



SWPS NEWS



Head's Piece

In our assembly at the start of this week, Mrs Husselbury, the Senior Deputy Head, asked a simple yet fundamental question: what does excellence look like? As she noted, there are many different examples of what we consider to be excellent, which ranges from educational success or sporting prowess to enjoying fabulous food. (I was pleased that the whole of the audience chorused that excellence was not perfection, when asked!)

So the next question remains: how do we aim for, and ultimately, achieve excellence? Three key points were mentioned: work hard, get feedback, and try again. Sound advice.

Perhaps, the most difficult of those three points to act upon is *to try again*. How often have we tried something once, felt unhappy with the results and subsequently given up? Comments such as "*I'm no good...*" often precede an inclination to make another attempt, especially when trying something difficult and challenging. But what all research demonstrates is that those who have achieved at something, those who have been successful, did so not through a single moment of brilliance, but through repeated effort and determination. Through a realisation that failing is not something to be feared but something to be recognised for what it is – a moment for us to learn and to develop – success and excellence will follow.

The start of the new academic year is always a great time for our students to make some "academic resolutions" – so I urge all of them to be willing "to try again"

**C Muller
Head**



SWPS Co-Curricular Fair

Students of all years, but especially our new joiners, were able to visit our Co-curricular Fair today for a taste of the array of opportunities on offer to them. With lunchtime and



after-school clubs aplenty, SWPS students need never be bored, as they found out at lunchtime today! Our older students, and staff, were on hand to advise, encourage and inform. Well done to everyone who took a stand to show off their activities!



Upcoming Events

18 Sept	Sixth Form Y11 into 6F Info evening
19 Sept	DT 6F Trip to 100% Design Exhibition
19 Sept	Art Y10 Trip to National Gallery
20 Sept	German Bocholt Exchange students arrive
20 Sept	Geography Trip to London
21 Sept	Drama 'Woman in Black' Theatre Trip
21 Sept	DT Theo Fennell Jewellery Workshop

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.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Money

Please may we remind all students not to bring large amounts of money into School, it is not always possible for larger notes to be accommodated or changed.

Morning and afternoon tuck items are very reasonably priced and only a couple of pounds each day should be necessary.

Parking

Please ensure that when dropping off and picking up your children that you park respectfully and safely. The driveway in front of the main gates is in constant use and is not an appropriate place to stop as this can lead to congestion or accidents.

SPORTS NEWS

A new format is now in place for Year 11/12/13 students. Wednesday afternoons have now been dedicated to combined Y11/12/13 sport. This provides the students with a greater variety of activities to undertake, which we hope will lead to life-long participation in physical activity as well as raising our competitive sport provision.



The choices on offer are:

- River Bourne Health Club (spin, boxercise, gym and swimming)
- Trampolining
- Stretch and tone
- Clubbercise
- Sports Leaders Award
- Competitive Sport (netball and hockey)



Clubbercise

We are very fortunate to have recruited Sarah to our team to lead Clubbercise sessions: exercising in the dark, with glow sticks and loud music! It is a fantastic workout which the students thoroughly enjoyed, even if they did ache a little the following morning!



Rugby & Football

This week we had week 1 of our curriculum and co-curricular rugby lessons from Harlequins. The sessions were great fun out on the pitch. The after school club runs for Years 7-10 on a Tuesday after school.

Chelsea Football Club also ran their club after school on a Monday for Year 7 & 8s and they had a great turn out and fun first session.

It's still not too late to sign up to co-curricular clubs, give something new a try!



Karate

Maddie Jones (Y10) Competed in the CIKA Ireland Open International Competition in Dublin today and won medals in both of her kumite events. She won a bronze medal in her individual competition and a silver medal in her team event. Congratulations Maddie!

Ballet

Eve Leyland (Y8) has been accepted into The Academy of Balletic Arts. She has been assessed as having true potential and the correct physical attributes to ensure a successful career as a ballet dancer. We look forward to seeing her progress in the future, well done Eve!



Badminton

Despite suffering an injury over the last few months, Alexandra Oprisan (L6) is making a fantastic recovery and has already come back fighting, winning Silver at Senior Silver Hertfordshire and finished in the top 8 women players at the England Senior Nationals at the age of 16!



Alexandra was also invited to train with the Senior and Junior England squads by Badminton England which has led to her heading to Sweden and France at the end of the month!

Congratulations Alexandra. We're glad you're recovering with such momentum and wishing you lots of luck.



Remember to sign up for all co-curricular clubs via SOCS

To sign up for clubs please go to:

[SOCS PUPIL LOGIN PAGE](#)

Username: (School SWPS email address)
e.g: rsmith25@swps.org.uk

Password: SWPSclubs

So many fantastic co-curricular clubs – make sure you sign up and try what is on offer!!



