



SWPS NEWS



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Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. It will be an opportunity for us to consider, understand and recognise both the tremendous power of the internet for learning as well as its potential dangers. All our students should be confident and safe in their online use.



I have often written that our young people live in a world barely comprehended by their parents: it is a fast, demanding and ever present factor in their day. The pull of social media is difficult to resist, especially for teenagers and some can find it hard to maintain social relationships outside the orbit of the digital universe.

The dangers of the social media world have been widely stated. Television documentaries, radio programmes and hundreds of newspaper articles regularly and rightly examine this topic. Although it would appear that there is little, as yet, hard scientific evidence to demonstrate that over exposure to social sites are intrinsically bad for one's health, we all instinctively feel that hours spent on the computer, surfing the world wide web or social media, can be detrimental.

What we do know is that digital social media normalises impulses – something is thought and then posted. The consequent rate of change in terms of social norms is bewildering. For those of us who remember a time before Facebook, consider the following: imaging walking around your school with a picture of you or something that you were doing, and asking people, possibly even strangers, to like you.

Any enterprise whose sole purpose is to maximise the number of hits, clicks and images seen, even images of a self-destructive nature, will, far too often, turn a blind eye to the consequences.

So Safer Internet Day will enable us to focus on techniques, strategies and skills for our students to navigate the internet safely, to protect their personal data and, enjoy a hugely valuable resource of information.

Upcoming Events

2 Feb	SWPSBC: Hampton Head
4 Feb	RS: Southall Experience
	Careers: Y10—S6 Workshop
5 Feb	Sport: Ski Trip Parent Info Eve
	Safer Internet Day
6 Feb	Science: Y7 Trip to Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium
	Biology: S6 Olympiad
7 Feb	Maths: UKMT Intermediate Challenge
	Y11: Parents' Evening
8 Feb	Careers: Y10—13 Sir Simon McDonald Talk
9 Feb	DT: Y11 & 6F Workshop

Concerts

Join us in a treat of musical performances by our Year 7s at 12.55 PM in the Jarvis Room. (CLICK TO RESERVE SEATS)

7 Feb	7L Concert
14 Feb	7P Concert
7 Mar	7Q Concert



Mary Poppins Matinee for Feeder Schools

Six local schools joined in the fun on Wednesday afternoon to see a run-through of our production of Mary Poppins. Children from Pycroft Grange, Westward, Staines Prep., Twickenham Prep., Halstead and Upton House Schools arrived with great excitement and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Thanks to our student ambassadors who greeted them and helped with refreshments. We love being able to welcome our local schools, with whom we have such a warm relationship.

Good luck to the cast and crew for the main performances this weekend!



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 LOOK OUT FOR THE ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK...!

Classical Civilization Conference on Aristophanes' Frogs at Warwick University

Last Friday all those studying Classical Civilization in the Sixth Form attended a conference at Warwick University on one of their set plays, Aristophanes' comedy Frogs.

Following an introduction and an excellent talk by Professor Michael Scott in which the play was set in a historical context, the students attended a university-style seminar on the opening of the play and the expectations it sets up for the play as a whole.

After lunch there was a further excellent lecture by Professor C W Marshall from the University of British Columbia, in which the literary context of the play was explored more fully. Well done to Ella Hatherall and Hannah Burrows who had the confidence to ask the speakers some excellent questions.

A performance of the comedy by the students of the Classics department concluded the day. There was an impressive set and some fine performances which enabled the students to see how the play can be lifted from the page to the stage.



Engineering Education Scheme

Five L6th students embarked on an Engineering Education Scheme project last term set for them by BP.

They spent two days over the Christmas holidays at a residential workshop at UCL working on their design solution to testing how the amount of sand pumped up from oil deposits can be detected.

They are now working on a test rig to try out their sensor before presenting their work to a panel of senior engineers at BP in April.

CAREERS



Foreign & Commonwealth Office

We are extremely excited to be welcoming Sir Simon McDonald, the Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to SWPS next Friday morning. He will be giving a talk to all upper school students about careers in the Foreign Office.

We are sure it will be both an inspiring and educational talk.

