



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

This week has been Citizenship Week and today, in particular, we have celebrated Commonwealth Day. Years 7-9 SWPS students, dressed in the colours of the flag of their Commonwealth country, have been involved in a range of thought-provoking and challenging activities, leading to some excellent work and projects. It has been the brain child of Mrs Tommasi, who has worked long

hours preparing the week full of activities.

From designing bunting for a Commonwealth country to an informative newspaper competition, from listening to a talk about the role of the police in the UK to learning Zulu and Afrikaans, the quality (and quantity) of the material produced and the activities enjoyed was exceptional. Around the school, doors were festooned with bright colours and there was even a performance of the Haka! Debates have occurred and conversations have started about the Commonwealth's, as well as Britain's, place in the world. There could scarcely be a more urgent or necessary discussion amongst our young people.

But why choose to mark Commonwealth Day? The week is, of course, an opportunity for our young people to understand cultures different from their own. Such is an essential prerequisite of an informed citizenship. It is also a chance to experience and engage with ideas that challenge their accepted view of the world. But perhaps more than that, the values that the Commonwealth itself aspires to are still relevant. The charter is clear: to bring together the values and aspirations which unite the Commonwealth - democracy, human rights and the rule of law

Such values are, or ought to be, universal. As the world becomes smaller digitally, so the opportunities for working together to promote development and understanding become more vital. To immerse oneself in other cultures, to see things from an alternative point of view, and to recognise that there are common interests and goals have been a major part of what the students have learnt today.

At a time of uncertainly, it has never been more important.

**2019/20 Term Dates**  
These are now on the website.

**Debating Matters—13 October**  
Good luck to our sixth formers who are participating tomorrow in the Battle of Ideas at the Barbican Centre, debating on Artificial Intelligence.

### Autumn Concert

Last night's performances were outstanding with some impressive instrumental and vocal solos & an equally fabulous performance from our Chamber Orchestra. **Well done to all the students involved.** If you missed out...watch out for a link to a recording in the next newsletter!

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### FOSWPS Christmas Fair, Saturday 17 November

You will find attached to this newsletter information about the forthcoming FOSWPS Christmas Fair—fun for everybody, and an excellent way to get into the Christmas spirit, and do some Christmas shopping! More information will be coming out over the next month, so watch this space!

### Upcoming Events

14-20 Oct	<b>Rowing</b> Y11+ Rowing Trip to Portugal
14-25 Oct	<b>Sport</b> Senior Hockey and Netball trip to S Africa
23-26 Oct	<b>Rowing</b> Training (Various year groups) at SWPBC
30 Oct	<b>FOSWPS</b> Committee Meeting
17 Nov	<b>FOSWPS Christmas Fair</b>

### Y8 Lunchtime Concerts

These concerts begin at 12.55pm in the Jarvis Room. All students participate in their group's concert.

Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend to support the performers. Please sign in at the Main Reception and you will be guided over to the Music Department.

8 Nov	8W
15 Nov	8Y
22 Nov	8X
29 Nov	8Z

### Entrance Exam

Any current parents who wish to register a younger sibling for the Entrance Exam, please ensure that you register before the deadline of Wednesday 31 October 2018.

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# CITIZENSHIP WEEK AND COMMONWEALTH DAY

**SWPS Citizenship Week 2018 (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October) including Commonwealth Day.**

This week saw all students in **Years 7, 8 and 9** learning about the various aspects of **Citizenship** in their subject lessons and PSHCE, from "the ways in which citizens work together to improve their communities" to "the diverse national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom".



Year 8 PE class taking part in a Citizenship lesson on "the functions and uses of money"



Year 7 Friendship Flowers as part of their PSHCE lesson "be nice, be kind, be thoughtful"



