



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

As many of you will have read, the use of social media and the Internet are, justifiably, a “hot” topic in education. On the back of Safer Internet Day, schools and ministers are rightly thinking hard about what the potential consequences for students can be in terms of their online lives.

The widespread comments and concern arise from the fact that every student today will have their life documented in digital form. Good conduct and success will undoubtedly be posted online for friends and family to share and enjoy. But when poor or embarrassing conduct is revealed to the world it can be both harmful and upsetting.

Captured by the ubiquitous camera and fanned out through digital communication, indiscretion may become an albatross that an individual can never escape. Instantaneous global dissemination is part of the tremendous power of the internet and it is a power with potentially appalling consequences, magnifying a problem beyond measure. The digital world extends the private sphere both in space and time. For our young people today, the past may haunt them in a way inconceivable to previous generations.

Education will help: understanding the ramifications that might prevent an individual from indulging in a practice that leads to public humiliation or embarrassment, and as a result cause serious unhappiness and distress, is essential.

Our students, the internet generation, are living their lives as if in a fishbowl. Decisions that they make in terms of what they post on the internet require a consideration of their reputation, their future employers, and even their future partners. All this to ask from a teenager!

So how might a young person respond? They might be tempted to adopt one of two strategies: excessive caution or recklessness. Excessive caution may limit their choices now, whilst recklessness may limit choices for the future. Either way, education is key to a middle path where we can support, guide and help our students to navigate the digital world with safety and with confidence.

We talk to our students about what they write online and to whom they write. We make them aware that the power of the image is something which must always be taken into account and the risks of manipulation and sharing without consent.

Youthful experiment, taking risks, rebelling against the established order, are often central acts of growing up, of becoming independent and of developing into a well-adjusted adult. Yet life in the digital fish bowl is difficult to navigate, and our role at SWPS, as teachers and adults, is to provide them with a measure of skills to cope with integrity and with confidence.



### Upcoming Events

9 Feb	<b>Classics:</b> Y10+ to University of Bristol
11 Feb	<b>Careers:</b> Y10+ Workshop
13 Feb	<b>Senior Sixth:</b> Parents' Eve
14 Feb	<b>Art:</b> Y11 to Tate Modern
15 Feb	<b>SCHOOL BREAKS UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
16—23 Feb	<b>Sport:</b> Y9-11 Ski Trip
18—21 Feb	<b>SWPSBC:</b> Testing Week
19 Feb	<b>DT:</b> Y11+ Workshop
23 Feb	<b>SWPSBC:</b> Burway Head
23—24 Feb	<b>SWPSBC:</b> GB Trials
26 Feb	<b>Debating:</b> Oxford Schools Regionals
	<b>Economics &amp; Politics:</b> 6F Keynes Society Talk
28 Feb	<b>Sport:</b> NW Surrey Swimming Gala
	<b>Year 10:</b> Parents' Eve
1 Mar	<b>Admissions:</b> Prospective Pupil Info Morning
	<b>Classics:</b> 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.

14 Feb	<a href="#">7P Concert</a>
28 Feb	<a href="#">Lunchtime Concert</a>
7 Mar	<a href="#">7Q Concert</a>

### Examination Invigilators

Would you like to join the SWPS Community as an Exam Invigilator? Click the link below for details!

[OPPORTUNITIES AT SWPS](#)



### Mary Poppins: Practically Perfect

A huge congratulations to the cast and crew of Mary Poppins, who produced four wonderfully enjoyable performances last week. There was definitely a touch of Julie Andrews about Sarah Johnson, who played the eponymous role, and the shoes of Dick Van Dyke were more than ably filled by Olivia Cox-Lousada as Bert.

The show-stopping numbers 'Supercalifragilistic' and 'Step in Time' had the audience whooping and calling out for more, as the whole cast danced their way through the intricate choreography of students Annabel Nicholls, Felicity Cunliffe and Amy Clough.

As ever, the production was skilfully supported by the lighting and sound crew and a crack team of stage hands.



