



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

Patience and its value:

It has been Anti-Bullying Week and, amongst other things, the past five days have provided all of us here at SWPS the opportunity to reflect and consider how we treat each other as well as how we conduct our relationships with them. Care, kindness and compassion are the watchwords. Building supportive, sensitive and loving relationships require time and patience.

Patience is a word that used to be in vogue much more than it is now; the phrase "patience is a virtue" was often used, especially as an injunction to the young. Although a sense of impatience appears to be more common.

We experience a world, and our young people are growing up in a world, where instant gratification is typical. If one wants to buy something, one can go online, click the purchase button and, almost like magic, the package arrives the next day. There is little waiting time required.

We talk in exasperation about slow internet connections; we become frustrated when a page takes a bit longer than usual to load; few things are more irritating than buffering.

Even our TV viewing and radio listening can be accessed on-the-spot. We no longer need to worry about what time the TV series, the film, the radio programme, is on. It is available, at any time and instantaneously. Moreover, you can binge on your favourite box set. The concept of waiting week by week until the next instalment is a long forgotten experience. Why wait, when you can have it all at once?

But it comes at a price – it makes us less patient. I suspect that we are all feeling a sense of impatience, but those who have been brought up on the diet of instant access, are feeling it the most.

Scientists conducted a 2011 study called "The Psychology of Decisions to Abandon Waits for Service." Subjects were made to wait for downloads and kept on hold as they waited for help from a call centre. As predicted and amusingly, many test subjects who were forced to wait abandoned the study.

So does this matter? If everything one wants can be accessed instantly and immediate gratification is the norm, what can young people expect from job satisfaction, or deep learning, or meaningful relationships?

Each of these things takes time to develop; they cannot be done quickly nor should they be. Patience and perseverance are at the heart of securing satisfaction at work; it is central to acquiring a deep and considered understanding and it is essential to form solid and meaningful relationships. They are slow, difficult and messy processes; but they are the sources of our greatest joy and they are worth waiting and working for.

Don't forget! Friends of SWPS Christmas Fair tomorrow!

Preparations are now well under way for tomorrow's extravaganza—be sure to be there to get yourselves into the Christmas spirit—just like the Friends team who were still busy selling tickets for the ice rink at lunchtime today!

Upcoming Events

17 Nov	Friends of SWPS: Christmas Fair
20 Nov	Parent talk on 'Sex and Relationships' with Esta Hardy
22 Nov	Maths: L6 Maths in Action Lecture Day
22 Nov	English S6 to Antony and Cleo, National Theatre
23 Nov	Art L6 Workshop
24 Nov	Rowing Hampton Small Boats Head (Y9-13)
25 Nov	DoE: 9.00-16.00 Silver Theoretical Training (Y9-13) & Parent Training 2

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

22 Nov	8X
29 Nov	8Z



SWPS STEM DINNER 2018

Friday November 30th, 7pm



Please confirm your

- attendance,
- menu choices
- willingness to be billed

to Mr Peel,
in writing or by
email to
ipeel@swps.org.uk

by Friday 23rd Nov

Guest Speaker: **Professor Sarah Gurr**

Title: **Global food security: food, famine and fungi.**

Sarah is Chair in Food Security, a post created by Exeter University, which nests within the Food Security and Research Land Alliance between the Universities of Exeter, Bristol, Bath and Cardiff

She was previously Professor of Molecular Plant Pathology at Oxford and formerly President of The British Society of Plant Pathology.

Her interests are in crop diseases (notably of rice and wheat), with particular emphasis on fungal infestations and their global movement and control.

Location: Dining Hall - glitzy as you've never seen it before

Menu: 4-course meal (PTO)

Cost:

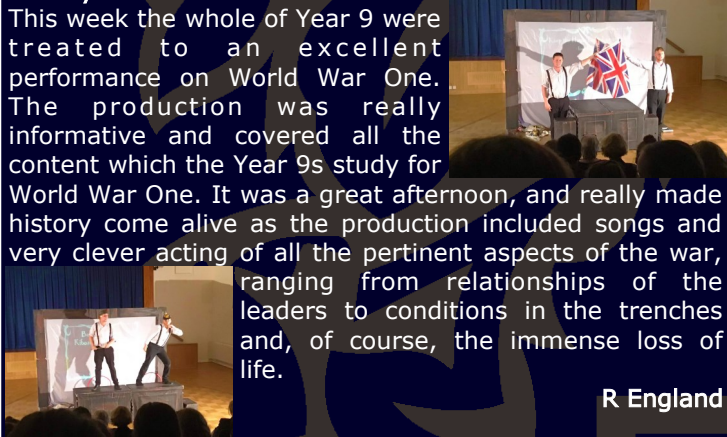
Adults: £29

Pupils: £25

Dress: To impress

History Theatre Production for Y9

This week the whole of Year 9 were treated to an excellent performance on World War One. The production was really informative and covered all the content which the Year 9s study for World War One. It was a great afternoon, and really made history come alive as the production included songs and very clever acting of all the pertinent aspects of the war, ranging from relationships of the leaders to conditions in the trenches and, of course, the immense loss of life.



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SWamPieS—Commando Series Challenge

Team SWamPieS was made up of five misguided members of staff this year, Andy Sivyer, Ashley Tilling, Holly Muxworthy, Kathryn Burton and Jasmin Brown. On Saturday 10 November they took on the 12KM Commando Series Challenge in aid of Woking & Sam Beare Hospice. It was a cold, wet and muddy course that saw the team negotiate river crossings, (the originally named) Sheep Dip, cargo nets, caves, slides and masses of mud. The team completed and (more to the point) survived the ordeal and even managed to finish with smiles on their faces as well as cuts and bruises over their bodies.

This is the fifth year that team SWamPieS have gathered to take on a challenge in aid of charity. This year we managed to raise in excess of £1300 for Woking & Sam Beare Hospice, so a huge thanks goes to everyone that donated to the cause (the Just Giving Page is still active should anyone wish to donate).



Lucy Smallbone Sixth Form Art Workshop



LUCY SMALLBONE

We are thrilled to announce that we have a contestant from Sky Art's Landscape Artist of the Year, Lucy Smallbone, coming to SWPS to run an Art workshop for our Sixth Form students on Friday 23 November.

Lucy Smallbone is a contemporary painter who depicts beautiful landscapes 'with something not quite right about them'. She is particularly concerned with an application of marks and paint onto board, and her use of layers and colour create a sense of unease with nature 'taking over'.

Smallbone completed a masters at the Slade School of Fine Art where she won several awards for her work, including the Duveen Travel Prize in 2015. The travel prize enabled Smallbone to visit Chernobyl, Ukraine, which became a huge influence on her work. Despite the lasting contamination of the area, scientists have been surprised by the dramatic revival of its wildlife.

If you fancy seeing her work in the flesh her solo show 'Edgelands' is on at the Fiumano Clase gallery until the 15th of December. This also coincides with an HSBC exhibition in Canary Wharf at the end of the year.

Her artwork recently featured in The Week, where they raved about her work and recent appearance in the Sky Arts show, describing her practice as 'too good for the small screen'.

You can also view her artwork on her website:

[Lucy Smallbone Website](http://lucysmallbone.com)

H Muxworthy



Masterclasses—Year 5s

We were delighted to welcome children from Halstead, Coworth Flexlands, Twickenham Prep., Staines Prep. and Greenfield Schools for our Masterclasses on Wednesday. They thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with us!



Careers

We have had a busy week in the Careers Department:

On Monday we welcomed Baljinder Bath, a parent from the school, who came in to run a seminar with students who were interested in becoming a Barrister. They had the opportunity to be



involved in an interactive case study allowing them to get a feel for what the role of a barrister is, and some of the difficult scenarios they might be faced with. We very much appreciated her time and the students found the seminar both interesting and engaging.



On Tuesday, we had a team of Junior Doctors in from a company called Meducators UK. Over 60 students took part in the Medical workshop, learning about the different aspects of medicine and other considerations of working in the Healthcare industry. The feedback has been



excellent and despite the long day, the students were fantastic and it has helped many students in their decision making of possible future careers.