Year 12 and 13 A level German Study Day

Last Thursday (24th January) the Year 12 and 13 A level German students visited an A level revision day at St George's College, where the University of King's College London brought along several of their staff to run a series of lectures covering some of the key topics studied in the German A level curriculum.

Many schools from the local area (and some from London) were there as well, meaning we could meet other students studying German and get an insight into their different opinions and ideas about key concepts and issues within German society.

The day was extremely useful, as we were able to take notes on some of the key aspects of German culture such as typical German traditions and holidays and the significant events regarding the communist state of the GDR and the effects of the fall of the Berlin Wall on German society. We were also able to break out into smaller groups to discuss the film and literary works we are studying and share ideas about the main ideas and themes in them. To finish with, we participated in a talk about the importance of translation in society and everyday life and how the meaning of a sentence can be completely altered by just a few words: encouraging us to be extra careful in our own translations!

Overall, the day was assuredly useful and really helped us with revising the key topics within the German A level syllabus.

Emily Clarke S6



Friends of SWPS | Classlist

SWPS families are invited to join Classlist, a web-based networking site to keep in touch with other parents/carers organised by Form, Year group, or the whole school! The Friends of SWPS also use Classlist to keep you up-to-date on their events and activities throughout the term, so join now to stay in the loop! **CLICK BELOW TO SIGN UP!**

Don't miss out! Come and join in. Meet and message other parents, share the school run, sell off outgrown toys and uniform, organise birthday parties and much more...



Parents, get the free Classlist App and join in now!

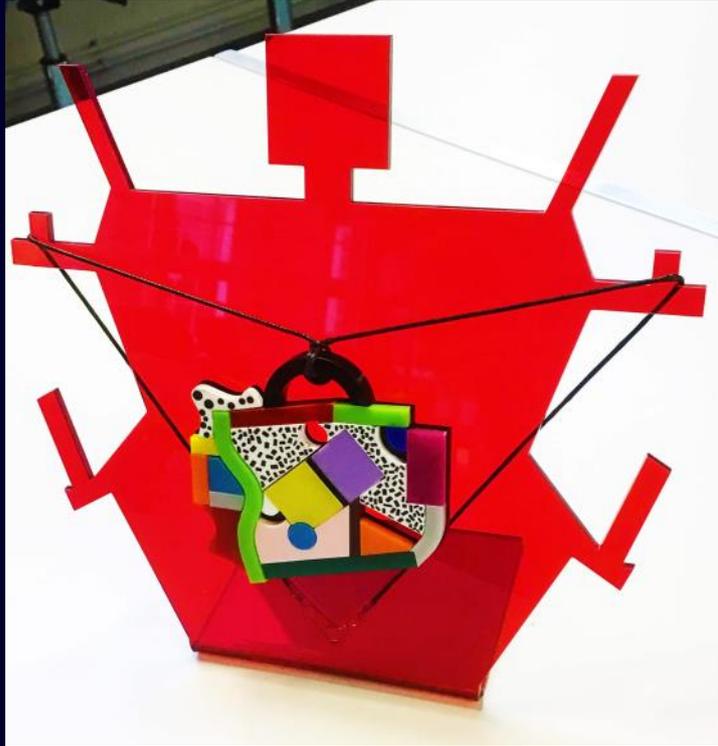


Classlist

DESIGNS OF THE WEEK

This week we have our second finished jewellery piece from the L6. Charlotte's jewellery piece is inspired by the Memphis Design movement.

She has engraved and layered different colours of acrylic to create her strikingly bold piece.



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

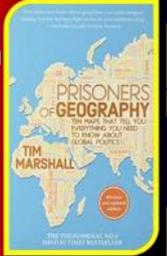
This week's BotW is 'Prisoner of Geography' by Tim Marshall, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

All leaders are constrained by geography. Their choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete. Yes, to follow world events you need to understand people, ideas and movements - but if you don't know geography, you'll never have the full picture.

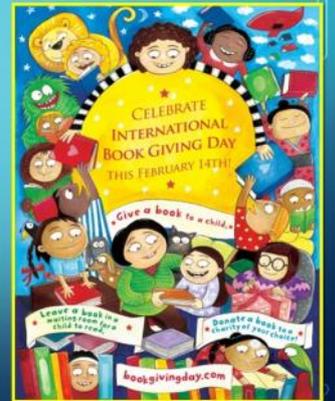
If you've ever wondered why Putin is so obsessed with Crimea, why the USA was destined to become a global superpower, or why China's power base continues to expand ever outwards, the answers are all here. Using maps, essays and occasionally the personal experiences of the author, *Prisoners of Geography* looks at the past, present and future to offer an essential insight into one of the major factors that determines world history.

It's time to put the 'geo' back into geopolitics.

Book of the Week



To celebrate International Book Giving Day on the 14th of February we will, as last year, collect books for charity. Bring your donations to the Library or leave them at the student entrance. THANK YOU 😊



What's on in the Library

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

MUSIC

Music Scholars' Concert: LISTEN NOW!

Listen to the recording of our fantastic Music Scholars' Concert from last week by

[CLICKING HERE](#)



YEAR 7 LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Thursday 31 January - 7M
Thursday 7 February - 7L
Thursday 14 February - 7P
Thursday 7 March - 7Q
12.55 pm in the Jarvis Room



Join us to watch our Year 7s perform either as a group or playing their chosen solo piece.

Parents, friends and relatives are all welcome to attend these informal concerts.

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT](#)

Hockey

The Year 8 hockey team had their first Home fixture against Millbourne Lodge on Tuesday, coming away with an excellent 4–0 victory.

Issy Barton scored 3 and Charlotte Duggan with the other goal but both Amber Sourbron and Annabelle Martins-Itua as goalkeepers for SWPS were kept busy and played a big part in the victory.

Netball

The Year 9 netball teams went to St Teresa's on Monday. The As had a really close game. At the end of the third quarter they were behind by 6 goals and a storming last quarter meant they only lost by 1 goal in the end 14–15. Excellent attacking and defensive work from the whole team pulled them back into the game.

The B team unfortunately lost 3–13 but managed to put in some good passages of play from the defence to the attack, they were unfortunately unable to convert our goals.

A great fixture for the Year 9s, Well done all!

Well done to the A, B and C Year 7 netball teams for some great matches against Salesian School on Wednesday.

The A team won 16–2. The whole team played excellently with some awesome defence work and lovely through court play. Millie was awarded player of the match.

The Bs won their match 10–1. Excellent shooting from Sarah, especially in the first quarter, put us up from the start and a strong continued effort kept us ahead throughout!

The C team won their match 18–2. Fantastic shooting from Zoe throughout kept us way ahead and the excellent defence kept them from scoring many goals! Player of the match was Zoe.

Staff Success!

Well done to Mr Tilling who raced at the Quintin Head of River race from Chiswick Bridge to below Hammersmith Bridge with his Weybridge Rowing Club eight, coming first in their category!



Judo

Sofia Davies (Y7) represented SWPS at the Girls' Independent Schools Judo Competition held on Saturday at High Wycombe Judo club. She did not disappoint her school or club (CoreJudo), winning her first fight in under 6 seconds with a perfectly executed Uchi Mata and going on to win all of her following fights by Ippon.

She displayed some nicely executed Judo finishing the day as the Independent Schools Judo Champion with a 1st place Gold for SWPS in the under 36kg weight division.



Rowing Lessons

Year 7 had great fun remembering the correct sequence when rowing. They were all chanting "arms, body, legs, body, arms". As they are mastering the technique their personal bests in the 250m sprint are improving. Keep up the good work Year 7!

Swimming

Congratulations to Katie in Year 8 for her success at the Berks and South Bucks County Championships this weekend.

She came 2nd in 50 freestyle, and 3rd in both 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

She has also qualified to swim all three events at the South East Regional Competition which will be held in May in Crawley.

Cross Country

Following her success in the District Cross Country Championships Jessica Wilkes took part in the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championship on 19th January in Reigate, racing for the North West Surrey District. Jessica had a great run finishing 30th in the Junior Girls race, where she was competing against students in the year above. Jessica was the 18th Year 8 to finish which means that she has been selected to run for Surrey in the South East Inter Counties fixture on 23rd March at Horsham. We wish her all the best for a good run there also!