KS3 debate on the constitution and the monarchy, with Mr Stewart

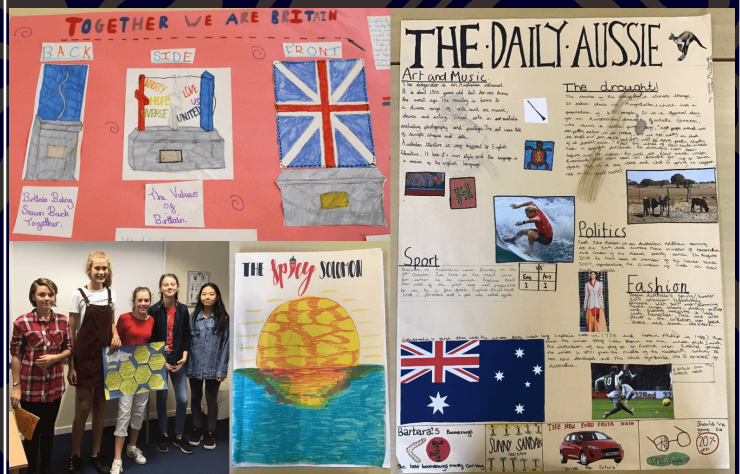


Y9 PSHCE talk on the role of the courts, with Mrs Hallsworth

Friday was **Commonwealth Day**, with various competitions and workshops taking place. The day started with the **Commonwealth Door Competition** in which all forms took part. Thank you to Mr Willis, Mrs Synge, and Mr Tilling for choosing the winning designs.



Year 7s designed a **Commonwealth Plinth for Trafalgar Square** (thank you to Miss Muxworthy for organising and judging the competition). Year 8s created their own **newspapers** for their form's Commonwealth country (thank you to Mr Jones and Mr Tilling for judging the competition). Year 9s took part in a **Dragons' Den** project to reduce plastic waste on Australia's beaches and in its ocean (thank you to Mr Dodd for organising and judging the competition).





# CITIZENSHIP WEEK AND COMMONWEALTH DAY

As well as the numerous competitions, Years 7 and 8 took part in a carousel with a talk from PC Bromfield (Surrey Police) and a Haka workshop, whilst the Year 9s were treated to a Zulu and Afrikaans lesson from Mrs Husselbury.



We were able to show a film of the amazing Haka workshop and the performances by our students!



The Mayor of Runnymede, Mrs Dolsie Clarke, kindly attended the afternoon's prize-giving assembly, and gave a speech about Citizenship and the Commonwealth.





## Gold DoE Training Weekend, Dartmoor 6/7 October

Twenty four eager new Gold DoE participants met up last Friday, after school, for the drive down to Dartmoor for their first training weekend. This was the largest Gold group for some time at SWPS and it is great to see so many sixth formers taking part in the Award.



The accommodation for the weekend was a converted miners' cottage, deep in a wood on the edge of the Dartmoor National Park, so no camping this time. On Saturday morning the students were up early preparing for a full day's training on the moor, covering all aspects of navigation and safe movement through 'wild country'. Despite the warnings of heavy rain and blustery conditions the weather stayed dry all weekend, however, the forecast for strong winds was very accurate. On the way to the start point we passed the infamous Dartmoor prison, with the large granite building looking very imposing in the dark cloudy conditions. During the day the students refreshed their knowledge from previous training and learnt new skills and techniques to cope with conditions and terrain that they had not previously experienced. After a long day being buffeted we were all glad to return to hot showers, dinner and a roaring wood burning stove in the bunkhouse.

On Sunday the teams set out on separate routes putting into practice the previous day's training. The teams were under remote supervision from our volunteers, so the navigation decisions were down to the students but under a distant watchful eye. Despite being 'navigationally challenged' on the odd occasion, all teams completed their routes and returned safely back to the mini bus. It was another successful D o E weekend, down to the positive attitude and humour of the students and the support from volunteers, giving up their valuable time for the benefit of our students. This training weekend was just one step on a journey leading to the first SWPS International DoE expedition to Slovenia next July. Watch this space!



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## Perkonians Reunion Day 2018

Last Saturday saw our annual reunion events take place in school. The day started with a private lunch organised by and for the Class of 1978 who were celebrating their 40 year anniversary since leaving SWPS – a time before email and social media could be relied upon to keep people connected – and so it was a joy to watch some of our Perkonians reunite for the first time in 40 years!



After the lunch we welcomed over 50 Perkonians back to school for the annual reunion tea. There were a number of Classes celebrating reunions from 2014 to 1964 and the dreary October

weather did nothing to dampen the bright and happy spirits of everyone inside the school. Mr Muller led a tour of the school amid shrieks of laughter, and enjoyed listening to the reminiscences of the former students – we are pleased to say that he did not lose anyone along the way and everyone was very impressed with the new developments in the school.

