



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

In my assembly this morning I talked about butterfly morality. So what is butterfly morality?

I have taken the idea from two books: *Butterfly Politics* by the feminist legal scholar Catharine Mackinnon and *Butterfly Economics* by the economist Paul Ormerod.

I suspect that many people are already familiar with the concept of the Butterfly Effect – that famous, yet incredible, concept whereby a butterfly opening and closing its wings in Brazil can ultimately produce a tornado in Texas.

In their academic work Mackinnon and Ormerod have used this idea to note that small changes, either in law or in economics, can have significant reverberations throughout the respective systems. In Mackinnon's words "Butterfly politics means the right small human intervention in an unstable political system can sooner or later have large complex reverberations."

Developing that idea, butterfly morality refers to how we behave and in essence it means that small acts of kindness in an environment, however large, can sooner or later have complex and hugely positive echoes.

The more acts of kindness which are performed, each and every day, the greater the impact on a grander scale.

Or to put it in a different and more colourful way, the small flap of kindness can generate a tornado of good will and positivity.

The reverberations that are set off through kindness will gather force and create beneficial change. At times the adjustments will be subtle and silent. At first the metamorphosis is almost unnoticed by the outside world. And yet, the change occurs.

As all good acts should be, they are remarkable, yet unremarked upon.

Butterfly morality can help us think and remember that each act, powerful in itself, can also lead to a massive cultural evolution as a whole.

Butterfly morality is not just about individual action. To create that kindness tornado, we must all be kind together. No act is too small nor insignificant. Each act can be the catalyst for change.

I hope you all have a good Easter.

GET PREPARED AND GET EMPOWERED READY FOR YOUR GAP YEAR OR UNI LIFE!

Gain peace of mind that your child is going off next year with some vital skills in looking after themselves with this invaluable session.



We have a fantastic opportunity for L6 students. Debi Stevens, Inspirational Role Model of the Year Winner will be coming in on 15th May 1.45—4.45 pm to empower our Sixth Form and refresh their self-defence techniques in a three hour workshop, building on their confidence and life-skills.

The cost is £45/head.

To book your place visit

www.swps.org.uk/selfdefence



Upcoming Events

24 Apr	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
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Internal Summer Exams

Detailed exam timetables will be issued after the Easter Holidays but please take advance warning of the below dates for Internal Exams.

20—24 May	Year 7 & 8
16—22 May	Year 9
5—14 June	Year 10

Open Evening

This year's Open Evening will take place on Thursday 27 June 2019 and, as in previous years, there will be no afternoon school on that date. Years 7-10 and the Lower Sixth Students will be able to leave school at 12.35pm - school coaches will depart at 12.45pm - and are then expected to return to school at 6pm, given this is a formal school session, and stay until 8.40pm that evening, when lessons, demonstrations and displays will be on view. Full uniform is expected to be worn in Years 7-10 and the Lower Sixth students should be dressed in smart attire.

Please note that school lunches will not be charged to fee bills on this day, and you are therefore advised to make alternative arrangements for lunch as no lunches will be served, however a packed lunch may be ordered. A letter will be sent out to all parents/carers next term with full details, along with a return slip to confirm student attendance and packed lunch request.

SAVE THE DATE!

for a fantastic fund-raising event hosted by Friends of SWPS

Jazz Cafe

**Friday
14th of June
7:30-10pm**

Put the date in your diaries and watch this space for further details soon!



Chertsey Trail 2019

The sun shone on our annual Chertsey Trail, when new Year 7 students and their families flocked through the unsuspecting streets of Chertsey to find the answers to the clues set by the trail.

Over sixty families, some bringing grandparents, found out more about the historical and scenic parts of Chertsey that are not always seen on the drive through it on the way to the M25.

The winners were the Ribbons team, who got the most questions correct in the shortest time, but every child attending took away an Easter egg to see them through the rest of the weekend.

Thanks to our governor, Mrs Bannister, for writing the original trail many years ago, and who still updates it each year for us – something changes every time, so it is an ongoing task.

Many thanks to the Communication and Admissions team for their hard work organising the event.



SWPS £10 Challenge

Year 9 have been taking part in the SWPS £10 challenge and we are pleased to announce the winners from each class. The criteria for winning was based on the best product idea, the best presentation and the amount of money raised for charity:

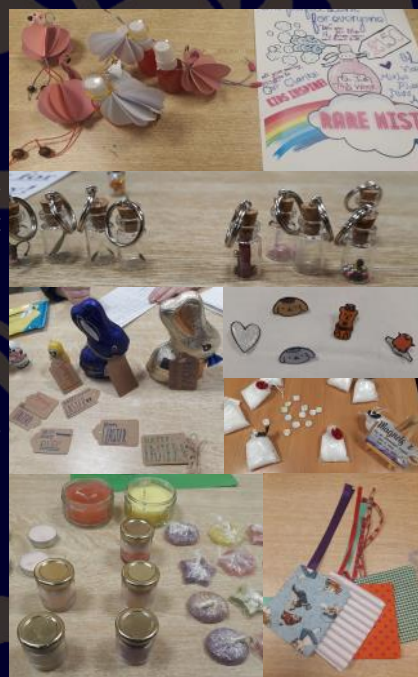
The winners for 9L are the group that made Scrunchies - Georgia, Grace, Olivia, Eve and Bluebell. They had a clear idea and direction, with a designed logo and Instagram account as well being organised with market research and team work.

The winners for 9Q are the Bunny Eggspress group which consisted of Honor, Phoebe, Ella, Katherine and Tiggy. Their presentation was very clear and they confidently explained how they have worked out their profits. It was particularly impressive that they had the idea of delivering chocolates in school, rather than selling a product they have made. Throughout the process they seemed to have learned a lot of valuable skills, especially how to communicate under stress.

The winners for 9P are 'Make Your Wish' for 'Make a Wish' consisting of Ishy, Anna, Lauren, Masha and Amelie. They did an excellent, thorough presentation and a lovely and unique idea of having personalised wish jars and cards for Easter and Mother's Day.

The winners for 9M are Nazpins (Evie, Luisa, Bella, Erin and Amy) who made innovative home made pins with custom designs.

Congratulations to all of Year 9 who did an excellent job running their business, learning key business skills and coming up with many fantastic ideas. Nearly £1300 was raised in total which was given to their specific chosen charities.



Lower School Book Club

A lengthy list of Easter reading suggestions was discussed at Book Club by our eager readers. The Easter bunnies were also present listening intently to the recommendations, including: Maureen Johnson's 'Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes' and its sequel 'The Last Blue Envelope', 'Life on the Refrigerator Door' Alice Kulpers and 'The Recruit' Robert Muckamore. Happy Easter to all our readers.



WELLBEING WEEK: 'BE KIND'

This week has been Wellbeing Week at SWPS, with the theme 'Be Kind'.

Lots of activities concentrating on students' wellbeing and kindness including Kindness Cards, wellbeing colouring, language games, a very popular dog-training workshop, creative and fun activities in individual departments and of course a flurry of activity for the easter egg hunt today.

SWPS holds Wellbeing weeks in the last week of every term, each with a specific theme and activities centred around it.

Have a lovely Easter and make sure you keep an eye out for all the everyday acts of kindness happening around you!

Macbeth Banquet Review

During our English lesson on Thursday, our Year 10 English class was given the treat of having a banquet. For roughly half of the year, we have been studying the Shakespearean play of Macbeth as it is one of our GCSE set novels. To celebrate the end of the Spring term and the end of our annotating journey of Macbeth, our English teacher, Mrs Chowdhury, allowed us all to bring in food to re-enact one of the Macbeth scenes. In this particular scene, Macbeth sees the ghost of his best friend Banquo whom he has recently had murdered. Of course, this isn't the most light-hearted scene in the world, especially with Shakespeare's underlying themes of madness and evil, but the atmosphere in class was bright and joyful nonetheless. It was absolutely amazing to sit and relax after spending most of the Spring term tirelessly stumbling our way through pages and pages of Shakespearean prose. What a wonderful end to one of our GCSE set novels and a very busy Spring term!