These are pictures of some of the students who came into school during a recent weekend to paint the backdrop for our production of Mary Poppins. The students all worked extremely hard, and the end result was stunning. As well as working on the backdrop, some of the students designed and painted a bedroom interior, and a market stall that sold words (such as supercalifragilisticexpialidocious).



### Top of the Bench

On Thursday 24 January Amelie Christian (Y9), Lauren Mansey (Y9), Zara Cope (Y10) and Imogen Pepall (Y11) competed in the annual Royal Society of Chemistry's "Top of the Bench" competition at RGS Guildford.

Students from another 11 schools from Surrey brought their teams to complete various chemistry practicals ranging from measuring energy changes to calculating rates and titrations, after performing their challenging practicals the competitors sat a chemistry quiz.



Overall the SWPS team finished 5th which included an impressive performance from the Y9 team who came in first place with the most marks in their practical section.

### DoE AWARD



The first DoE training walk of the year took place for the new Silver cohort last Sunday 3 Feb. In an echo from last year the Beast from The East (almost) reared its ugly head, with snow on Thursday and Friday trying to

delay our plans but to no avail, we carried on regardless. The teams met up with their supervisors on Tilford Green in very cold, snowy but bright conditions, which were almost alpine. Following a kit check, to ensure students all had suitable clothing for the conditions they set off on a circular walk in the countryside between Farnham and Godalming.

Supervisors were on hand with their team to check students' knowledge from their Bronze expeditions and to add skills that will be required on Silver expeditions in open and moorland country. Despite the snow underfoot the bright sunshine had students



taking off warm layers as they progressed around the route. It must be something about snow but it has the ability to turn teenagers (and certain supervisors) into giggling children! It's not strictly on the DoE training syllabus but snowball fights were had and snow angels were created, sending the morale levels through the roof and stray snowballs down students' backs. All teams returned to Tilford at the end of the day with big smiles and rosy cheeks, where parents were waiting to pick them

up for a well-earned hearty dinner. Hopefully, conditions will be a little warmer for the camping trips during the summer but they might not be quite as much fun as playing in the snow!







### Mission to Mars: Y7 Project

Tuesday 5 February saw the grand final of the Y7 Mission to Mars cross-curricular project.

Over the past five weeks students have been learning about the challenges and opportunities of space exploration in their Biology, Chemistry, Physics and PSHCE lessons.

There were some outstanding posters, role plays, slideshows and models that were displayed by all teams. Each form group then nominated the best project presentation from their class to compete in the grand final which was judged by Mr Muller, Mrs Husselbury and Mr Chapman. The judges were extremely impressed by the creativity and academic content that each group delivered with their respective projects. The finalists included:

- ◆ Harriet, Jess, Akriti, and Zara from 7L.
- ◆ Ashbury, Nina, Shreya and Amelie from 7P.
- ◆ 7Q were the runners up with an impressive fact filled presentation from Amber, Claudia, Amelia and Leena.
- ◆ That leaves 7M as the 2019 winners with a superb interesting and engaging project featuring a model of a rocket labelled in Russian in homage to the International Space Station having Russian control panels. Congratulations to Poppy, Jimena, Katie and Sara!



### Sixth Form Physics Trip to JET

Sixth Form physicists enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy on Tuesday. This included a guided tour of the JET (Joint European Torus) facility which has been conducting fusion research for a number of years.

Students were able to see inside the full scale model torus (a doughnut shaped ring) in which scientists can trial using a robotic arm for maintenance and upgrades to the actual torus, as well as looking around the complex control centre and hearing about the planned next generations of fusion power plant which aim to make this non-polluting source of energy a reality.

## CAREERS



### Careers: Foreign & Commonwealth Office

We were thrilled to welcome Sir Simon McDonald in today. All students in Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form were invited to hear him speak. He gave a very inspiring talk to students about working in the Foreign Office, and Sir Simon commented on the excellent questions that the students asked him.



### Careers: Osteopathy

Many thanks again to Karen Brewer who gave a fantastic interactive workshop on being an Osteopath on Monday. We are looking forward to welcoming Matt Twyford on Monday 11 February to our Careers Seminar after school. He will be talking about his career in Visual effects in the TV/ Games and Film Industry. Students are invited to sign up via the Firefly link and on SOCS.