Following the tea, we also welcomed another contingent of Perkonians, including some former members of the teaching staff for the anniversary dinner.



Following a champagne reception, the guests were given a tour of the school by Mrs Bolton and Mrs Hay and we were



pleased to see them all return from the tour without requiring a search party. Everyone enjoyed a lovely dinner which was catered for by our wonderful school chefs Harrisons – no tin plates in sight!

## SOUTH AFRICA SPORTS TOUR

Keep an eye out on twitter for South Africa updates as we go way on Sunday!!



## Netball

A sunny day for the Year 11 netball county rounds. A trip all the way to Croydon High saw us up against tough competition. We made a great start to the day, winning our first game convincingly. As the day went on, our opponents got tougher and we couldn't pull away with any more wins. The whole team played excellently throughout and great consistency from Immy in the centre really helped throughout the tournament. Well done Year 11s.

**Year 9:** A tough pre-county rounds game for the Year 9 A team. We made a great start and were only behind by 3 goals at half time, however they really pulled away in the second half. Our through court play was much improved with our accuracy of passing much better after some practice before the game. Well done to Mischa who was awarded player of the match for her excellent through court play throughout the match.

Well done to the Year 9 B team who also had a tough game against Notre Dame. We had some good passages of play but were unable to convert against the strong Notre Dame defence. Well done to Georgia who was awarded player of the match and played at both ends of the court as a defender and an attacker!

**Years 10 and 11:** A tough game for the U16s on Tuesday against St Teresa's. After going down by 10 goals in the first quarter, the team did excellently to not lose by any more than that throughout the rest of the match resulting in a 15-25 loss. Excellent shooting from Fran awarded her the player of the match. Well done Year 11s.

**Year 10:** The Year 10 team had a great warm-up match against St Teresa's before facing them at the county tournament on Thursday. The team worked excellently together and adapted well to changes throughout. A Fantastic second and fourth quarter really helped us pull away and win by 12 goals – 18-6. Well done to Erlanka who was awarded player of the match.

**Year 7:** Four excitable teams went away to St Georges for their first A-D fixture. The teams all did excellently, holding St George's to close games over 4 quarters. Everyone played their hardest but St Georges were too strong across the board. We have plenty to work on and will be ready for them next time! Well done to Jadé, Feirin, Alice and Poppy who were all awarded player of the match for their teams! Well done Year 7!

## Year 9 and 10

The U14 and U15 Surrey County Netball rounds were on Thursday at Kingston Grammar. The Year 10s had to quickly adjust after unfortunately losing Erlanka on the day due to illness so the bare 7 players had to work hard throughout the day. They made a confident start to the tournament, playing St Teresa's who they had beaten on Tuesday. 3 more wins and 2 losses unfortunately put them in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, unfortunately with only the top 2 going through. The whole team played excellently, getting calmer and more controlled on court throughout the day. A fantastic performance by captain Eleanor who switched position earlier in the week made a brilliant input on the team.

The Year 9s also had a brilliant day. They won 3 games, drew 2 and lost 1 which unfortunately put them in 4<sup>th</sup> position, not high enough to go through this year. The team reacted fantastically to challenges and changed their game appropriately when faced with harder teams. Defence through court was brilliant and Maeve at the shooting end kept our goals racking up! Well done Year 9s!

## Hockey

Year 7 A and B team went to Prior's Field on Thursday. Unfortunately Prior's Field were too good for us this time with losses for both the A and B team. Some great hockey was displayed with plenty to work on after half term.

## Citizenship Week

The Year 7,8 and 9 students have all taken part in an orienteering course as part of Citizenship Week. At each station they had to work as a team to answer the question relating to the PSHE topic of finance. The students showed excellent teamwork and a lot of competitiveness during their lessons. Great fun was had all.





## DESIGNS OF THE MONTH

The DT Designs of the week are by Matilda Hingham 9M and Olivia Frasier 9Q who finished their wonderful 'pop art' inspired jewellery pieces this week in 9X. These pieces are part of the iconic design jewellery project taught in Year 9 DT where students research different design movements through time and design personalized pieces inspired by the work. Once designed in their books, they then use 2D design and the laser cutter to bring their creations into reality. More examples coming after half term.

