

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter

Mr Deryck M. Wilson



Friday 26th June 2020

Thank You, Mr Wilson

I am sure that parents and students will join us in wishing Mr Wilson farewell and best wishes for his future adventure. We wish to thank Mr Wilson for his dedicated 12 years at Southlands, always treating students and staff with respect and imparting his valuable skills and knowledge.

Mr Wilson leaves an indelible mark on Southlands. During his time here the school has expanded from Primary to add the Senior School offering a curriculum from 3 to 18 and more recently the school has become accredited as an IB world school offering the IB Diploma Programme.

Mr Wilson has been a steadfast champion of the school, representing the school most recently as it has become part of the Globeducate group and also as a long time member on the panel of RISA schools, where he was instrumental in developing the RISA-wide CPD event to support the ongoing development of international teachers across the whole of Rome.

Mr Wilson will be remembered for his quick wit, good humour and his kindness in his interactions with staff and students. We wish you and Mrs Wilson all the best in your well deserved retirement after a long and multifaceted career spanning continents.

Someone who has known Mr Wilson very well over the years is Mr Thompson, until recently Head of Primary at Southlands, Mr Wilson and Mr Thompson worked closely together over many years and have continued to do so in the last year as contemporaries as Mr Thompson has taken on the role of Principal at our sister school, Rome International, he had this to say:

"I have always thought that Southlands is a special place, and whilst this is undoubtedly due to many people, it all stems from The Principal. Throughout the years, you have worked tirelessly for the things that really matter at Southlands, putting people first. Your professionalism, good humour and human touch have all contributed to what Southlands is, and will continue to be, for many years to come. On a personal level, not only have your guidance and experience have been invaluable to me, but you have also created memories that will live on through our Friday morning assemblies! I wish you both a long and happy retirement."

As do we all Mr Wilson, every best wish on your next adventure from all the Southlands team.

4A's End of Year Story Project

As Year 4 comes to an end, during the final weeks of term, 4A were tasked with a challenge: a final 'BIG WRITE' of Year 4... this was the students' time to shine and show just how much they have learnt and how excellent their writing skills have become! They used the knowledge we have learnt from the last two books we have read together: "Watching Comets" and "Awesome Animal Adventures" to create their own story. They were allowed free reign over their story; the only thing which had to be included was a comet and a dinosaur.

I can honestly say that I was blown away by the creativity and imagination of the students. They have proven that their writing skills are exemplary; many went above and beyond what I asked of them and created some of the most detailed stories I have ever read from children of their age! Everyone in 4A has worked exceptionally hard this year (and in the last four months in particular). They have shown that they can meet anything with maturity and can still give it their all. I hope that everyone will enjoy reading these amazing stories from 4A as much as I did.

Once again, well done 4A, you have been an amazing class and it has been a pleasure to be your teacher this year! Have a wonderful summer!

Miss Armitage

[To view Carla's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Maria Sophia's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Cayetana's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Oscar's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Ines' wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Riccardo's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Krish's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Valerio's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Lara's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view William's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Ludovica's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

[To view Viola's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

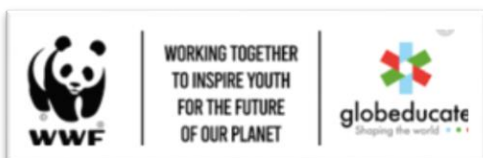
[To view Miriam's wonderful work, please click here...](#)

Key Stage 4 WWF conference video

There was a WWF conference June 17 at 3pm, which year 11 and 12 students studying economics attended.

