



SWPS NEWS



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At a time for remembrance we might ask ourselves what it means to forgive. What does the act of forgiveness entail and what does it demand both of those who forgive, and more importantly, those who are forgiven. Can some acts never be forgiven?

The purpose of forgiveness is, on the face of it, simple – to stop an endless and destructive cycle of vengeance and bitterness. The essence is that in my forgiveness I will not do to you as you have done to me. Hegel called forgiveness the “cancellation of fate”.

Forgiveness avoids the tit-for-tat expressions of justice; it can provide, in modern parlance “closure” for both parties.

In the New Testament the crime and the forgiveness are contained in one deed – the crucifixion is both the unjust act of killing as well as the means of forgiveness itself; the sins of world are all focused on the cross where they are to be forgiven. It is, on any account, brutal and hard.

And in our everyday lives forgiveness is hard; even as an idea it is not easy to understand. Forgiveness is not to forget; nor does one behave as though one has forgotten. As human beings, to forgive and forget is an impossible ask. One might forgive, say, a bully for her actions, but it is unlikely that one will be able to forget what was done. Likewise for the actions on the battlefield.

To forgive requires one to engage with the past, to confront the deed and the offender. Forgiveness is not about refusing to pass moral judgement; it is not a pass on the part of the offender to avoid restitution. Forgiveness has been called a “gift to the undeserving”. It is based on agreement that past actions are wrong and that a reconciliation between the wrong-doer and the wronged has taken place.

Forgiveness is also unconditional; it does not require a demonstration of remorse, although this certainly makes the act of forgiveness easier.

To forgive does not mean that one feels friendship to the offender. But it is difficult nonetheless. To behave towards your offender with kindness, attending to their welfare and safety, to do them good rather than harm and not feeling bitter or angry is undoubtedly tough.

But from forgiveness we are made into better individuals and from its gesture we can grow. Forgiveness is an act of adulthood and maturity – it is a deed that sees beyond. It provides relief from suffering and at a time of remembrance it is, perhaps, the most important act of all.

Anti-Bullying Week | 12—16 November 2018 |

At SWPS we will aim to help students recognise when bullying happens and how to respond, not only if they are a victim, but if they are a bystander.

There will be special assemblies and activities during the week and In Prep.

All students and staff are invited to wear odd socks on Monday to show that they respect and appreciate diversity.



Upcoming Events

10 Nov	Art: Printmaking Workshop
12—16 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
	MDV: Workshop
13 Nov	Theatre Studies: “Company” at Gielgud Theatre
	Latin: Y10 Trip to Oxford
14 Nov	Admissions: Y5 Masterclass
15 Nov	Careers: Y11 Employability Workshop
	RS: Y8 to Richmond Synagogue
16 Nov	Admissions: Pupil Info Morning
17 Nov	Friend of SWPS: Christmas Fair

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.

Tickets are free but please reserve your seat(s) by clicking here

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

Driving & Parking

Please may we remind parents to drive considerably while dropping off and picking up their children. For example, the main driveway to the School should be kept clear at all times to allow access to the site and to avoid congestion.

Parents are also reminded that they are not to enter the School site unless authorised to do so or are reporting to Reception. Parents must not enter the school site to drop off/pick up unless official arrangements have been made.



Welcome to our new barista!

This term we welcomed Zoe to the wonderful Harrison's catering team here at SWPS who is our new barista in the Atrium Café.



When Zoe isn't serving a soya latte with a gingerbread shot, or a slice of Denise's delicious homemade chocolate cake, she poses as an 'extra' for TV and film, having starred in Downton Abbey and The Bill to name a few.



Students, if you haven't already, pop by from 7.45am for a hot toasted crumpet and hot chocolate and say hi to Zoe in our usual friendly SWPS family way and look out for her in The New Pope (airing 1st and 2nd December), Flamingo (airing at Xmas) and DEVS (airing in the spring).



World Sudoku Championships

Having been selected for the UK team at the national championships in June, I spent the first half of this week in Prague competing in the World Sudoku Championships.

There were just under 10 hours' worth of different rounds to complete, each giving points for completing different puzzles. Competition was fierce, with a hotly contested playoff final, giving individual results of Japan first, followed by France and then Estonia. I finished 54th of 110 official competitors, despite two fairly major mistakes in the final few rounds, and the UK was 12th in the official team rankings.

My enormous thanks to SWPS for enabling me to compete at this level.

H Golding



Geography—GIS and Old Harry

Geography students in Year 8 this week have been using GIS to investigate the distribution of earthquake activity in the last 7 days. This helps prepare them for next week's World GIS Day on Wednesday 14 November.



While this was happening, Year 9 were concentrating on a special edition of 'This Is Your Life' for Old Harry, the chalk formation on the Jurassic Coast.

M Taylor



Afternoon Tea!

On Monday after school the Year 11 Mentors had afternoon tea with their respective Year 7 Form Captains and Deputy Form Captains. There was plenty of hot chocolate and squash and they were treated to homemade cookies too! There was a real buzz in the Atrium and it was clear they all had a lovely time.

Mrs Stebbings would like to thank the mentors for all their hard work; it is much appreciated by both staff and, in particular, the Year 7s.



Hans Woyda Maths Competition

On Wednesday 7 November, SWPS, represented by Amy Stonehouse (S6), Clara McKee (L6), Bella Cook (Y10) and Bethan Williams (Y9), had their second round match of the Hans Woyda maths competition against Wellington College.

The score at the half way point of the match was 22-23, so it was a particularly close and tense match. The team were fantastic throughout the match and performed exceptionally well under pressure in the final round (winning it 8-0) to win the match 41-39.

The team look forward to attempting to secure another victory in their final match of the year next month.

H Thompson

UKMT Senior Maths Challenge 2018

Clara McKee was back representing SWPS on Thursday 8 November, alongside Sasha Glasson (L6), Abigail Maxwell (S6) and Charlotte Marr



(S6), in the regional final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge. This challenge involved 15 teams from the top schools and colleges in the region competing for a place in the national final.

The team demonstrated resilience, determination and excellent team-work skills in all 3 rounds of the competition to finish in 4th place overall, just 1 point behind the team in 3rd.

H Thompson

JUNIOR DRAMA

Junior Drama 2018

Wednesday 7 November saw the annual reprise of the 'Junior Drama' house competition.

Each year Sixth Form students write, direct and produce plays to be performed by Year 8 students to compete for the Hawkins's Cup.

The theme for the plays this year was 'From another point of view'. The students were asked to take this title as inspiration for their plays and interpret it as they wished.

We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Alice Meechan and Mrs Judy Wiggett, both former teachers of Maths at Sir William Perkins's. Not only did their many years of experience at SWPS prove invaluable to their adjudications, but also, being Maths experts, they really did judge the Drama 'From another point of view'.

Particular highlights for the judges included 8L's use of transitions between scenes with the use of the 'magic door' that appeared and reappeared to transport the characters through different eras of time, forcing them to view what they had in the year 2018 differently.

They also commented on 8P's open appreciation of Maths throughout their piece, but more importantly the concept of how life has improved for women over the last 30 years.

8Q delighted us with some extraordinary dance routines, expertly executed on stage along with some brilliant costumes. However, after some meticulous deliberation it was 8M who ran away with the Hawkins Cup. Their story took the format of a TV talk show 'We are Family' which invited characters from the land of Disney to hash out their family feuds. Featuring the likes of Snow White and her Wicked Stepmother, Aladdin and his Magic Carpet who was enraged with jealousy over his romance with Jasmine, the play was humorous, well thought out and a truly unique and creative response to the set theme.

The students have a very short and intense period of preparation time for their performances; written by the Sixth Formers in a day at the end of the summer term, with then only one lunch-time a week for seven weeks dedicated to rehearsals.

However, both the Senior Sixth students and the Year 8s have applied themselves fabulously to the task and greeted all challenges with feisty determination. Their hard work and sneaky extra rehearsals have paid off as they have produced, what we believe to be, a slightly chaotic but highly entertaining afternoon!