DESIGNS OF THE WEEK

Design & Technology | Theo Fennell Masterclasses

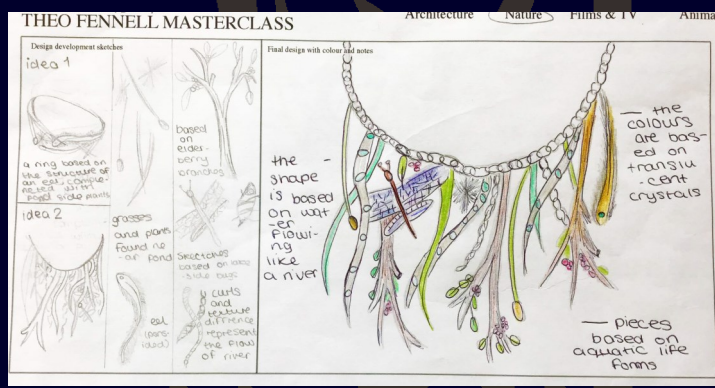
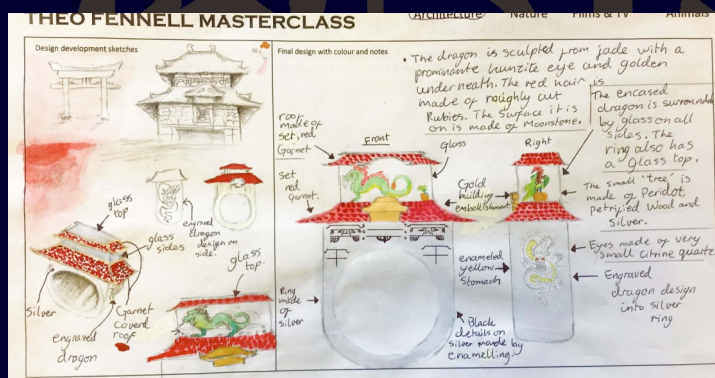
It has been an exciting week in the DT department this week as the Theo Fennell masterclass entries have been flooding in from Year 9, 10, L6 and S6 students. Judging is currently taking place for the 24 places that are up for grabs, students selected will receive an invitation in their register trays early next week with their time slots.

Here is a sneak peek and some entries to the competition, more will be posted on [@SWPSDesign](#) twitter page next week.

J Blackman



THEO FENNEL MASTERCLASS



LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The Bees' by Laline Paull, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Born into the lowest class of her society, Flora 717 is a sanitation bee, only fit to clean her orchard hive. Living to accept, obey and serve, she is prepared to sacrifice everything for her beloved holy mother, the Queen.

Book of the Week

But Flora is not like other bees. Despite her ugliness she has talents that are not typical of her kin. While mutant bees are usually instantly destroyed, Flora is removed from sanitation duty and is allowed to feed the newborns, before becoming a forager, collecting pollen on the wing. She also finds her way into the Queen's inner sanctum, where she discovers secrets both sublime and ominous.



But enemies are everywhere, from the fearsome fertility police to the high priestesses who jealously guard the Hive Mind. And when Flora breaks the most sacred law of all her instinct to serve is overshadowed by an even deeper desire, a fierce love that will lead to the unthinkable...



What's on in the Library

Follow [@SWPSLibrary](#) to keep up-to-date with what's happening in the Library!

MUSIC

Summer Successes

Eileen Zoratti (S6) received exciting news last week. Having participated in the Eton Choral Course during the summer holiday, she has been invited to join the Rodolfus Choir. The choir consists of students up to the age of 25. Directed by Ralph Allwood MBE, they undertake about six engagements each year during school and university holidays. In the 2018-2019 season Eileen will have the opportunity to sing in a 'Ceremony of Carols by Candlelight' in St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, London and in Gloucester Cathedral as part of The Three Choirs Festival.

Last year I reported that Catherine Abela (Y11) had passed her ARSM diploma on the bassoon with Distinction. She's done so again, this time on the violin!



Catherine was awarded an exceptionally high 49/50 mark for her performance and will be presented with a special gold medal by the ABRSM for this wonderful achievement. The diploma exam requires the candidate to perform for 30 minutes; the candidate is assessed on their musical communication skills, interpretation and technical delivery. It also gives the candidate the opportunity to create and perform their own programme of music. At least 20 minutes of the programme must be chosen from the ARSM repertoire list and up to 10 minutes can be the candidate's own choice of pieces. Catherine says that this was the most exciting exam she has ever taken as it gave her 'the opportunity to perform and have fun'.

The pieces she played were:

Bach—Partita for solo violin no.2 in D minor (3rd & 4th mvts, *Sarabanda and Giga*)
 Bloch—Nigun (Improvisation)(no.2 from 'Baal Shem' suite)
 Fauré—Romance in B♭, Op.28
 Kabalevsky—Concerto in C, Op.48: 1st mvt.
 Ravel—Piece en Forme de Habanera

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Let's Get...

Adults £12
Children £10



Supper
Included

29 September
at 6:45 for
7:00 sharp

Pay Bar
Available

Quizzzzical!

With Friends of SWPS

AGM
postponed to
November -
date to follow

I _____ (insert name), _____ (email)

parent/guardian of _____ in form _____ would like _____ adult

tickets @ £12 and _____ child tickets @ £10 for the

Friends of SWPS Quiz Night, to include _____ vegetarian meals.

NB teams must be no more than 8 people. Groups of less than 8 will not be split up but we
will try to group people into teams of 8 on the night.

Cash or cheque ("FOSWPS") only please via your child to the Friends of SWPS box at school.

RSVP ASAP but latest by 25 September 2018! No ticket sales on the night...

We had to turn away lots of people last year – DON'T MISS OUT!