[As promised, please click here to see the amazing video that students have created...](#)

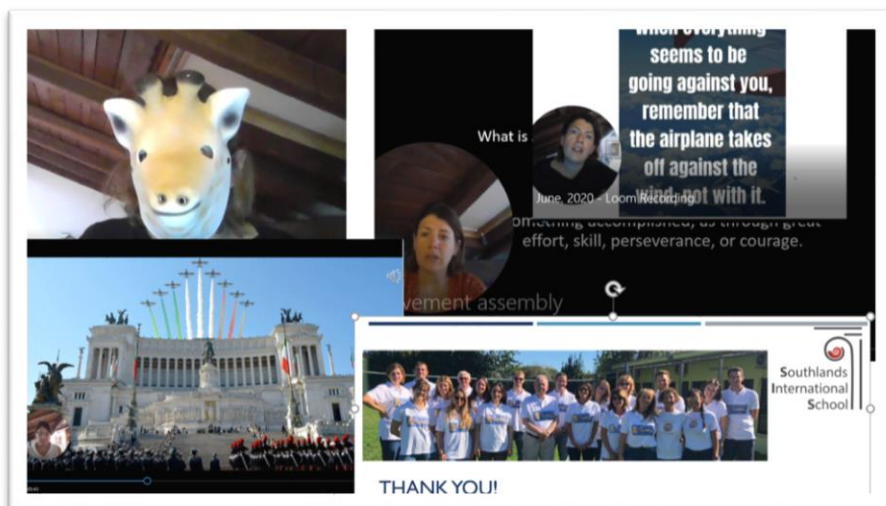
Mrs Susan Connolly



Senior School End of Year Awards

Thursday was the last of the series of online assemblies this year, it was lovely to actually see the participants at last as this one was on Zoom. So lovely to see so many students attending to receive end of year awards for their improved attainment and continued effort.

We are aware of just how hard every single student has had to work, well done to everyone! This makes these awards even more special as it was such a difficult year. A massive well done to the winners and especially to the Academic Endeavour and Effort and Resilience winners, who stood out in a range of subjects and who's names you can see in the images below:



EFFORT AND RESILIENCE

- Year 7: Itokiana Razakarivony
- Year 8: Gian Paolo Traina
- Year 9: Hyon Dok Kang
- Year 10: Daniele Iuorio
- Year 11: Irene Tropea
- Year 12: Alessandra Maesano

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

- Year 7: Arianne Alors Fuentes
- Year 8: Daniele Iannazzi
- Year 9: Sara Podda
- Year 10: Elissa Caputo
- Year 11: Elena Malafronte
- Year 12: Martina Costantini



I wish everyone a restful holiday, ready to take on the challenge of the return to school in the new year. I know the teachers are looking forward to having their classrooms full of your eager faces again. Best wishes for the future and thank you as always for your excellent support.

Mrs Carly Barber, Head of Senior School

L'Italia dell'UNESCO

Did you know that Italy is gold medal on the UNESCO podium? Ask our Year 9s!

At Southlands, our Year 9 students of Italian have prepared some work to raise awareness on different UNESCO sites around Italy.

In fact, Italy is the country with the largest number of [UNESCO sites](#) in the world that are inscribed on the World Heritage List. To date there are fifty-five among historic centres and archaeological sites, artistic and natural masterpieces with peaks, valleys, coasts and abysses.

The historic city of Rome is of course, one of them, and Southlands students are very lucky to study Italian language and culture in this city.



After 'visiting' the UNESCO sites with Google Earth, our students did some research and prepared presentations and posters with their favourite three. Jari and Natalie have also added their voices narrating their findings. Well done Year 9!

We hope you all get to see some of these wonders during the summer break.

Happy holidays! Buone vacanze!
Mrs Lain

To view the work, please click on the images...

Cultural project: Italia dell'UNESCO

Giulia Cheng TRIESTE

Trieste è il capoluogo della regione Friuli Venezia Giulia, nel nord-est d'Italia. Città di porto, occupa una sottile striscia di terra tra l'Adriatico e il confine sloveno, che corre lungo l'altipiano del Carso, caratterizzato da roccia calcarea. Le influenze italiane, austro-ungariche e slovene sono evidenti in tutta la città, che comprende un centro storico medievale e un quartiere neoclassico di epoca austriaca.