On Thursday, we welcomed a company called 7 Billion Ideas for the second year, who ran an Employability workshop giving students a greater understanding of how to turn their skills and experiences into qualities that employers are looking for, as well as helping them to write their UCAS statements when applying for University. It included a section outlining the key skills that employers are looking for when recruiting, some common CV mistakes and top tips to make their CV stand out, as well as a discussion on how to sell themselves both on paper and at interview. They also discussed key information on how to write a personal statement and some useful interview techniques that we hope they will find valuable for their future.

The NHS competition is now fully underway, with students in Year 8 designing an innovative advert for a job role in the NHS. We are hopeful that this year might be another winning year for SWPS students following our win of the Regional competition in 2017.

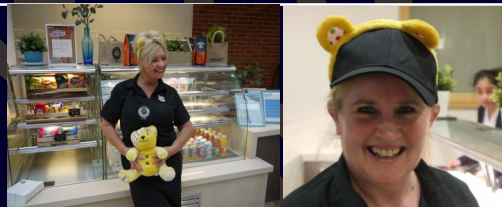
Future Dates:

On the 26th November at 3.30pm we are welcoming another parent Mrs Nina Wright, the CEO of New Scientist Magazine, who will be discussing her role and giving students advice. Students can now sign up for this on the link that was sent to them via Firefly.

L Haley

Children in Need

Our catering colleagues were joining in with this year's fun!



National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain



Catherine Abela (Y11) recently received the exciting news that she has been awarded a place in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. Known as the NYO, this is the world's greatest orchestra for highly talented teenage musicians. Founded 70 years ago in 1948, it was awarded the Queen's Medal for Music in 2012, in acknowledgement of the world-class standard of the orchestra, and the long-standing contribution it had made to classical music in this country and national life. In 2017 the orchestra was awarded the Royal Philharmonic Society Ensemble Award, the UK's highest classical music accolade.

Auditioning for the orchestra was challenging for Catherine and her membership of it as one of the 1st violins will require full commitment, about 75 days a year. In Catherine's own words: 'This is an orchestra that is made up of 167 musicians who have all achieved beyond Grade 8 (distinction). What is unique is that besides playing in the orchestra, NYO expects all of us to contribute to furthering the importance of classical music to all young people in the UK. As a result I participate in quite a few Outreach programmes called 'NYO Inspire' this year. I have been allocated to do this in schools in London but also in other areas like Liverpool, Nottingham and Birmingham.

Joining the NYO has been a dream come true for me. The NYO will be playing at the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in July next year and we will also be touring the US where we will be playing at Carnegie Hall in New York together with Nicola Benedetti. I spent the entire summer preparing for this audition, learning the very difficult excerpts and some challenging pieces that the audition panel wanted to assess us on. The audition process involved two rounds and a few very stressful weeks of waiting and wishing'.



You are cordially invited to -

SWIRL. SMELL. SIP. REPEAT!

CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING NIGHT AND AGM

November 23rd - 7pm
The 6th Form Suite
Sir William Perkins's School

RSVP- FRIENDS.OF.SWPS@GMAIL.COM
BY THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Calling all Year 7s and 8s!
See details below about our exciting new initiative for those who can't wait to get ready to row....! We will be sending reminders...!



Friends of Sir William Perkins's School

Christmas Fair 2018

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

Live Music
Buble Christmas
Song Sheet by Finn
(young male singer from ACM Guildford).

New!
Magic Mirror,
Fairground stalls,
40 Christmas Gift
Stalls, Fabulous new
location and a
Coffee Shop.

'It's a Fine Life' Raffle
Win an Ipad,
F&M Hamper,
personalised hoodies,
Henry Hoover,
Director's Cut and
Blow Dry and more...

Ice Rink Attraction
(synthetic)
£6 per skating session
pre book your tickets
on 07807623498.

Entry free

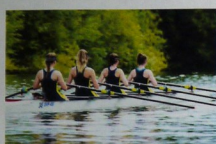
The Atrium and dining hall
Sir William Perkins's School, Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 9BN



BUILDING CONFIDENCE, INTEGRITY & EXCELLENCE



Ready to Row

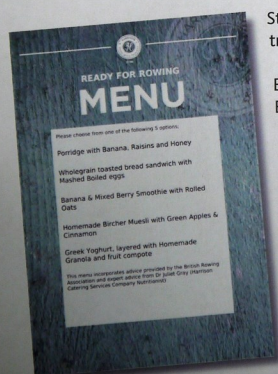


New Year – new challenges?
Looking forward to rowing?
Want to start getting prepared?

Join our new Ready to Row Programme for
Years 7 and 8, commencing in January 2019.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Sports Hall

- 7.00 – 7.45 Strength and conditioning session with an experienced trainer.
- 8.00 – 8.20 Breakfast based on British Rowing Association/ nutritionist advice.



Strength and conditioning: functional movement training – age-appropriate exercise.

Breakfast included, with healthy options aligned with British Rowing nutritional standards.

Your trainer:

Patrick is an experienced, independent, British Rowing coach, who has trained Henley crews and coached both water and gym sessions. He has planned and delivered training programmes, and been Head Coach of junior rowing squads as well as assisting Directors of Rowing with senior squads.

Requires booking in advance and commitment for a whole term.

Book via SOCS by 7 December

<https://www.socscms.com/login/25509/parent/Wed/Thur Before School>Ready to Row>



AXA Pupils Medical Scheme—
the application deadline for this
year is the end of the Autumn
term: 14 December.

The Pupils' Healthcare Scheme private medical insurance covers private treatment of new and existing conditions including where the child has already received treatment.

The termly premium payable to the school is £82.

Should you wish to take advantage of this scheme please complete and return your application before the end of term. Please visit our website for the form: <https://www.swps.org.uk/Fees>. For further information on the Pupils' Healthcare Scheme visit axapphealthcare.co.uk/pupilshealthscheme where the scheme handbook including terms and conditions is available.



Netball

Thursday Year 8 A-C – 3 wins against Notre Dame!!

Well done to the Year 8 A-C team who all played excellent games against Notre Dame on Thursday evening.

The A team won 18-3. Georgie was awarded player of the match for excellent shooting. The team came together at the end and made a fantastic strategic change in the last quarter, which they won by 5 goals to 1.

The B team won their match 14-7. After a slow start, some excellent consistent play through the court and top shooting from the shooters helped a clear win. Sophie as GD and Ciara as GS were awarded players of the match.

The C team won their game 12-9. We were down in the first quarter, however after a few good changes made by Miss England, we went on to pull back and get a second great win in a row! Isabelle was awarded player of the match.

Tuesday Year 10 – 23-9 St George's

An excellent game for the U15s against the St George's U16B's. Fantastic play by all the players encouraged a growing lead as the game went on and a final quarter secured the win after scoring 9 goals led us to a victory of 23-9!

A particular mention to Sya in Year 9 who stepped in at the last minute to play for the Year 10s and was awarded player of the match! Awesome game, well done!



Well done to all teams this week!!

Hockey

Wednesday Year 9 - 0 – 1 St Teresa's

Following a horrendous trip, SWPS were slow to get started and soon went behind to a well worked goal. Harlie Curtis excelled in goal and although we had a few chances to equalise, we couldn't score the all important equaliser.

Monday Year 11 - 3 – 3 Salesian

Despite going behind to an excellent individual goal, SWPS started to get their game together and goals from Melina Eleftheradis, Maisie Bristow and Abi Adrian put them back in charge in the first half - a late Salesian goal on the stroke of half time made for an exciting 2nd half.

Salesian started strong and their pressure finally paid off with an equalizer despite good defending. SWPS missed a few good chances to win the game but a draw was a fair result in a good competitive game.

Taekwondo

Well done to Sofia Davies (Y7) who competed this Saturday at the National UK Open Taekwondo tournament in Guildford. As the youngest competitor in

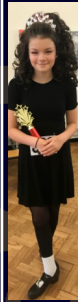


her group she showed pluck and fierce determination against much older and heavier girls, losing marginally in the semi final to a Black Belt who went on to win the overall group.

An amazing performance with this being her first major National sparring competition in the Red and Black Belt Under 14 Division, and with her last Taekwondo contest over two years ago in a lower belt and age division.



She comes away as Bronze National Champion, looking to improve on her success for next year. Her coach, club, school and family are very proud of her achievement.



Celtic Irish Dancing

On Sunday, Aisling Green (Y9) participated in the U14 Celtic Irish Dancing Championships. She got two firsts and three seconds for her different dances but overall placed second out of a field of over 40 competitors.

She now has qualified for the 2019 World Championships which takes place in Ireland next year. Fantastic achievement Aisling.

Rowing

Lucia Frigé and Anna Cowell were back rowing for their club last weekend in Kingston Head Small Boats. They competed in the WJ14 4x + and put in a fantastic time of 21m 21.7 seconds over the 5.2km course from Hampton Court Bridge to Stevens Ait. They were pipped to second place by the smallest of margins just over 1 second by hosts Kingston's A boat, a great effort in heavy rain and lightning!



DESIGNS OF THE MONTH



Brooke Griffith's chessboard is this week's design of the week as selected by the Design Technology Department, we have all been impressed by her dedication and creativity in making an additional storage layer to her board to store her own pieces which she designed from scratch. This project was a short skills based A Level project where the class learned and developed skills using CAD / CAM and knowledge of woods, boards and acrylic.

J Blackman



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

The Brass Academy—Sunday 6 January

The Brass Academy runs outstanding music courses for brass players aged 8 to 18 of Grade 1 to Diploma ability, and 2019 starts with our One Day Course on Sun 6 Jan. Please encourage your pupils to come along to blow away the Christmas cobwebs and be ready for action at the start of term!

As well as our One Day Course in January, we are as usual running an Easter Course and two Summer Courses. Each day there is:

- expert tuition from our exceptional tutors in small and large ensembles;
- sectional rehearsals, masterclass sessions and tutor demonstrations;
- a two hour sports session; and

fun evening activities for those staying overnight.

Our inspirational tutors include Principals with the LPO, BBC NOW, Opera North, the Philharmonia, and the Lion King in London's West End: including Paul Beniston, Philippe Schartz, Christian Jones, Simon Morgan, Lee Tsarmaklis, Pete Smith and Tom Rainer.

Full details of all our courses are available on our website brass-academy.co.uk. We rely heavily on word of mouth and personal recommendation, so we would be very pleased to welcome your brass teachers, children and parents who may be interested in our courses. Thank you!

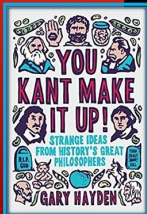
LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'You Kant Make it Up!' by Gary Hayden, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Non-Fiction
November
Book of
the Week

Drawing on the writings of the great philosophers, *You Kant Make it Up* sends the reader on thrilling, non-stop tour of their most outrageous and counter-intuitive conclusions: Harry Potter is real. Matter doesn't exist. Dan Brown is better than Shakespeare...



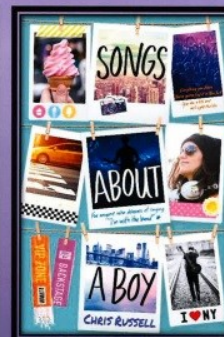
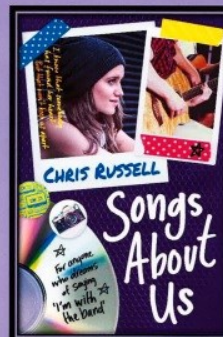
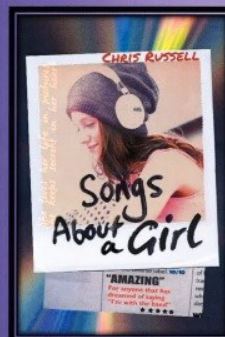
All these statements stem from philosophy's greatest minds, from Plato to Nietzsche. What were they thinking? Overflowing with compelling arguments for the downright strange - many of which are hugely influential today - popular philosopher Gary Hayden shows that just because something is odd, doesn't mean that someone hasn't argued for it. Spanning ethics, logic, politics and religion, this unconventional introduction to philosophy will challenge your assumptions, expand your horizons, infuriate, entertain and amuse you.



What's on in the Library

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Meet Chris Russell



At Sir William Perkins's School

On 23rd November

Due to popular demand, we have invited Chris Russell to SWPS. Chris is the author of a popular series of books, called "Songs About A Girl". He is also a musician. When he was thirteen, his friend and he started their own band—a band that, ten years later, would become The Lightyears. Since then, they have been touring all over the world, from Cape Town to S Korea, playing at Glastonbury Festival and O2 Arena and supporting members of legendary rock band such as Queen, Journey and The Who.