staff of Southlands experienced a very unique lunch time. From 13:30 onwards, students were treated to a range of popular hits split into four parts. Tenor 1, tenor 2, baritone and bass were the parts and vocal ranges expertly displayed by a young, enthusiastic group known as 'The Brown Derbies'. These fifteen young men, all studying Music at university, had our students clapping and swaying as they performed. Every song was acknowledged with grateful, rapturous applause. After lunch the whole of Year Eight participated in a vocal workshop and learned invaluable skills such as slow breath release, scales using 'vi', harmonies and correct singing posture. With fifteen Musical experts on hand, our students were able to break into the four aforementioned voice ranges, before uniting on the school field to perform as a whole group, just before the end of the school day. As the Head of Music, I was filled with great pride to witness our students, who are already excellent singers, perform at such a high level.

The Brown Derbies are so named from their university 'Brown University'. They have performed all over the world including America, China, Switzerland and currently in Italy. They were very much appreciated by our students, who immediately accepted their invitation to learn 'a cappella' and produce an amazing sound. Through their expert musicianship and energy, the Brown Derbies not only performed modern hits, but they enabled our students to do the same. After the fantastic performance of 'CATS', this was an excellent event to open 2020, on the first day back to school. 'A cappella' promotes thinking skills, collaboration, risk taking and brings happiness to participants, be they performers or members of the audience. To learn more about the 'Brown Derbies' please visit their website, where you can also listen to their tracks.

Students, this will enable you to consider how popular songs, that you enjoy so much, can be divided into various parts.

Happy New Year 2020, to you all.

**Mr Snape, Head of Music.**



JOHN RUSH '20



VINU RAMAN '20



NATHANIEL NGUYEN '20



DANIEL TRAVER '20



LEO KO '20



AAKASH SETTY '21



AMIT CHAKRABARTI '21



VED NARAYAN '21



## IGCSE offer 2020 for Year 9 Parents

We are excited to share with you the curriculum available next year for our prospective IGCSE students. All parents with children ready for year 10 in 2020 are invited to attend our IGCE information evening, with extra information about the courses on offer and how this leads to the IB. The evening will be held on **23rd January at 5:30 pm**. If this is not convenient or you wish to have a one to one chat, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.



We look forward to seeing you there.  
Mrs Barber, **Head of Senior School**

## World Happiness Day in Primary School

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, Southlands will holding a world happiness day! We ask that you send your child into school in bright, colourful clothing for this non-uniform day. During the day, we will be holding special assemblies about growth mind-set and the power of positivity.

We thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

**Ms Taylor-Critchley** Year 5TC Teacher & PSHE Coordinator



As winter is now in full swing, it seems timely to remind everyone about Influenza. This is a very common illness that is highly infectious and spread by the coughs and sneezes of people who have it.

You can also catch the flu by touching something like a door handle or keyboard if someone who has flu has touched it before you. Wash your hands often, do elbow coughs and use hand sanitizers!



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Symptoms may include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough and muscle aches.

The best way to protect your family from new influenza strains is to be vaccinated each year.

Please keep sick children home from school, especially if they are exhibiting the above symptoms. If you are unsure, stay home and call your doctor or school nurse for advice.

**Did you know** you could strengthen your immune system by following a balanced diet, taking daily walks, sleeping 8 to 10 hours a night, reducing stress and smiling daily?

Please contact the School Nurses for any assistance.

**Nurse Diana & Nurse Lanny**



## Message from Administration

# Let's Party!

Looking for a place to host your child's next birthday, a reunion, event, shower, or just celebrating? Look no further!

Why not celebrate your child's special day with us and his/her class mates directly at school on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Children can be taken directly after school to the lunchroom where you can celebrate without the hustle of carpooling children to your home.



Cari Genitori,

Non è mai troppo tardi per imparare l'inglese!

Southlands è lieta di comunicarVi che da Gennaio 2020 partiranno i corsi di inglese per adulti. Le lezioni si terranno di mattina a scuola con un nostro insegnante madrelingua, in giorni ed orari che verranno concordati a seguito di un piccolo test di ingresso.

Potrete prenotare il Vostro incontro tramite la Segreteria della scuola in base alle Vostre disponibilità, chiamando il numero 065053932.

It is never too late to learn Italian!

Southlands is pleased to inform you that starting from January 2020 you will have the opportunity to learn Italian directly here at school. Our Italian adult course will be taught by one of our Modern Foreign Language specialist teachers, Mrs Ana Lain Del Forno.



Our Italian language course will provide you the necessary tools for approaching the language and totally understand the Italian culture. Lessons will take place every Tuesday afternoon from 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

If you would like to sign up for the course please contact the school office tel 06 5053932.

## Listening Centre

The sessions will take place with Dr. Francesco Anfuso (Psychologist) who has a wide experience working with children and adolescents and speaks English and Italian. The Centre is an opportunity for parents who wish to talk about any kind of family matter, children's behaviour or who seek professional advice.

Please visit [www.schoolbookings.net](http://www.schoolbookings.net) and use **Event Code: sswz5** to book your slot. The 20-minute sessions will be held every Thursday from 09:00 to 10:00. Sessions will take place in the SEN room in front of the C31 classroom (staircase on top of school shop).

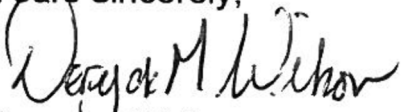
***Dates for your Diary***

Year 6 Transition Meeting  
Year 9 IGCSE for 2020 Meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 8.40am  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – 5.30pm

Do have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deryck M Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Deryck M Wilson  
Principal