J Blackman



Follow the SWPS Design Technology department [@SWPSDesign](https://twitter.com/SWPSDesign) to keep up with all of their creations and activities!

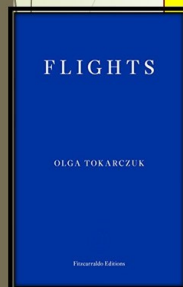
## LIBRARY

### Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'TITLE' by AUTHOR, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

### Book of the Week

### Winner of the Man Booker International Prize 2018



*Flights*, a novel about travel in the twenty-first century and human anatomy, is Olga Tokarczuk's most ambitious to date. It interweaves travel narratives and reflections on travel with an in-depth exploration of the human body, broaching life, death, motion, and migration. With her signature grace and insight, Olga Tokarczuk guides the reader beyond the surface layer of modernity and towards the core of the very nature of humankind.



### What's on in the Library

Follow [@SWPSLibrary](https://twitter.com/SWPSLibrary) to keep up-to-date with what's happening in the Library!

### Lower School Book Club

Lower School Book Club's first meeting of the academic year involved an enthusiastic and lively exchange of recommendations, including Kamilla Benko's 'Unicorn Quest', 'Chasing Stars' Malorie Blackman and 'Amber' Julie Sykes: plenty of relaxing and exciting reading for the half term holiday. Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th December 1.05pm in the Library. Happy reading.

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### Women in Power at the Oxford Playhouse

In 1.5 hours of Greek comedy there was never a dull moment, when a group of Year 11 and Sixth Form students went to see 'Women in Power' at the Oxford Playhouse last week. This Aristophanes play, usually known as Ecclesiazusae or Assembly Women (scenes from which feature in the GCSE Classical Civilization specification), had been brought up to date by a team of prominent female writers including Shappi Khorsandi, Jenny Éclair, Natalie Haynes and Jess Phillips MP. The play explores the idea of women taking over the government of Athens in the 390s BC with surprising and hilarious results. There was a great deal of vulgar humour amidst plenty of food for thought about more serious issues. A spectacular set, colourful costumes and some original music with cleverly written songs allowed the all-female cast to thoroughly entertain the audience from start to finish.

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## FOSWPS CHRISTMAS FAIR

### New!

Christmas Coffee Shop

Magic Mirror,

New location..... This year in the Atrium and Dining Hall

### Live Music!

Raffle with prestigious gifts

Bottle tombola

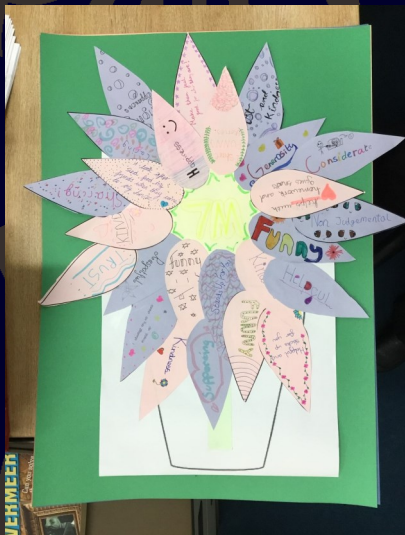
from Champagne to Shampoo!

See attached information for more detail..

### Oxford & Cambridge Singing School 20/21 December 2018

This event is taking place at St Nichols' Church, Guildford, for children aged 7-13 years who love singing. Their courses are devised to include whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups to improve singing technique, music appreciation, music history and much more! Everything to improve general musicianship and confidence.

For enquiries please contact  
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## TEAM SWamPieS



# COMMANDO



**SAT 10 & SUN 11  
NOVEMBER 2018**

Team SWamPieS are at it again, this year undertaking the Commando Series Challenge at Hever Castle - a gruelling course that guarantees they'll get muddy!

SWamPieS are supporting Woking and Sam Beare Hospices again this year and donations are gratefully received for this worthy cause offering palliative care and support to patients and their families.

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SWamPieS' previous adventures:

