



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

This Wednesday I had the privilege of listening to and enjoying our Annual Speech and Drama concert. Cancelled last year because of snow (how far off that seems), it was a true delight to see SWPS students perform a variety of texts and plays with passion, commitment and conviction. At the time and since, I felt that we, as a community, are truly fortunate to be amongst such talented and hard-working young people.

Words matter and how they are spoken, and the way they are delivered makes all the difference in how they are received. On Wednesday, the energy and the intensity of the speakers drew deserved applause. Every sentence was perfectly balanced as they were uttered, leaving the audience wanting more.

Coincidentally, I had recently finished Andrew Roberts' mammoth biography of Winston Churchill. Throughout that 1000 page tome, Roberts emphasises the power of words in general and the compelling oratory of Churchill in particular as the major influence on binding the nation together at a time of crisis. Called by one contemporary historian a master and slave of the English language, Churchill had devoted his life to the study of public speaking. His use of language changed the future.

In watching the orators, public speakers and performers of the future, I felt on that Wednesday that the art of speaking was well established here at SWPS.

Upcoming Events

9 Mar	SWPSBC: Y9-13 Reading Uni Head
11—15 Mar	National Science Week
11 Mar	Admissions: Prospective Parent Info Morning
13 Mar	Y10—Sixth Form: Higher Education Fair
14 Mar	Geography: Kew Gardens (8Y/8Z)
15 Mar	SWPSBC: Y11-13 Schools Head
17 Mar	DofE: Bronze Training
18 Mar	Geography: Kew Gardens (8W/8X)
	Y10 'How to Revise' Workshop
19 Mar	RS: 6F Lecture at Salesian School
20 Mar	Admissions: Prospective Pupil Info Morning
21 Mar	Sport: 'An Olympic Dream' talk by Helen Richardson-Walsh MBE
	Y8: Parents' Evening

School Lunch Menu

School Lunch Menus are available on the School Website again at:

www.swps.org.uk/Catering

This is the menu for next week but check back online to see what's coming up!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day
Balinese Chicken	Sausage, Cheese & Tomato Puffs	Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce & Yorkshire Puddings	Lasagne au Gratin	Cod Fish Fingers with Tomato Ketchup
Keema Matar with Mini Poppadoms	Braised Beef with Thyme & Vegetable	Slamon with Fennel & Lemon Butter	Honeyed BBQ Chicken Thighs	Beef Burrito with Salsa
Ginger, Lentil, Cauliflower & Coconut Curry with Mini Poppadoms	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetable Paella	Courgette & Halloumi Skewers	Bubble & Squeak Cake Topped with Poached Egg, Fried Onions
Steamed Rice Naan Bread Whole Green Beans	Mashed Potatoes Spring Cabbage Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Fresh Baton Carrots Brussel Sprouts	Garlic Bread Cauliflower & Peppers Whole Tomato with Rosemary & Sea Salt	Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans
Apple, Pear & Chocolate Chip Crumble with Custard	Jelly Selection	Chocolate Mousse	Eves Pudding & Custard	Butterscotch Tart
Vanilla Ice Cream Tub	Pancake Day	Lemon Meringue Pie	Choc Ice	Chef Choice

Y10 'How to Revise' Workshop

Mon 18 Mar, 19.00—20.15, Dining Hall
Year 10 'How to Revise' Workshop for students and parents!

SIGN UP ON SOCS

Careers News – Opportunity at JP Morgan.

An internal contact has informed us about a New London Work Experience programme being launched for school students aged 14—18 at JP Morgan. The programme is for one week each year; this year it is the week commencing 12 August 2019. Applications are open to all students and will be accepted over three days.

The application period is Thurs 28th - Sat 30th March and the application includes online written and video responses, no CVs required. The application link is www.jpmorgan.com/workexperience.

The students will be hosted mainly by current grads and apprentices. The sessions will be focused on developing employability skills such as CV workshops, AGILE training, video interview tips, mock assessment centres and networking with a short presentation at end of the week.

Applications should be made directly, but please can you inform Mrs Haley (LHaley@swps.org.uk) if planning to apply. I hope some of you will find this of interest.

J.P.Morgan



Classics Dinner 2019

Last Friday saw the annual Classics Dinner. We were very privileged this year to have the company of one of the UK's most eminent and high-profile Classicists, in the person of Edith Hall. We were delighted to see so many

of our current pupils, from Years 10, 11 and Sixth Form, "dressed to impress" and able to hear a very learned and passionate account of what Aristotle can teach us about issues in our lives today. It was also lovely to be joined by parents, staff, former colleagues, and especially alumnae. Harrison's food and service were excellent as ever, and it was a great evening, which overran due to the plethora of questions for Edith, so we also thank the site staff for their kind indulgence.

