



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

In her superb and highly thought-provoking assembly on Monday morning Ms Bowden challenged us all about listening. She pointed out correctly that hearing and listening were two very different things and that the act of listening was frequently time-consuming. How many of us do it well?

As long ago as 1952 the great psychotherapist Carl Rogers wrote an article titled "Communication: its blocking and its facilitation". In the piece he noted that "the great majority of us cannot listen; we find ourselves compelled to evaluate, because listening is too dangerous. The first requirement is courage, and we do not have it".

On the face of it, these words are shocking and could be easily dismissed. How can listening ever be dangerous? Why does it require courage to listen?

Yet, careful and active listening has the potential to change oneself. Consider for a moment how hard that can be. In an age of social media silos, where we often seek to reinforce our views through hearing only those points of view with which we agree, it is hard, almost painful, to re-evaluate our pre-conceived ideas and values. Yet, active listening may well accomplish that feat.

Rogers himself puts forward a simple idea to improve our listening; in essence he suggests that we should speak our thoughts and ideas only after we have summarised what we have heard accurately and to the speaker's satisfaction.

Why does Rogers think this is a good idea?

First it ensures that one genuinely understands what someone is saying; by summarising what has been heard, one is seeking to "get into the mind" of how an individual thinks.

Second it helps one remember what has been said – there is no short cut here; one has to think hard to avoid over-simplification and easy responses.

Thirdly it is a hugely self-less activity: to devote one's time and thoughts to understanding what someone has taken time to express is a commitment to them. To seek to understand is both a step to conciliation and to a deep friendship; and to listen, without pre judgement, and without hurry, will ensure that no conversation will ever be the same again.

### Grandparents' Information Morning

Grandparents of students joining SWPS in September, or currently in Years 7 - 10 are invited to our annual Grandparents' Information Morning on Tuesday 9 July 2019 in order to see SWPS in action!

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SWPS SIXTH FORM CHRISTMAS PANTO  
DECEMBER 2018

### Sixth Form Panto Dec 2018 DVDs

DVDs of December's Sixth Form pantomime are available to order for delivery via post for just £3.50 each.

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### Upcoming Events

29 Jun	<b>English:</b> L6 Great Gatsby Theatre Trip
29 Jun	<b>SWPSBC:</b> Reading Town Regatta (Y9-10)
30 Jun	<b>SWPSBC:</b> GB v France (Y11)
1 Jul	<b>L6:</b> Uni Visit Day
	<b>Sixth Form:</b> Y10 into 6F Taster Day
2 Jul	<b>SPORTS DAY</b>
3—7 Jul	<b>SWPSBC &amp; Perkonians:</b> Henley Royal Regatta + Alumnae Hospitality (3 & 4 Jul)
3 Jul	<b>Music:</b> Flute Workshop
4 Jul	<b>DT:</b> L6 Trip to Business Design Centre
	<b>Geography:</b> L6 trip to Royal Geographical Society
6—7 Jul	<b>Science:</b> L6 trip to Royal Society Exhibition
	<b>Drama:</b> Production in a Weekend
8—11 Jul	<b>Wellbeing Week</b>
8 Jul	<b>BBQ Lunch + Harry Potter Anniversary with Dress Up</b>
	<b>EPQ:</b> Y9 Little EPQ Presentations
9 Jul	<b>Grandparents' Info Morning</b>
	<b>Y7:</b> Pyrcroft Picnic
10 Jul	<b>L6:</b> Mock Interviews at BP Sunbury
	<b>RS:</b> Hare Krishna workshop
10—15 Jul	<b>DofE:</b> Gold Qualifier—Slovenia
12—16 Jul	<b>DofE:</b> Golf Qualifier—Lake District



## Year 11 End of Exams Celebration

On Saturday 22 June, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of the GCSE exams in style. They enjoyed "mocktails" and a delicious afternoon tea freshly made by our catering team and danced the afternoon away to music provided by the DJ. The photo booth was also extremely popular.



There was additional entertainment in the form of a video composed of photos memories from the students' five years together at the school which was expertly made by



one of the students. There was also an amusing awards ceremony with certificates and trophies for the "Student Most Likely To..." which were voted on by the students themselves.

It was all great fun and the Year 11s thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

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

It is by Izzy (Y10)

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



## New Wellbeing Room Resident

The Wellbeing Room received a very popular visitor on Thursday. Marmite, a black cocker spaniel, spent an enjoyable morning making friends with students and teachers. Marmite is very calm and good with people. She likes being made a fuss of and is good at cuddling up with someone when they are not feeling well or are upset. As she was so well behaved on Thursday it has been agreed that she can pop in for a few more visits before the end of term. We hope she will be an asset to the Wellbeing Room. A full risk assessment has been taken and Marmite will be fully supervised at all times. A poster will be placed on the door of the Wellbeing Room to let people know when Marmite is in school.



## LIBRARY

### Book of the Week

This week's BotW is '*Mistake were made: but not by me!*' by Carol Tavis & Elliot Aronson, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

#### Book of the Week

Why do people dodge responsibility when things fall apart? Why are public figures unable to own up to their mistakes? Why can we see hypocrisy in others but not in ourselves? Are we all liars? Or do we really believe the stories we tell?



Renowned social psychologists Carol Tavis and Elliot Aronson take a compelling look into how the brain is wired for self-justification.

When we make mistakes, we must calm the cognitive dissonance that jars our feelings of self-worth. And so we create fictions that absolve us of responsibility, restoring our belief that we are smart, moral, and right - a belief that often keeps us on a course that is dumb, immoral, and wrong.

Backed by years of research and delivered in lively, energetic prose, "*Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)*" offers a fascinating explanation of self-deception - how it works, the harm it can cause, and how we can overcome it.

### Harry Potter Anniversary

The Library will celebrate the Harry Potter anniversary in style: we offer the One and Only Genuine Sorting Hat sorting students into



This year will mark 20 years since "*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*" was first published.

We will celebrate that anniversary **on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.**

Join us in the library for lunch activities and lots of fun!

Hogwarts Houses, an opportunity to have 'Have You Seen This Wizard? mug shots', as well as games, puzzles, quizzes and lots of fun.

We encourage students to dress up in a wizarding costume or just mark their affiliation by wearing the Hogwarts House colours.



### What's on in the Library

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





## Sports Day at SWPS

Tuesday the 2nd of July from 1-4pm

Join us for the annual fun, family BBQ during Sports day where the Friends of SWPS will be offering: Burgers, Hot Dogs, Pimms, Beer, Soft Drinks, Cream Teas, Coffee and Tea for parents, students, staff and all guests!

Second hand uniform and PE kit will be available to purchase to be ready for next year.

## