



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

It is a new year and our school assembly began with Luther. The 15th century theologian not the fictional crime detective, mind.

Why might a German pastor be of relevance to today's teenagers?

The professor, who studied religion and thought deeply about his inner self, consequently struggled with who he was. In his terms he worried about who he was before his God. He found that his outer shell was increasingly at odds with his inner identity. In modern parlance – he was not being "true to himself". What was going on inside matters and he was desperate to avoid doing things merely to please others. For Luther faith alone was the path to God and this was his journey to end the turmoil.

It is during our teenage years that we begin to think about who we are; what we want to be; and what we want to achieve in the future. During this time, teenagers, like Luther 500 years ago, reflect on their inner self.

That inner self is who we are and what we are; if our inner self does not align with how we are seen by others unhappiness and anxiety are likely to be present. Yet our inner self is also our guide to how we should behave, an internal moral compass and it is here that we find the notion of integrity. Our inner self contains our integrity.

The word integrity comes from the Latin word integer which means whole, complete. Hence an integer is a whole number. Integrity is that feeling – it is our sense of being honest, fair and whole. An individual who possesses integrity will tell the whole truth. There is no side. There is no attempt to deceive. At SWPS integrity is at our core.

If activities are not pursued with integrity the wholeness of our inner self is compromised. It is the nagging itch that arises when we do something which we know to be wrong. We may hope to escape the consequences, but our integrity is still there in whatever we do, nudging us, prodding us and pushing us. We can do no other.

I wish you a happy new year.

### Christmas Comeback 2019

Our annual post-Christmas reunion of Perkonians who have recently left us to study at University took place last week. In a private dining room at the Hand and Spear in Weybridge, students and staff caught up on personal and academic news, and good food and drink were enjoyed by all. Fond memories of SWPS days were exchanged, and staff were pleased to know how firmly the SWPS experience underpinned the transition to Higher Education – it is good to hear, first hand! Thanks to the staff who gave up their evening to join in, and for the offers of help from our wonderful Perkonians who are so willing to share their experiences with current SWPS students in preparing them for "life after SWPS". We heard about how they had looked out for fellow Perkonians following in their Uni footsteps, catching up with them during Freshers' Week, and taking them under their wing for those first vital few weeks at Uni.



### Upcoming Events

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| 12 Jan | <b>Admissions:</b><br>Entrance Exam                  |
|        | <b>Duke of Edinburgh:</b><br>Volunteer Training Day  |
| 15 Jan | <b>Friends of SWPS:</b><br>Committee Meeting         |
| 19 Jan | <b>SWPS Boat Club:</b><br>Weybridge Winter Head      |
| 20 Jan | <b>School Production:</b><br>'Mary Poppins' Prep Day |
| 21 Jan | <b>RS:</b><br>Y10 trip to<br>Bhaktivedanta Manor     |
|        | <b>Ghana Residential:</b><br>Parent Info Evening     |

### Concerts

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

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| 24 Jan | <a href="#">Scholars' Concert</a> |
| 31 Jan | <a href="#">7M Concert</a>        |
| 7 Feb  | <a href="#">7L Concert</a>        |
| 14 Feb | <a href="#">7P Concert</a>        |
| 7 Mar  | <a href="#">7Q Concert</a>        |

### Uniform

Now that the winter has set in it has been great to see our students wrapped up warmly on their way to and from school. Thank you to everyone for all your support in maintaining a very smart appearance amongst our students!

On this note, all students were reminded in our assembly on Monday morning that there is a requirement for them to wear the prescribed outer garments, as listed in the Uniform Code, (see [www.swps.org.uk/Uniform](http://www.swps.org.uk/Uniform)) for all students in Years 7 to 11. School coats, scarves and hats are all available from our uniform providers, AlleyCatz ([www.alleycatz.co.uk](http://www.alleycatz.co.uk)).

I look forward to working with everyone to ensure our high standards in uniform continue to be upheld.

**Mrs S Husselbury**  
Senior Deputy Head

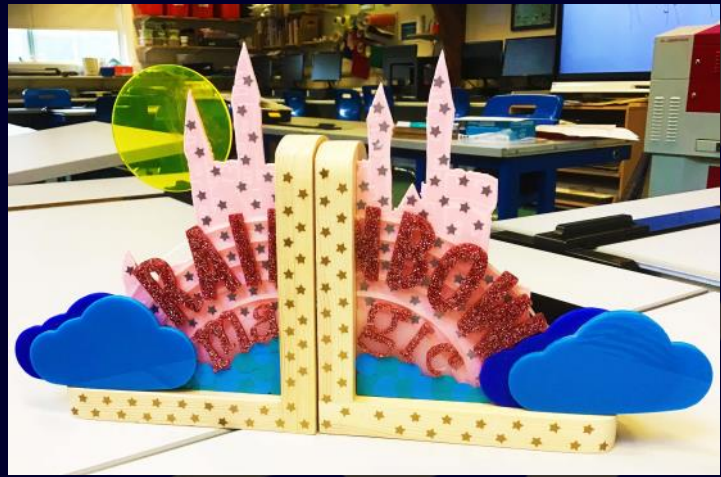


## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

### Designs of the Week

This week's design of the week are the bookends designed by Rushali in 8X inspired by the sparkle fairies series of books. The department have been very impressed by the attention to detail and way she has combined the different coloured acrylics and vinyl stickers together. Keep up the good work!

**J Blackman**



### Year 8 Bookend Project: 8Z on Display in the Library

This week the bookends completed by 8Z before the holiday have been on display in the library. All the bookend designs have been inspired by students' favourite story books and they have used themes and storylines to inspire original designs made from acrylic and pine. Next week look out for 8X's designs on display next week!



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 'Milkman' by Anna Burns, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

In this unnamed city, to be interesting is dangerous. Middle sister, our protagonist, is busy attempting to keep her mother from discovering her maybe-boyfriend and to keep everyone in the dark about her encounter with Milkman.

But when first brother-in-law sniffs out her struggle, and rumours start to swell, middle sister becomes 'interesting'.

The last thing she ever wanted to be. To be interesting is to be noticed and to be noticed is dangerous.

Milkman is a tale of gossip and hearsay, silence and deliberate deafness. It is the story of inaction with enormous consequences.

**Book of the Week**



**Winner of the Man Booker Prize 2018**



### What's on in the Library

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

## COMPUTER SCIENCE



### CALLING ALL YEAR 8 SWPS STUDENTS

The CyberFirst Girls Competition 2019, organised by The National Cyber Security Centre, provides an opportunity for girls to gain cyber skills, solve problems, work as a team and have fun with friends.

Year 8 students will be working in teams of four, competing against other Year 8 students Nationwide.

#### Key Dates:

- 17 January - Registration Deadline
- 21 January to 28 January 2019 - Online round takes place
- 24/25 March 2019 - The Grand Final

#### Nationwide Prizes:

Top 10 teams nationally will be invited to take part in the Grand Final on 24/25 March 2019 including:

- Welcome Dinner on 24 March
- Overnight Accommodation
- Grand Final Competition on 25 March
- Prizes

#### To Enter:

Please contact Mrs Cox or Mr Alexander by **17 January 2018**



## MUSIC

### SCHOLARS' CONCERT

**Thursday 24 January**

**12.55 pm in the Jarvis Room**

Join us in a treat of musical performances as our

**Music Scholars take to the stage.**

Parents, friends and relatives are all welcome to attend.



**CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT**

### 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.

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## Netball—Year 7: Wednesday

Straight back into a fixture for the Year 7 netballers against Guildford High on Wednesday. The A team had a fantastic game with a very close first half but managed to pull away in the second half with a final result of 12-7! Fantastic shooting by Feirin and Sofia and player of the match was awarded to Jade.

A tough game for the B team who unfortunately lost 6-10, but fantastic through court play from Ellie, Maddy and Amelie kept us in the game throughout. Amelie was awarded player of the match.

The Cs were also faced with a tough game and fantastic play by Guildford's shooters secured the win for Guildford 21-2. The whole team played excellently against a very strong opposition. Alice was awarded player of the match. Well done netballers!



## Hockey—Thursday

The Year 7 A & B hockey teams went to St Teresa's on Thursday after school. The A team lost 3-2 but had a close game. We were 2-0 down at half time so a huge improvement in the second half to come back to 3-2. Goals from Heather and Ashbury. Imogen was awarded player of the match.

The B team also had a close game, losing 1-0. St Teresa's scored at the start of the match but we couldn't equalise, despite having more shots at goal throughout the rest of the game. Excellent continued effort throughout the match from the whole team. Player of the match was Laura. Well done both teams!

## London Landmarks Half Marathon

One of our Lower Sixth students, Emily, will be running the London Landmarks half marathon on Sunday 24 March in support of Scope, the disability equality charity. Having volunteered for them for a number of months, Emily was inspired by the amazing work the charity does to promote a society where all disabled people enjoy equality and fairness. Running a half marathon is a huge challenge, but Emily is doing it for a fantastic cause and we're all behind her!

Anyone who would like to read more about Emily's story or donate to her challenge can do so by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emily-peyton>

## Ballroom & Latin Dance

Congratulations to Bethan Williams (Y9) who, with her dance partner Katie, took part in in the "Champions of Tomorrow" competition at the Winter Gardens Ballroom in Blackpool last weekend.



Bethan dominated the competition and placed 1st in Ballroom and made the final of Latin making them the number 1 partnership across both disciplines.

Both SWPS and her parents are immensely proud of her achievement and wish her and her partner the best of luck in her future competitions!

## Rowing

Year 7 are very fortunate to have Miss Arnold, one of the SWPS Rowing Coaches leading their Indoor Rowing PE sessions as part of their curriculum lessons. Lesson one was all about learning the correct



technique and coaching their peers, the students learnt lots of new vocabulary and had great fun during the session.



**SWPSBC Website has been revamped!**  
Check it out: [www.swps.org.uk/SWPSBC](http://www.swps.org.uk/SWPSBC)



- Athlete Resources
- Nutritional Help
- Anti Doping Info

- Parent Association Events Info
- Kit and Equipment links
- Interesting Articles

- Reading Lists
- Twitter Feed
- Instagram Feed



## Club Dinner & Awards Night

30 March 2019



**Guest Speaker**  
**Annamarie Phelps CBE**



- Chair of British Rowing 2013-2018
- 1996 Olympian (Womens 8+)
- 1993 World Champion (Womens L4-)
- Vice Chair British Olympic Association