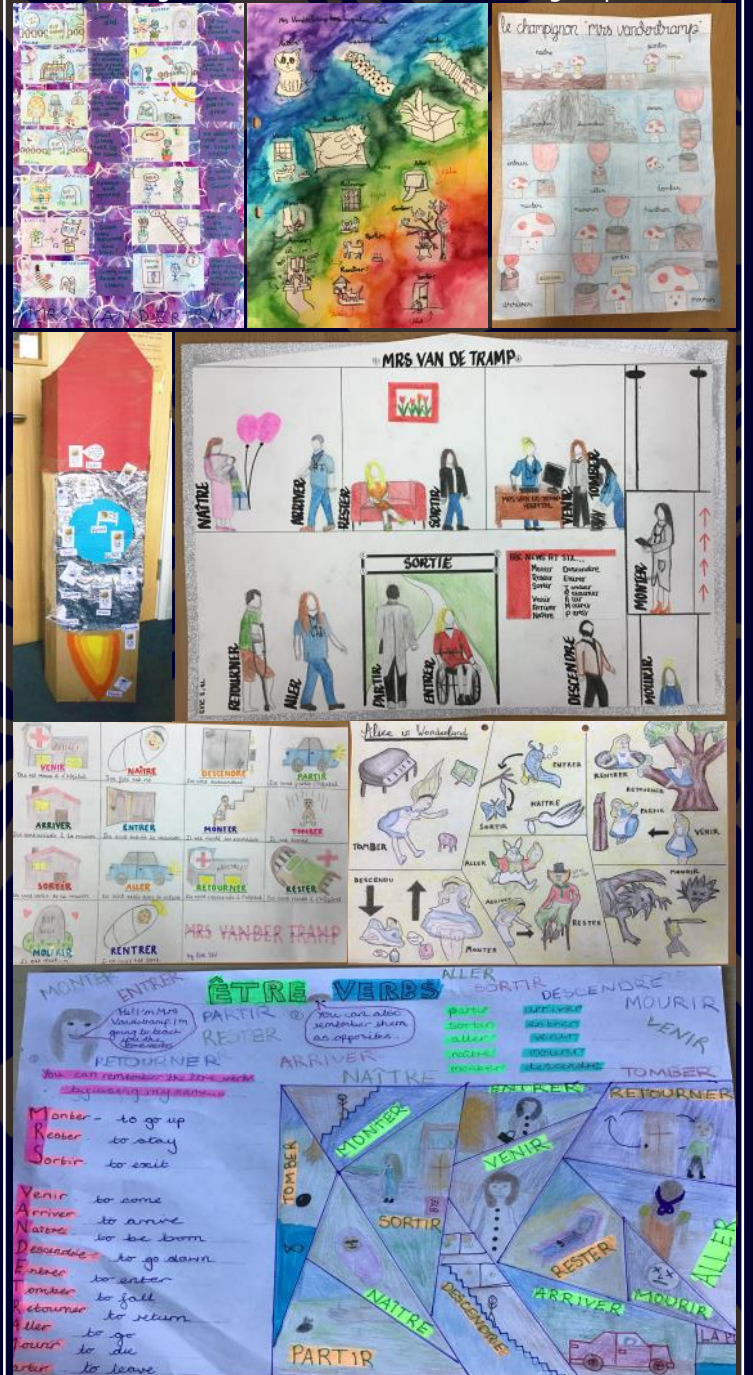
Madeleine White 10CC



French Verbs Competition

Our Year 8 have been learning the perfect tense in French and were asked to create a visual aid to remember the "Mrs Van de Tramp" verbs as a competition. We had some amazing entries and it has been extremely difficult to choose; so much so that we had two winners per teaching group receiving a commendation each.

Congratulations to Evie and Eve in Mme Cooper's group, Siona, Caitlin, Emily and Bethany in Mrs Stebbings' groups and to Georgie and Zainab in Mrs Pearson's group.



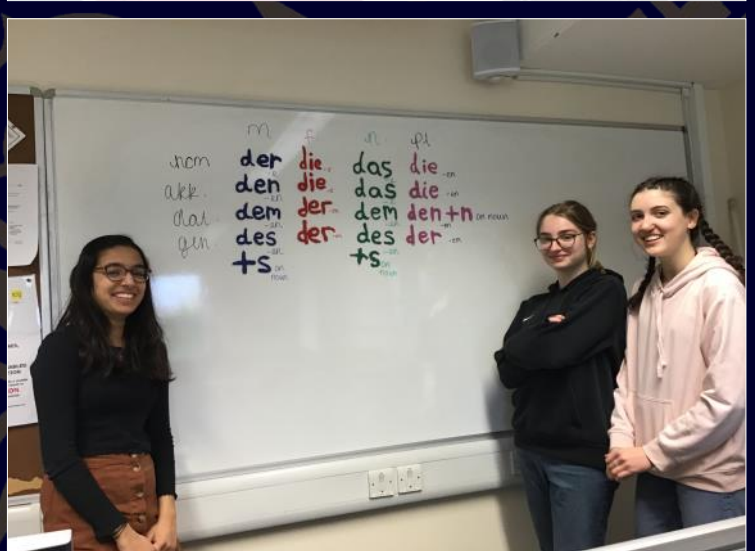
DOG TRAINING



LATIN, CLASSICS & ANCIENT GREEK



GERMAN



Gymnastics

Well done to Amber in 7Q who on Sunday 24th March 2019 competed for the Tumbling National Qualifiers, winning a Gold Medal. She is now very excited to be representing the South East of England region at Birmingham in June. Amber

is a member of Spelthorne Gymnastics and has been a gymnast since she was 7 years old.



Athletics

Indiana Marshall 7P had a very successful start to her athletics season on Saturday at the Bracknell Open, winning Gold in the 75m in 10.21s, Gold in the 150m in 20.35s and finally Gold in the Long Jump with 4.47m.

Both sprint times have gained her the number one spot in the UK rankings for U13 Girls!



SWPS Boat Club Dinner & Awards Night

Saturday saw a celebration of everything good about our club, at the SWPSBC Dinner and Awards Night. It was a great, fun occasion where we



remembered the successes of the last season and looked forward to what lies ahead. We were very lucky to welcome Annamarie Phelps CBE, Vice-Chair of the British Olympic Association as our guest speaker. Hers was an inspiring story of the ups and downs of a career, from learning to row at college all the way through becoming World Champion and Olympian, and then into sports governance.



Thanks to the contributions of many parents and rowers, the evening was a resounding fundraising success as well as further

building our club spirit. Many thanks to the Boat Club Parents' Committee for their help in ensuring the night was all we had hoped for.

AWARD WINNERS:

Rower of the Year

J17/18 Emily Keen
J16 Celia Crosbie
J15 Mary O'Donnell
J14 Sya Dohman

Rowers' Choice

J17/18 Louise Wax
J16 Sophie Darke
J15 Bethany Illsley
J14 Tilly Cunliffe

Most Improved Athlete

J17/18 Ella Ayoade
J16 Maddy McGuire
J15 Heidi Mayne
J14 Aalee Mishra

Cox of the Year

Sasha Glasson

Captain of Boats Award

Sasha Glasson



ATHLETICS TRIALS – SUMMER TERM

DATES:

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL LUNCH: SHORT DISTANCE SPRINTS & THROWS

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL AFTER SCHOOL: MIDDLE/LONG DISTANCE RUNNING, HURDLES, LONG JUMP & HIGH JUMP

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL LUNCH: SHORT DISTANCE SPRINTS & THROWS

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL AFTER SCHOOL: MIDDLE/LONG DISTANCE RUNNING, HURDLES, LONG JUMP & HIGH JUMP

OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS



SIGN UP ON SOCS!



Summer Term Co-Curricular Sports Clubs 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME 13.00pm – 13.30pm	LUNCHTIME 13.00pm – 13.30pm	LUNCHTIME 13.00pm – 13.30pm	LUNCHTIME 13.00pm – 13.30pm	LUNCHTIME 13.00pm – 13.30pm
ROUNDERS (Y8)	CRICKET (Y7)	CRICKET (Y8)	ROUNDERS (Y9-13)	ROUNDERS (Y7)
HIGH JUMP (Y7) (WEDNESDAY ONLY)	LONG JUMP	ATHLETICS THROWS	HIGH JUMP (Y8-13) (WEDNESDAY ONLY)	HIGH JUMP (Y8-13) (WEDNESDAY ONLY)
RECREATIONAL TENNIS RE	TENNIS CLUB (Y9)	TENNIS CLUB (Y10-13)	STRETCH & TONE RECREATIONAL TENNIS	TRACK TRAINING
AFTER SCHOOL 15.45pm – 16.45pm	AFTER SCHOOL 15.45pm – 16.45pm	AFTER SCHOOL 15.45pm – 16.45pm	AFTER SCHOOL 15.45pm – 16.45pm	AFTER SCHOOL 15.45pm – 16.45pm
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SPORTS CNTD.

Click here for the **Year 7** House Games reports written by students from Lonsdale, Montagu, Pankhurst & Quant Houses.

Click here for the **Year 8** House Games reports written by students from Lonsdale, Montagu, Pankhurst & Quant Houses.

Year 9 House Games



MUSIC



Music: Spring Concert 2019

If you didn't manage to listen to the recording of the Spring Concert 2019 last week, click the link below to listen to this and other musical performances from SWPS musicians.

www.swps.org.uk/Music



[Click here for our Photographer's website if you wish to purchase any pictures from the Spring Concert 2019.](#)

SUMMER CHAMBER CONCERT

Thursday 9 May, 7pm
Jarvis Room

Join us to hear impressive performances from our more advanced students.

Tickets are free but please register your seat(s) by clicking [here](#).



ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

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

They are by Izzy (Year 10) and Ruby (Year 11).

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on our Art Dept website: <http://www.artdesignswps.org.uk>



LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'St George & the Dragons' by Michael Collins, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

St George's Day has become a topic of debate as more and more organizations promote celebrations on 23 April and more people wave the flag of St George to proclaim their allegiance and identity.

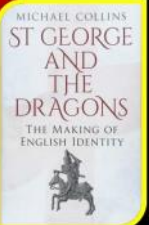
But who was St George?

How did this Near Eastern martyr become England's patron saint and an icon of English culture?

And what is his relevance for today's secular, multicultural England?

New research reveals that from the third century St George was revered as a healer, protector of women and the poor and patron of agriculture and metal-working: more than a military dragon-slayer.

Book of the Week



World Book Day Competitions

We can finally name students who participated and subsequently won this year's World Book Day competitions:

Annabel Tang 9P - for a Potato Head character

Amelie Houghton & Inaara Jalali, both in 7P - for a trivia quiz

Amelie Baillache & Sana Khan both in 7L - for a code-word puzzle

Shreya Goel 7P, Eva Perry Jones 7P & Lucy Beaumont 8L - for picture puzzles

Indiana Marshall 7P - for the best Enchanted Tree costume

All received 'bookish' awards and a smile!



What's on in the Library

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

HARRISON CATERING

Harrison Catering recommend the BBC's Easter Simnel Cake Recipe to try at home!

Ingredients

100g/4oz glacé cherries	225g/8oz sultanas
225g/8oz butter, softened	100g/4oz currants
225g/8oz light muscovado sugar	50g/2oz chopped candied peel
4 large eggs	2 lemons, grated zest only
225g/8oz self-raising flour	2 tsp ground mixed spice

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS](#)

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](#)



Alumnae, Staff, Parents and S6 Students are invited to attend our London Networking Event to be held at The Union Club, Soho on Wednesday 22nd May, 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm.

We are very excited to welcome our speaker Helen Fospero, who is currently filming Watchdog and The One show.

Canapes and wine will be served during the evening. Cost is £25 per head.

Register your interest by clicking here!

PERKONIAN NETBALL TOURNAMENT SAT 27 APR

TEAMS WANTED:

- Current Students
- Current Staff
- Parents
- Perkonians

A fun-filled tournament followed by delicious afternoon tea!

Email:
alumnae@swps.org.uk
to sign up