Natalie Neven

Verona è una città nel nord Italia. È famoso perché vi è ambientato il Romeo e Giulietta di Shakespeare. Verona è una delle sette città principali del Veneto e la seconda più grande. Si tratta di circa 1500 km quadrati e la sua popolazione è di circa 715.000. Verona è una



Le isole Eolie sono una raccolta di isole vulcaniche vicino alla Sicilia: ci sono sette isole; Lipari, Panarea, Filicudi, Alicudi, Salina, Vulcano e

Monte San Giorgio

Riccardo Caputo

Il Monte San Giorgio è un monte nel sud del Canton Ticino in Svizzera, in prossimità del confine con la provincia di Varese in Lombardia. Raggiunge un'altezza di 1097 metri s.l.m. circondato da due rami del Lago di Lugano. Il Monte San Giorgio è uno dei più importanti giacimenti fossili al mondo, per il Medio Triassico, un periodo geologico che ebbe luogo tra 247 e 237 milioni di

L'unesco

Anastasia Sacco

Pompei



Lola Binella

Villa d'Este

Villa d'Este è una villa a Tivoli, Roma. È famosa per le sue fontane enormi e i giardini storici. L'acqua ricorda i lavori fatti dagli antichi romani. Le fontane a Villa d'Este sono tutte fatte a mano e se vai a visitare la villa consiglierai di andare di notte per vedere le fontane che si illuminano.




Revere or Remove? Statues and History

In June 2020, in one of many 'Black Lives Matter (BLM) demonstrations which took place after the murder of George Floyd in the USA, a statue of the slave trader Edward Colston was torn down by a crowd of demonstrators in Bristol, UK. It was then vandalised, dragged to the local harbour, and dumped into the sea as the crowd cheered. Similar acts of defacing statues have taken place in recent weeks, from those of Christopher Columbus in the USA to red paint being smeared over the bust of Italian general Antonio Baldiserra here in Rome. These dramatic events have re-ignited a debate about the future of hundreds of statues of historical figures which fill our public spaces globally. Year 10 GCSE students, engaged in their own online debate in response to the following question: Should monuments of controversial historical figures be removed, or does this make us victims of history rather than subjects who can understand and engage with it? I was very impressed with their sensitivity and maturity whilst presenting their arguments. Here are a selection of their views:

"In history we've been focusing on current events, like the 'Black Lives Matter Movement', and debating whether controversial historical statues should be removed or not. Personally, I think these statues allow us and future generations to learn about the past - we cannot change the past and we must accept it and learn from it so, I think controversial statues should be placed in museums as a chance to educate everyone." – Elissa Caputo

“Statues are important because they show that the person was regarded as significant at that moment in the past. They should not be removed because they show the progression of attitudes and values over time”- Rocco Morabito

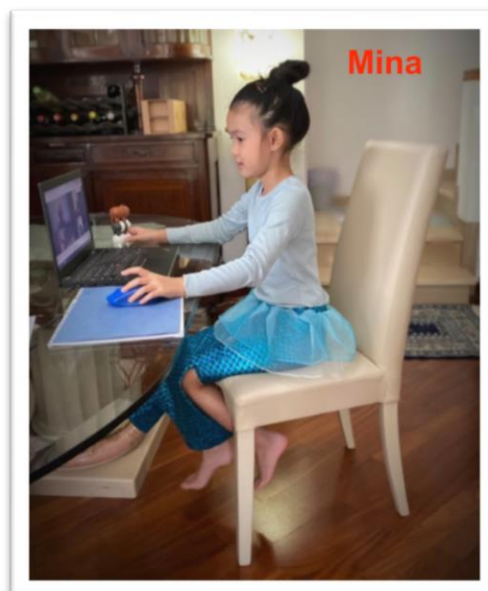
Ms. Chauhan
Head of History



Woopecker's Crazy Bottom Half Day and Hat Day

As the children (and parents) have worked so hard, there was time for some end of term fun. As well as looking back on happy times at school, we played 'Beetle' and 'Tricky Word Bingo'.

Monday was 'Crazy Bottom Half' Day when the children wore surprising clothing on the bit that was usually out of sight during online lessons and Wednesday was 'Hat Day'. In assembly on Thursday, we said a fond farewell to Mina, who is returning to Thailand. The other Woodpeckers had made wonderful pictures to help her remember Southlands and written lovely messages. All the Woodpeckers received certificates congratulating them on their hard work during online lessons. **Mrs Wilson**





Staff Changes

We are always sorry when colleagues decide, for whatever reason, to leave Southlands. We say farewell to them with an appreciation of their valued contribution to Southlands.

We say 'Farewell' to....

Mrs Mary Wilson

Mrs Wilson has been teaching at Southlands for eight years. During that period she has taught in Year 1 and been the Maths Coordinator for EYFS and Key Stage 1. A few words from Mrs Wilson.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have taught in Year 1, my favourite age group, for the last eight years and I have been very lucky to teach wonderful groups of children. It has been a pleasure to

be a member of the Southlands family and I have enjoyed working with such knowledgeable, vibrant and enthusiastic colleagues.

Mrs Carly Barber

Mrs Barber has been Head of the Senior School for the last two years. She has worked closely with Globeducate and the Senior Leadership team in School Development Planning. Mrs Barber and her family are moving to Bangkok where Mrs Barber will take up a senior post. We wish Mrs Barber and her family every happiness in their new adventure.

Mr Graeme Strang

Mr Strang has taught Maths and Science in the Senior School as well as being an enthusiastic form teacher. Mr Strang has been a regular contributor to the newsletter with his "Maths Puzzles". Mr Strang accompanied a group of Senior School students to Vigo for a Globeducate event during his time with us. We thank him for this and wish him well in his future career.

Ms Gemma Jordan

Ms Jordan has taught in Year 2 during her time at Southlands. I am grateful that she has been a good contributor to the newsletter, sharing the many exciting things that she has done with her class. We wish her every happiness.

Mr William Edwards

Mr Edwards joined us to kick start our IB Chemistry programme. We are very grateful to him for getting it off to such a good start. We wish Mr Edwards well as he returns to England.

Ms Laura Cahall

Ms Cahall will be returning to Southlands but not in September as she will be on maternity leave. We send her our very best wishes and look forward to seeing her on her return.

We Welcome

Mrs Victoria Del Federico

[Please click here to view Mrs Federico's letter...](#)

Ms Alex Hunn (BA (Hons) English, PGCE) will join the Senior School as Deputy Head Teacher and teach English. Ms Hunn has taught in the UK and has recently taught in Milan. Ms Hunn is a talent musician and enjoys sporting activities.

Mr Stefanos Pachnis (BSc, PGCE, Maths) will join our Senior School to teach Mathematics and Science. He will be Head of Key Stage 3 Maths. He will also teach some PE. He has played football to a high level. Mr Pachnis has spent his entire life in the UK and has taught in England.

Mr Jack Kent (BA (Hons) Music, MA Composition, PGCE) will join Southlands to teach Music. Mr Kent has worked in the UK. He has been involved in many extra curricula activities with students.









Mr James O'Loughlin (BComm with Spanish), Professional Master of Education in Primary Education) will join our Primary School. Mr O'Loughlin has taught in the UK. He has been working in another RISA school for the last three years.

Mr Chris Ronalds (BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences, M Phil Development Studies, iPGCE) will be joining the Primary School. Mr Ronalds taught many classes at Southlands during the current academic year and has worked in the UK. He spent some month cycling through South America.

Mr Stuart Smith (Bsc Chemistry, PGCE) has been teaching Chemistry at IB and A Level for nearly twenty years. He has worked in the UK and in Europe. He will be joining the Senior School. He is a follower of Newcastle United.

Summer Learning Resources for Primary Students

Throughout the Summer, you might wish to keep your children learning and practicing vital skills to help ready them for their new start in September. Below are a host of resources that we would like to recommend to you, if you are looking for some inspiration over the holidays.