## Hockey

The Year 7 hockey team were at the Surrey Plate tournament on Monday and finished in a fantastic 3rd place, outperforming expectations with great performances.

They only lost 1 game out of the 9 games played which was their semi-final against Surbiton High, the eventual winners. Of their 6 group games the team won 4 (against Kingston Grammar 1-0, St Teresa's 2-0, St Dunstan's 3-0 and Kingsdale 3-0) and drew 0-0 with Tormead and Reigate GS. In the quarter final they beat Thomas's Battersea 2-1. The 3rd/4th place play off saw them play Reigate GS again, this time coming out 1-0 winners. It was a great all round team performance throughout the day and a well-deserved medal for their efforts.

Tuesday saw the Year 8 squads play at Notre Dame where both the A and B team won their games. The B team won 2-0 with goals from Arissa and Chalize while Charlotte Duggan scored all 7 goals in the A team's 7-0 win. Very impressive performances from both squads with special mention to the B team goalkeeper Zoe Way for her player of the match performance in her first ever game in goal.



## Badminton

Alexandra Oprisan competed in the Senior National Badminton Championship and reached the quarter finals as one of the top 8 seniors player in England! Well done Alex!

She is competing again this weekend in the U19 Nationals Championship so we wish her the best of luck!



## Netball

In difficult conditions on Monday, the Under 15 & 16 netball teams went to St Teresa's.

The U15s dominated the first two quarters against St. Teresa's. Their dynamic changes of direction and well timed passes got the ball to the shooters, who did well to see the goal in the fog, and secured a 10 - 0 half-time lead. After team changes by the opposition, SWPS had to work harder to maintain possession and get the ball down the court. With the opposition intercepting several passes the score was 12-2 with one quarter to go. In the final quarter both teams produced some excellent passages of play, with SWPS finishing as winners 15 - 5. A great effort by all players, with special congratulations to the Player of the Match Bethany, who supported both ends of the court in her centre role.



The U16s struggled with getting a team out on the day. They battled through against a strong St Teresa's team who made a strong first half getting 15 goals. Our defence got stronger in the second half and they only scored 3 more goals for the rest of the match! Unfortunately we were unable to convert on all of our goals and the final score was 8-19 to St Teresa's.



The U12 and U13 A team went to the Surrey County Rounds on Wednesday. Both teams were drawn in hard leagues but made a fantastic start winning both their first two games. The U12s won 3 out of 5 of their games. The U13s won 3 out of 6 of their

matches. Both teams played excellently, with fantastic performances from all players, from the strong rebounding and marking out by the defence, speed and agility from the centre court and consistent shooting and movement from the shooters.



Thursday saw the U13 C and D team out in force against Prior's Field. The C team won 15-2 with awesome shooting from Madison and player of the match for Ella for great defence.

The D team won 7-3 with improved through court play and great shooting by Chloe. Player of the match was Lucy, both teams taking Miss Foxley's advice and getting in front of their players to bring the ball through court! Well done both teams!

**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 and Awards Night**  
**30th March 2019**  
**SWPS Atrium**



CLICK  
HERE TO  
BOOK

- Celebrate SWPS Rowing
- Three course dinner
- Entertainment
- Individual and Crew awards

Tickets on sale now!  
Limited availability - book early to avoid disappointment.  
Adults £60  
Kids £50

**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



## ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here is the first of our four Artworks of the Month, for February, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by Zara (Y10)

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on the Art Dept website: [artdesignswps.org.uk](http://artdesignswps.org.uk)



## Make Your Myth 2018—University of Cambridge Classics Competition

Congratulations to Caitlin Costello who recently won the national creative writing competition: Make Your Myth! Run by the Cambridge University Classics Department.

The judges were looking for originality and execution which Caitlin's entry scored highly on in both which gained her place as one of the winners of over 150 entries.

Well done Caitlin!



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## 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>

## LIBRARY

## MUSIC

## 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**

## Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

### Book of the Week

BECOMING



In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era.

As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments.

Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare.



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