Perkonian Pilot

Topically on International Women's Day, a fantastic article written by Perkonian Olivia Greathurst about her experience undertaking Pilot Training in New Zealand can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).



Y7 English Trip to The Globe Theatre

Year 7 enthusiastically embarked on a trip to The Globe Theatre on Monday.



To start our day, we all descended on the open-air theatre and were given a highly informative tour by Globe actors who told us about the history and construction of this marvellous theatre. We were also lucky enough to observe a local theatre company performing some of Shakespeare's monologues, much to the delight of the students.

We were then whisked to the rehearsal rooms to participate in a workshop based on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Students had great fun embodying the characters of Egeus and Puck, experimenting with dramatic gestures and different voices. We seem to have some budding Shakespearian thespians in our midst!

In the afternoon, students had the opportunity to visit the Globe Exhibition which informed them about all aspects of the Bard's plays and Elizabethan life, picking out their favourite props from the Properties Store and listening to music which would have been performed during Shakespeare's time. A truly delightful day!



Guildford Classical Association Latin and Greek Reading Competition at St. Catherine's, Bramley

There were a record number of entries this year at the Guildford Classical Association Reading Competition, but I am delighted to say that the students from SWPS still managed to bring home a number of prizes. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard, both during lunchtimes and at home, preparing for the competition, and well done to everyone for your superb reading.

Special congratulations to:

Saskia Swannack (S6) who won first prize in the Senior Latin

Niamh Moynihan (Year 10) who won first prize in the Intermediate Latin

Jess Cole and Sierra Warnes (9P) who won first prize in the Transitional Latin

Jasmin Emeran and Taban Mazloom (8L) who won second prize in the Junior Latin

Ashbury Warnes and Maia Wolfsthal (7P) who won third prize in the Beginners Latin.

I would particularly like to thank Eileen Zoratti and Saskia Swannack in the Senior Sixth for their help in preparing the younger students for the competition. Their knowledge and enthusiasm was invaluable.



7M'S SMOOTHIES AND MILKSHAKES



On the 1st March, 7M worked together to raise money for **Motor Neuron Disease (MND)** by hosting a smoothies and milkshakes stall in the Atrium.



After an hour of hard work, we made over **£100 profit**, which was our top goal! We sold 4 different types of drinks: **Cookies and Cream, Lotus Biscoff, Pineapple Sunsets and Strawberry and Banana.**

Well done to all of 7M for their effort, hard work and thought that went into this event. It all went to a good cause!



By 7M



Swimming

SWPS swimmers excelled themselves in the recent District Swimming Championships, held at Pools in the Park, Woking. Each swimmer raced in two 50m events and a medley and freestyle relay. Fantastic performances across the board helped SWPS to achieve the highest number of points for the girls' events. The following medals were awarded:

- Gold -** Katie F Y8 freestyle; Sarah S Y7 breaststroke; Debbie M Y8 breaststroke; Tilly O'D Y10 breaststroke and Y10 butterfly; Natasha H Y10 backstroke; Eleanor W Y7 butterfly
- Silver -** Natasha H Y1p freestyle; Katie F Y8 backstroke; Debbie M Y8 butterfly
- Bronze -** Eleanor W Y7 freestyle; Grace T Y11 freestyle; Rosie W Y11 butterfly.

Hockey

The Year 11 hockey squad played an entertaining game at Notre Dame on Monday, coming away deserved winners but only courtesy of a last minute goal from Tilly O'Dea. It had been a first half dominated by SWPS but they couldn't get the vital goal and as the second half progressed it became a much more even game with both teams having good chances to score. SWPS scored first through a well taken strike by Immy Pepall but Notre Dame equalised a few minutes later, leaving Tilly to finish it off for SWPS as the final whistle was about to be blown.

Netball

The U14 A & B netball team went to St Teresa's on Monday.

Having played them recently and lost both games, the teams were anxious to get a win. The As had a fantastic game and won their match 16-1, with St Teresa's only scoring in the last quarter. A much improved performance from last time by all, Milly was awarded player of the match.

The Bs had a close game, holding St Teresa's to a draw until half time. Unfortunately St Teresa's pulled away in the last quarter and we lost the game 2-5. Some interesting play and footwork by some in the team!!!! - an enjoyable match overall! Well done Year 9s.

House Games

The Year 7 and 8 have had their house games tournaments this week. Some fantastic netball and hockey have been on display, as well as excellent support roles from coaches, journalists, umpires and photographers. The results are as follows:

YEAR 7 NETBALL	
1st	PANKHURST
2nd	MONTAGU
3rd	LONSDALE
4th	QUANT

YEAR 7 HOCKEY	
1st	PANKHURST
2nd	QUANT
3rd	LONSDALE
4th	MONTAGU

YEAR 8 NETBALL	
1st	PANKHURST
2nd	MONTAGU
3rd	LONSDALE
4th	QUANT

YEAR 7 HOCKEY	
1st	PANKHURST
2nd	QUANT
3rd	LONSDALE
4th	MONTAGU

Well done teams, house points are coming your way!

Year 9 House Games is coming up on the 20th March!



AN OLYMPIC DREAM
An evening with **Helen Richardson-Walsh MBE**
Team GB Olympic Hockey Gold Medallist 2016

Thursday 21 March
At Sir William Perkins' School
5:00 pm — 9:00 pm

The evening includes:

- a pro hockey coaching session*
- refreshments
- an inspiring talk by **Helen Richardson-Walsh MBE**
- a Q&A session
- opportunities for autographs
- and an auction for a personally signed GB Hockey Shirt!

5:00 PM—6:30 PM PRO HOCKEY COACHING SESSION*
6:45 PM—7:15 PM REFRESHMENTS
7:15 PM—8:30 PM 'AN OLYMPIC DREAM' WITH Q&A
8:30 PM—9:00 PM AUTOGRAPHS & AUCTION

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY VISITING
WWW.SWPS.ORG.UK/AnOlympicDream
BY FRIDAY 15 MARCH!

TICKETS
Pro Coaching Session + Talk* £30
* (SWPS Students ONLY || first-come-first-served basis)
Talk (ADULT) £15
Talk (JUNIOR / U18) £10

ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

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

They are by Ashbury and Indiana (Y7).

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



MUSIC

Year 7 and Year 8 lunch time concerts

'Congratulations' and 'Thank You' to all the Year 7 and Year 8 students for presenting their series of lunch time concerts respectively during the spring and autumn terms. Thank you also to their form tutors, peripatetic music staff and parents who supported the students whilst they prepared for their concerts. Every concert was well attended, particularly by other members of the Year group who came along to support their friends. The students had chosen a wide range of musical styles to sing or play on their instruments. Besides many solo and group vocal items, there were performances on an extraordinarily wide range of instruments: piano, violin, cello, recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, classical guitar, electric guitar, ukulele and drum kit. Four Year 7 students played solos on some more unusual instruments. Besides the harp, I think this is the first time I've heard solos on the Arabic drum, timpani and chanter during a SWPS lunch time concert.



LIBRARY

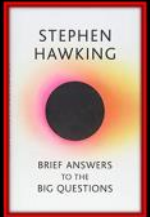
Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Brief Answers to the Big Questions' by Stephen Hawking, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

The world-famous cosmologist leaves us with his final thoughts on the universe's biggest questions in this brilliant posthumous work.

Book of the Week

Is there a God?
How did it all begin?
Can we predict the future?
What is inside a black hole?
Is there other intelligent life in the universe?
Will artificial intelligence outsmart us?
How do we shape the future?
Will we survive on Earth?
Should we colonise space?
Is time travel possible?



As we face potentially catastrophic changes here on Earth - from climate change to dwindling natural resources to the threat of artificial super-intelligence - Stephen Hawking turns his attention to the most urgent issues for humankind.

World Book Day

We have celebrated World Book Day in style. Staff and students dazzled us with their costumes and the library was busy with activities and competitions. The winners will be announced shortly.



Author's Visit—Taran Matharu

Following the World Book Day, we very much enjoyed the visit from Taran Matharu, who ran creative writing workshops with our Year 7 and 8 students, talked about his writing career, signed his books and chatted with fans.



What's on in the Library

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



SPRING CONCERT

Wed 27th March
Main Hall, 7pm

Enjoy an evening of great music
performed by our talented students.

Plus, refreshments served by Friends of SWPS.

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE](#)

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE 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

Second-Hand Uniform Sale in the Atrium from 11:30am-1pm on Saturday, March 30th

Friends of SWPS will be holding a uniform sale and are requesting any second-hand uniform and DofE kit that your child has outgrown or no longer needs (please no school PE kit, except skorts, at the moment as we have plenty of stock). Earn money back by selling through Friends of SWPS.

Attached to this email are instructions, terms and conditions, labels and forms from Friends of SWPS if you would like to sell your second-hand uniform through us. Or donate your uniform to the school to contribute to raising funds, helping towards our children's education.

Drop your second-hand uniform and DofE kit off at the storage boxes in the pupil entrance anytime up until the 29th of March.

Contact Kirsten Patient if you would like to buy second hand uniform, but cannot make the sale or if you have any queries about selling items.

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