Resource	Description
Espresso Discovery Education Login: student15593 Password: griffin 	Complete with a number of useful activities, games and educational resources, as well as daily news updates, recorded in English, to keep students aware of all going on.
BBC Newsround 	Very useful for citizenship and packed with interactive content and games for students to use at their will.
Active Learn Resources 	Class Teachers have assigned resources, books and interactive Maths activities, which can still be used throughout the summer to help your children to practice skills.
Oxford Owl 	Updated daily with hundreds of books for all ages of students.
Khan Academy 	Online coaching website. It has all the traditional school subjects including math, science, computer programming, history.
Youtube Kids 	The YouTube Kids app has been designed to allow children to explore a more controlled environment in a simple and fun way. In addition, parents and guardians are able to guide them easily as they discover new and exciting interests.
Purple Mash 	Purple Mash is an award-winning cross-curricular website for Nursery and Primary School children. It enables children to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. You will find games and activities to support all curriculum areas.
Epic Books 	Epic offers access to a library of books and videos for children ages 12 and under. The service can be used on desktop and mobile devices. You will find books and videos covering all topics and interests.

Globeducate FREE Summer Courses

Pick and Mix Projects!

4 to 18 years

Choose from these free projects created by our teachers, giving students approximately 30 hours of engaging learning over 10 days. All free Summer Courses will have sessions that are pre-recorded, meaning students can complete the projects at their own pace.

Full resource packs are available online using your school's learning platform.

Daily videos

introducing each session are included. All completed project

tasks will be uploaded to your school to be shared.

4-5 years

5-6 years

6-7 years

7-8 years

8-9 years

Treasure Island Adventures

Textile-tastic Outfits

The Circus is Coming!

What's on the Menu?

Catwalk Creativity

9-10 years

10-11 years

12-14 years

12-14 years

15-18 years

Village Vision

Holiday Showdown

Design School: Product

Packaging Fun

Design School: Cookie Creations

Building Your Profile



[To access the summer courses, please click here...](#)



Globeducate Summer Programme Brochure

Our fun projects have been created by teachers from across our Globeducate schools. Input video sessions are provided by our teachers and links to resources are included for students to engage in our project-based learning tasks. You can pick and choose the projects that interest you!

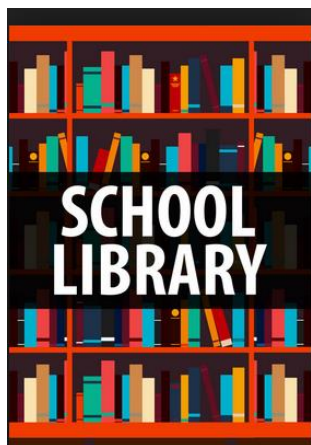
[To view and download the complete brochure Please click here...](#)



Globeducate Learnissimo

Learnissimo is an online place where students learn from native and certified teachers, and get more confident with their language skills through one-to-one video conversation classes.

[To learn more about Globeducate Learnissimo, please click here...](#)



Bring Back Your Books and iPads!

A reminder for those who have not yet bought back their books and iPads to school, Ms McDonald will be in school collecting books from **Tuesday 30th June to Friday 3rd July, 9:30 – 13:00.**



Eschilo 2 Sport Activities 2020-21

Eschilo 2 sporting centre has now made available their 2020-21 programme. If you are interested in signing up your child for any activity, please contact Eschilo 2 directly.



[To view Eschilo 2's courses please click here...](#)

For those who had enrolled in the 2019-20 courses, you may request a voucher in which may be used for the pre-enrolment of the 2020-21 course.

[Please click here to view and download the voucher...](#)

School Calendar 2020-21

To view the 2020-21 school calendar

[click here](#)

Dates for your diary:

School Office Closed 'Public Holiday'

Monday 29th June

Back to School

Thursday 3rd September

After 450 newsletters I wish the Southlands community farewell. Every good wish for a happy and healthy future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Deryck M Wilson'.

Deryck M Wilson
Principal