



SWPS NEWS



C C MULLER—HEAD THE DIFFICULTY OF INTEGRITY

At the heart of the SWPS community, there is integrity. In terms of conduct and outlook, we want all our students to keep their integrity as a lodestar for their actions. Defined loosely, yet clearly as "knowing to do the right thing, even when no one is looking", it gives confidence that their conduct has a moral compass.

In recent discussions with sixth formers, it is evident, however, that in real life it is often hard to keep integrity at the front and centre; it is difficult when there are so many other aspects of life to manage.

To illustrate, there was an extraordinary psychological experiment conducted in 1970 at the Princeton Theological Seminary: students who were training to become priests were asked to hurry to a distant lecture hall to give a sermon on the Good Samaritan. The parable of the Good Samaritan, as we know, concerns a Jew who was beaten and left by the side of the road; ignored by passers-by, it is only a Samaritan (a sect loathed by the Jews at the time) who stops and offers help.

The trainee priests ran to the lecture hall, worried because they thought that they would be late to deliver their sermon, but the cunning psychologists planted in their path a poorly dressed individual, sitting slumped in a doorway, who coughed and groaned. Most of the seminarians did not stop to offer help.

Why was this the case? Were they bad people? Were they hypocrites? Almost certainly not. But there overwhelming emotional desire not to be late ensured that they missed what was going on around them. In their determination to deliver their sermon, they overlooked their moral obligations.

Similarly our missteps in terms of showing kindness, generosity and integrity are often not deliberate, but rather because life, being busy and complex, will "get in the way"; as a result we focus on ourselves.

Our students' lives likewise are incredibly busy and demanding. Is it any wonder that the unkind word, the snappy text or the social media response sent in a fit of momentary anger occurs?

To live up to what we know to be right is hard; to embrace the SWPS code of integrity requires effort and constant application; but the more our students can understand the reasons for their failure and to recognise that for all of us it is hard, the less likely they will be to repeat it.

Upcoming Events

8-12 Oct	Citizenship Week
8 Oct	Geography: 6F Global Governance Lecture - Royal Holloway
9 Oct	Classics: Y7 & 8 'Unravelling the Roman toga' - GHS
10 Oct	Classics: Y8 Butser Ancient Farm
11 Oct	Admissions: Prospective Info Morning Music: (see below) Chamber Concert
12 Oct	PSHCE: Commonwealth Day

Chamber Concert

Thursday 11 October

An opportunity to hear impressive instrumental and vocal solos from students throughout the school, plus a performance from our Chamber Orchestra.

Join us for a celebration of our students' musical talents. Everyone is welcome to come along.

[REGISTER YOUR PLACE BY CLICKING HERE](#)

Y8 Lunchtime Concerts

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

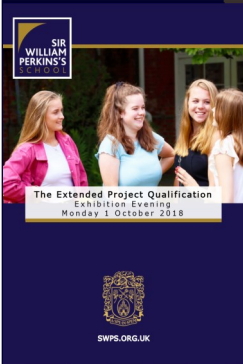
Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend to support the performers. Please sign in at the Main Reception and you will be guided over to the Music Department.

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](#)



Extended Project Qualification Exhibition Evening

S6 students have been working for nearly a year on their projects and are finally coming to the end of what has been a challenging, yet rewarding process. Monday's Exhibition was a fantastic chance to celebrate their hard work and hear about the many fascinating research projects which have been embarked upon.

Students presenting their projects were: Lucie Rutter, Lily Porter, Kitty Gahir, Seren Roff, Luke Mills, Megan Graham, Emily Read, Isabelle Arnold, Grace Bradshaw, Charlotte Kirby and Isabelle Crosbie.



DT V&A & Theo Fennell Studio Trip

On Thursday the lucky eight winners from the Theo Fennell Master Class challenge visited the prestigious V&A museum in London, to further their knowledge of jewellery through the ages before a short walk to present their developed designs to Theo Fennell at his Fulham Road workshop, studio and store. Theo gave the eight a tour around his shop, talking them through his unique jewellery pieces and silverware before showing them how his sketches go from the drawing board to reality in the studio and workshop where they could see pieces being finished and polished in front of their eyes by his skilled craftsmen and women.



Theo is now going to look over each of the students sketchbooks and offer two students work experience and also make one of the pieces that have been designed.



Names to be announced in the next couple of weeks.

J Blackman



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

Chertsey Area Maths Challenge

This week has been an exceptionally busy week for the SWPS maths department, who hosted the Chertsey Area Maths Challenge on Monday afternoon and a Hans Woyda competition match on Wednesday.



SWPS welcomed students from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 from 5 local schools for this year's Chertsey Area Maths Challenge; Salesian, Magna Carta, Woking High, Chertsey High and St George's College. The students, who were competing in teams of 3, tackled 4 different challenges requiring a variety of mathematical skills.

In a closely fought competition, all SWPS teams performed extremely well, finishing in the top 3 in every year group. SWPS finished 3rd in Years 7 and 8, 2nd in Year 9 and won the Year 10 competition. SWPS also won the contest overall, with St George's finishing second and Woking High finishing third. Well done to all students who took part.

A special thank you goes to the 6th form students who helped with the running of the competition and to the Maths Department without whom the competition could not happen.

Bethan Williams, who was part of the SWPS Year 9 team competing in the Maths Challenge on Monday, was back representing SWPS again on Wednesday, this time in the Hans Woyda competition. Bethan teamed up with Bella Cook (Y10), Clara McKee (L6) and Amy Stonehouse (S6) to take on St George's in SWPS's first Hans Woyda match this year. All 4 students demonstrated resilience and determination to solve very challenging maths problems under time pressure. It was a highly competitive and tense match, but SWPS were narrowly beaten 38-32.

There is a Hans Woyda maths club that takes place every Wednesday after school. If you enjoy the challenge of solving tough mathematical problems and are therefore interested in joining the club, please email Miss Thompson.

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Year 11 Classics Trip to British Museum

This Wednesday, 22 fine Year 11 students of Classical Civilisation travelled to the British Museum on a "field trip" to study a range of exhibits, which relate directly to their GCSE syllabus, including the Parthenon Frieze (aka, controversially, the Elgin Marbles), and other displays directly relevant to the GCSE topics of Classical Women and Mycenaean culture.

After an intense morning of intellectual effort, we chose to reward ourselves with a restaurant visit for authentic Sicilian food, before returning to school with minds and bodies enriched.

I Peel



Netball

Well done to the Year 9 netball B team for a great game against Tormead. We had some excellent attacking play and our defence was so strong they struggled to get the ball past the half way line. Isha had an excellent game and was awarded player of the match - and it was her birthday too! Well done Bs!

The Year 9 netball Cs also had a great game, winning 12-5. Great shooting from Georgia and excellent through-court play from Evie really helped getting the ball down to the shooters. As a team we had plenty of things to work on... particularly footwork from some! But we've got plenty of time to practise those things for future fixtures. Amy was awarded player of the match because of her excellent play in all positions she was put into for the game!! Well done Cs!



Hockey—Surrey Cup – Year 11

SWPS played in the prestigious Surrey Cup last Friday and were drawn in the harder of the two groups with all other schools boasting junior internationals and county players.

SWPS' first game was against St Teresa's and all three of their junior internationals contributed to a 4 – 0 half time lead but after a little 'pep' talk only conceded one goal in the second half. St George's were next and two goals in each half were enough for them to secure the win but it was another improvement from SWPS and this came to the fore in their final group match against St John's. A Hannah Bodoano goal was enough to give SWPS a deserved win and just reward for all the hard work they had put into the day, meaning they missed out on disqualification.

Year 11 Hockey Fixture SWPS 6 – 0 Notre Dame

A weakened SWPS team went to Notre Dame on Monday but still aiming to continue improving on their Surrey Cup performances. This they did in style with a comprehensive victory and they were worth their winning margin, Immy Pepall scoring a hat trick, 2 goals from Maisie Bristow and 1 from Fran Cooke completing the 6.



South Africa Tour

30 students are off to South Africa in 15 DAYS!!



Check out our [SWPSSport twitter feed](#) for daily countdown and fun facts!

Year 8 Hockey Trip to GB v Belgium at Lee Valley

A group of 23 Year 8 hockey students went to the Olympic Park on Tuesday to experience the atmosphere and excitement of watching Great Britain men play Belgium. Despite SWPS' vocal support GB sadly lost the match 3-2 with Belgium scoring a winner in the last 2 minutes. At the end of the match the students got the opportunity to have pictures with some of the players and to get autographs and came back totally inspired by the experience.



Karate

Well Done to Maddie in Year 10 who competed in the Banzai Cup in Berlin this weekend for karate. Maddie won a bronze medal on Sunday in her team event in an awesome event that was the last event of the day. She lost to a Swedish girl in her individual event on Saturday but gained such a lot from the experience.



Well Done Maddie, we love seeing your fantastic updates!

Judo

Congratulations to Sofia Davies (Y7) who competed last weekend for SWPS at the British Schools Judo Regional Championships in Kent, in the Years 6-7 U36kgs Category.

She showed great technical skills throughout her matches coming through to win Gold for the school and her club: Core Judo, in her first competition of the new season!



Good luck to all those playing in fixtures next week, we have a busy week coming up with fixtures from Monday to Thursday after school!

ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here's two of our four Artworks of the Month, for October, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

They're by Bethany McGurk (Y11) and Izzy Man (Y10).

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on our Art Dept website (Artworks of the Month are on the Spotlight page): www.artdesignswps.org.uk



FRIENDS OF SWPS



Sir William Perkins's School
Annual Christmas gift Fair 2018

Join the Christmas team to help
organise the newly revamped
Christmas fair!

Elves of the parental variety are needed
- no experience necessary



Come and make a difference at the biggest Friends fundraiser of the year.
New location, new stallholders and new live entertainment programme.
With only 2 months to go, your help will be invaluable.
Please contact samanthabarry@bopenworld.com to register your interest.

Sam Barry
Christmas Team
Friends of SWPS

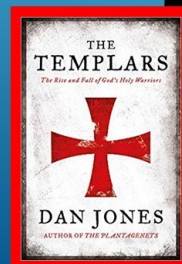
LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The Templars' by Dan Jones, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Do you know the
origins of
Friday the 13th
superstition?
It started with
the Templars!

Book of
the Week



The Knights Templar were the wealthiest, most powerful – and most secretive – of the military orders that flourished in the crusading era. Their story – encompassing as it does the greatest international conflict of the Middle Ages, a network of international finance, a swift rise in wealth and influence followed by a bloody and humiliating fall – has left a comet's tail of mystery that continues to fascinate and inspire historians, novelists and conspiracy theorists.

Libraries Week

Reading and writing 'boost pupils' mental health'

Escaping into a good story is great way for children to cope when they are feeling stressed or worried, says charity.



Children who are the most engaged with reading and writing are three times more likely to have high levels of mental wellbeing than those who are least engaged, [the National Literacy Trust](#) says in a report published today. Its survey, based on 49,047 schoolchildren aged eight to 18, also found that as children move from primary to secondary school, their levels of literacy engagement and mental wellbeing both decline and continue on a downward path.

To combine Libraries Week and World Mental Health Day next week we will discuss the importance of reading and writing in boosting mental health.

Research shows that reading for as little as 6 minutes can reduce stress levels by 60%, slow heartbeat, ease muscle tension and alter people's state of mind.

So support your Library and read a Lot!



What's on in the Library

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

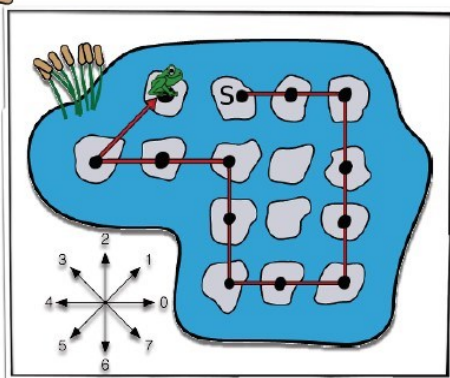




UK BEBRAS 2018

Computational Thinking Challenge

5TH-16TH NOVEMBER



Frog Jump

A frog gets exercise by jumping around a pond. It jumps from lily pad to lily pad in the sequence shown. It starts at the lily pad labelled S. It ends on the lily pad it is currently sitting on. Each black dot marks a lily pad on which the frog has landed.

The "compass" shows 8 possible directions of a jump as integers from 0 to 7.

Which sequence describes the frog's path?

Possible Answers:

- A 4, 1, 0, 0, 6, 6, 4, 4, 2, 2, 1
- B 0, 0, 6, 6, 6, 4, 4, 2, 2, 4, 4, 1
- C 0, 0, 6, 6, 6, 0, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4
- D 6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 2, 4, 1, 1, 1

Students will be competing both against each other and also against students Nationwide.

School prizes for each age group:

- Certificate of Participation
- Certification of Merit
- Certificate of Distinction
- Best in School

Nationwide Prizes:

- Top scoring students are published in Bebras Hall of Fame.
- Top achieving students will be invited to attend a final round and celebration in the New Year. This will take place in Hertford College and the Computer labs at Oxford University.
- Top 10% of students will be invited to enter the TCS Oxford Computing Challenge in March.

To Enter:

- Please contact Mrs Cox by **12th October**
- Sign up to **one** after school session on SOCS (5th – 16th November)



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.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)

SWamPieS' previous adventures:

