



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

How will the education world change in the next five to ten years? What might our current Year 7s expect to see as they leave the school in 2026? Unsurprisingly it was, and is, a tough question, and only time will tell who was right in their response. Nonetheless, it is a question which everyone in education regularly asks themselves.

If clichés are always true, few statements have more salience or resonance in describing the state of education: where education is concerned, change is the only constant. Everywhere we look, at home or abroad, we see educational revolution.

A baby born today will be in their thirties by 2050 and will probably live until 2100. It is mind-blowing to think that these babies will be the first citizens of the 22nd century. It is, as such, almost beyond one's comprehension to predict which skills an individual born today will need to compete in the job market of tomorrow. Indeed it is hard to predict what the world will be like in 2025, never mind 2100!

The extraordinary change that we have ourselves witnessed, economically, socially and politically, suggests that the future is going to be very different from the past or the present. In terms of human history, this fact is unprecedented.

For much of human history, our species knew what the future would be like; in essence it would be like the past. So the skills that previous generations taught their children were precisely the ones they themselves had needed for their adult lives.

Today, by contrast, no-one really knows what competencies a child born in 2019 will need for a job market almost 20 years hence. But we can make some informed guesses.

Our young people are bombarded with information every day and in very part of their lives. Misinformation, fake news and distractions are an ever present reality for them (and us!). Information which is immediate and unfiltered; information which possesses quantity but is in shortage of quality. It is unlikely that this will change.

The assumption that students need more data and that they will, of their own accord, create their own accurate picture of the world is fallacious. Some educationalists have, therefore, argued that students will need to develop the four Cs – critical thinking; communication, collaboration and creativity.

Perhaps, but if the only certainty is change then the most important life skill we, as a school, can impart, is the ability to cope with change – the ability, in other words, to learn and to keep on learning and, moreover, to love learning.

That is why we, at SWPS, talk about instilling a love of life-long learning. We want our students to be excited by the opportunity to learn, to discover new talents and as a result expand their intellectual horizons. It is that ability, I'd wager, which will be the hallmark of a successful individual in the 21st and 22nd centuries.

Upcoming Events

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| 16—23 Feb | Sport: Y9-11 Ski Trip |
| 18—21 Feb | SWPSBC: Testing Week |
| 19 Feb | DT: Y11+ Workshop |
| 23 Feb | SWPSBC: Burway Head |
| 23—24 Feb | SWPSBC: GB Trials |
| 26 Feb | Debating: Oxford Schools Regionals |
| | Economics & Politics: 6F Keynes Society Talk |
| 28 Feb | Sport: NW Surrey Swimming Gala |
| | Year 10: Parents' Eve |
| 1 Mar | Admissions: Prospective Pupil Info Morning |
| | Classics: Dinner |

Concerts

Join us in a treat of musical performances by our students in the Jarvis Room. Coming up are our remaining Y7 concerts as well as our Concert@1 featuring students from ALL years.

Tickets are free, but seats must be reserved through the links below.

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| 14 Feb | 7P Concert |
| 28 Feb | Lunchtime Concert |
| 6 Mar | Speech & Drama Concert |
| 7 Mar | 7Q Concert |



The River Bourne Club in Chertsey is seeking part time NPLQ qualified Lifeguards to join our team to welcome our members and guests and ensure our swimming pool is safe to use.

If you are a team player who has bags of enthusiasm, a positive attitude and experience working in a customer-led environment, then our Lifeguard opportunity will offer you the challenge and development you are seeking.

Responsibilities

- Responsible for the maintenance, safety & cleanliness of poolside during your shifts.
- Responsible for the safety of bathers at all times.
- This role includes supervision of the pool and pool side activities.

You will need a National Pool Lifeguard Qualification and the role requires a combination of early and late shifts and weekend work.

For more information or to apply please email your CV to pool@rbhealthclub.co.uk

Young Enterprise

Our Young Enterprise teams – RAH Retro and Amaze, attended the Young Enterprise Half Year Festival at the Bank of America offices in Camberley on Tuesday. The event gave students the opportunity to prepare for the competition finals in March, where they will compete with local schools and then if successful, will go on to compete in the Surrey Finals. We wish both teams the best of luck!