Well done to all who participated and for all those that supported, the Drama Department are truly proud of you all!

G Carcione



Hockey

Tuesday saw the U13 Hockey A and B team head to Notre Dame. The As won 5—0 and the Bs drew 0—0. Well done Year 8s – more great results to come hopefully.

On Wednesday the U14 hockey team went to Prior's Field and unfortunately lost 2—5 against a strong opposition. Plenty to work on for the next match next week against St Teresa's.

The U12 A and B hockey teams also went to Prior's Field on Thursday and played some tough matches too. The A team won 4—2 and the Bs lost 0—4. Some excellent hockey on display and a first win of the season for the A team. Well done Year 7s!



Netball

A fantastic couple of matches for the U13 B and C netball team against Prior's Field on Thursday. The C team won 7—3 with some fantastic mid-court play from Zoe who was awarded Player of the Match and also some excellent defence from Elysia.

The Bs won their game 8—4 with some excellent shooting by Ciara who got Player of the Match and excellent through court effort from the whole team against a feisty Prior's Field team! Well done both teams, a super effort!



Cricket

Congratulations to Chloe (L6) who received a letter from the English Cricket Board this week confirming her selection into the Surrey Stars Regional Development Centre Programme. She is now on the women's England Cricket Pathway in addition to also being selected onto Surrey County Cricket Clubs Elite Player Programme again this year. Well done Chloe!



REMINDER:

Dubai Trip expression of interest slips to be returned to Mrs Young by the 23 November!



DESIGNS OF THE WEEK



The Design Technology Department Design of the week is by Isabelle Solomons Y9. She produced a wonderful pop art inspired jewellery piece for the acrylic jewellery project.

Well done Isabelle for layering the different plastics so nicely.

J Blackman



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

MUSIC



Christmas Concert

5 December 2018

Main Hall 7pm

The evening will be a celebration of our students' talents and hard work featuring festive pieces plus a special centennial armistice performance by the School Orchestra.

Entry is free but tickets are required.

To join us, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Refreshments will be served by FOSWPS.



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Join us for our annual Christmas service with readings and popular carols sung by the School, Chamber and Year 7 Choirs followed by mulled wine and mince pies provided by FOSWPS.

St Peter's Church, Chertsey

Monday 10th December 2018, 7 pm

Tuesday 11th December 2018, 7 pm

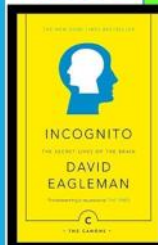
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LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Incognito' by David Eagleman, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Non-Fiction
November
Book of
the Week



Why does your foot hit the brake pedal before you are conscious of danger ahead?
Why is it so difficult to keep a secret?
How is it possible to get angry at yourself: who, exactly, is mad at whom?

In this sparkling and provocative book, renowned neuroscientist David Eagleman navigates the depths of the subconscious brain.

Taking in brain damage, plane spotting, dating, drugs, beauty, infidelity, synaesthesia, criminal law, artificial intelligence and visual illusions, **INCOGNITO** is a thrilling subsurface exploration of the mind and all its contradictions.



What's on in the Library

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TEAM SWamPieS



COMMANDO

THE ROYAL MARINES
CHARITY

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.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

SWamPieS' previous adventures:



Skating Tickets for the SWPS Christmas Fair on sale now

Saturday November 17th from 11:30am to 3:30pm



**Tickets on sale at lunchtimes
at school or over the phone
on 07807623498. £6 per session.**



Sponsorship Request

Friends of Sir William Perkins's are attempting to bring a big attraction to SWPS Christmas Fair each year for our families and the wider community. This year it is the skating rink which has been a lot of work, but very exciting for us and the students.

As the Christmas Fair is our biggest event of the year, it would be amazing if we could find a sponsor for this big attraction each year which would allow us to focus on other aspects of the Fair and raise more money for the school. This opportunity would give exclusive presence of a company at the attraction and the Fair.

It would give exposure to the company leading up to the event.

If any families have a connection with a company that would be interested in advertising to our community on a big scale, please get in touch with Friends of SWPS at friends.of.swps@gmail.com.