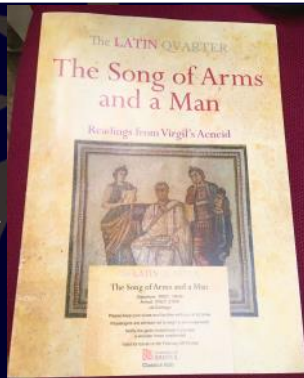
Careers

Thank you to Matthew Twyford who ran an excellent seminar on Monday discussing a career in Visual Effects. The students were fascinated to see samples of his work in well-known films and he gave an excellent explanation of what would be involved in working in this industry.

Our next Careers Seminar is on Monday 4 March by Seb David for students interested in being a Chartered Surveyor. Students can sign up via the link on Firefly and on SOCS.

Song of Arms and of a Man

A group of students studying Latin and Classical Civilization, undeterred by storm Eric, set off to Bristol University last Saturday to hear a performance of Song of Arms and of a Man. This is a re-telling of the story of Vergil's Aeneid in Latin and English by a group of talented performers including the soprano singer Emma Kirkby and the actor Matthew Hargreaves. The story is told through a selection of Latin passages linked by narration in English and accompanied by the music of an aulos, an ancient double-pipe.



The occasion was made all the more special by the fact that Eileen Zoratti in the Senior Sixth shared the stage with these talented performers playing the part of Camilla the warrior maiden. Her reading of the part was perfectly delivered and we were proud to be there to support her for this very special and well-deserved opportunity.

As well as enjoying the obligatory pizza before the performance, the students, who are all studying the



Aeneid in Latin or English, derived great benefit and enjoyment from hearing the whole story of Aeneas delivered as it may well have been at the time when it was written.



Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

Clara McKee (L6) became a Bebras Finalist in Computational Thinking Challenge at the Department of Computer Science at the University of Oxford. Read her account below:

"The UK Bebras Challenge Elite finals took place in Oxford at the beginning of February, and I was one of about fifty participants. I got to spend the whole day in Oxford, though the challenge itself (involving questions testing logic and computational thinking) took place in the morning. Since this only lasted 45 minutes, the organisers had then arranged a programme of lectures on computing-related topics such as AI and neural networks, and tours of both Hertford College and University College. The day ended with presentations in Hertford College Chapel. I had a really interesting day and was very honoured to be able to attend."

Reaching the final of the Elite age group is an impressive achievement, as 6,415 students Nationwide entered the first round for the age group (16–18). Clara was among the top 60 highest achieving students invited to the final round in her age group, and was presented with her finalist's certificate at a prize-giving ceremony at Hertford College. Well done Clara!

Lower School Book Club

These were some of the suggested reads for under the duvet during the dark evenings and icy mornings: 'The Territory Trilogy' by Sarah Govett, 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwoog Hargreave, and 'Wonder' by R J Palacio.

We look forward to hearing more exciting recommendations at our next meeting on Thursday 4 April.





Tate Modern

The Year 11 Art & Design trip to Tate Modern this week was very inspiring and extremely valuable for the development of the students' current coursework. As well as exploring the permanent collection, the students also visited the Pierre Bonnard Exhibition; the first major exhibit of his work in the UK for 20 years.

Focussing on work from 1914 until his death in 1947, a time in which Bonnard began to experiment with his use of colour; the exhibition gave a captivating insight into the life and working techniques of one of the 20th Century's most loved artists. Bonnard's unique handling of colour and his preference for working from memory creates a captivating and mesmerising experience for the viewer.

We thoroughly recommend seeing this exhibition. It would be a great thing to do over half-term!



ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here's our second Artwork of the Month, for February, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by **Miranda (Y11)**.

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on the Art Dept website: artdesignswps.org.uk

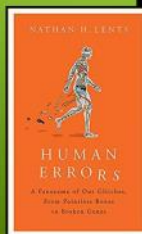


LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Human Errors' by Nathan H. Lents, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Book of the Week



We like to think of ourselves as highly evolved creatures. But if we are evolution's greatest creation, why are we so badly designed? We have retinas that face backward, the stump of a tail, and way too many bones in our wrists. We must find vitamins and nutrients in our diets that other animals simply make for themselves. Millions of us can't reproduce successfully without help from modern science. We have nerves that take bizarre paths, muscles that attach to nothing, and lymph nodes that do more harm than good. And that's just the beginning of the story.



What's on in the Library

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

DESIGNS OF THE WEEK

This week's Design of the Week from the Design Technology Department is Siona Mistry in 8P with her excellent pewter cast design. Siona has shown excellent dedication to filing and polishing her piece of an exceptionally high standard. Year 8 are swapping over after half term to home economics, we are looking forward to meeting our new batch of students in the second rotation!



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

Netball

MONDAY—Year 9s v Salesian

The Year 9 A and B team played against Salesian School on Monday evening.

The As made a shaky start, not playing to their full potential, however they sorted out their play and came away with a 9-4 win. Unfortunately the Bs lost 1-11 with Salesian's shooting proving too good for us to keep up with.

TUESDAY—Year 10s v Salesian

The Year 10s also played Salesian on Tuesday. They had an excellent match, winning 24-11. Saskia was awarded player of the match for excellent control in the centre position, however the whole team played excellently, bringing the ball through court as a team

WEDNESDAY—Year 7s v Priors Field

The Year 7 A, B and C team played against Prior's Field on Wednesday. The As won 16-11, with Jade being awarded Player of the Match. The Bs won 14-7 with Amelie awarded Player of the Match. The Cs won their match 7-3 with Imogen awarded Player of the Match. Fantastic play by all to finish a great half term of netball!



THURSDAY—Year 8s v Salesian

The Year 8s were the final team to play Salesian this week. The A team won 22-6 and Tilly was awarded player of the match. The B team won 26-3 and Arrissa was player of the match! Great play from all Year 8s and excellent wins to finish the half term, well done all!!



Dance

This term the Year 8s have been busy with their 'Dance around the World'. This has involved all classes choosing a dance from across the globe and researching it, then teaching themselves the moves, culminating in a performance to their peers at the end of this half term.

Each class selected various dances which ranged from the Argentinian Tango to South African 'gumboot dance' and 'Puppet' dance, and Hawaiian dance to Russian Ballet. Students were very motivated and were guided by Mrs Tyler and Miss England, as well as using iPads to do their own research.

Well done to all those who performed and choreographed their routines – they were excellent!



BUILDING CONFIDENCE, INTEGRITY & EXCELLENCE



Ready to Row



Following a hugely successful term for Ready to Row, we are delighted to offer the same programme for **Summer Term 2019!**

Limited spaces, so book early to avoid disappointment! Deadline for bookings and payment Friday 15 March.

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 Nutritional advice



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

Your trainer:

Mr Tackney 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.

* Save the date *

Y8 Learn to Row sessions on the water will be on offer for 11 / 12 / 13 July 2019

£12.50 for one session per week
£22.50 for two sessions per week

Requires booking in advance and commitment for a whole term.

Book via SOCS by Friday 15 March 2019

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

SAVE THE DATE PERKONIAN NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Sat 27 Apr

TEAMS WANTED:

- ◆ CURRENT STUDENTS
- ◆ PARENTS
- ◆ PERKONIANS

Email

alumnae@swps.org.uk
to sign up



A FUN-FILLED TOURNAMENT
FOLLOWED BY DELICIOUS
AFTERNOON TEA!

SWamPieS DRAGONS

TEAM SWAMPIES ARE BACK!

On Sunday 19 May 2019 a Brave (and misguided) group of SWPS staff known as team SWamPieS are taking on their 6th year of charity challenges and return to - Dragon Boat Racing (sorry - no mud this year!).

The SwamPieS team are Dragon Boat racing at Goldsworth Park, Woking and need your support. This is a fun day and friends and family are welcome to cheer on the participants so please come along to support team SWamPieS!

Once again, SWamPieS are fundraising for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices and are gratefully receiving donations on their justgiving page.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)



The Speech and Drama Department would like to invite you to our annual concert. Featuring solo and group performances this is a great opportunity to watch our students showcase their talent and hard work.

Friends of SWPS will be serving refreshments during the interval - join us at an evening not to be missed!

SPEECH & DRAMA CONCERT



Wednesday 6 March 2019

7pm - 9pm

Main Hall

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invite you to our annual concert.*

**TO JOIN US, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR PLACE
BY CLICKING HERE**

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY TRIP COPENHAGEN & BILLUND

Year 10 - 13

21st - 25th October 2019



Letters have been sent out via school comms this week. For more information please email:

jblackman@swps.org.uk

This trip is open to anyone with an interest in DT, science and engineering who will be in year 10 upwards next academic year!

COMMUNITY YOUTH GOSPEL CHOIR

Age 10 - 17 year olds

creative fun solos & duets harmonies technique all abilities welcome



TERM TIME - APRIL & MAY

Sundays 3pm-5pm

**Venue: Three Rivers Academy
Walton on Thames KT12 5PY**

Sign up to register by March 20th
Email: walton@oasischurch.org.uk or Phone: 07799 802 167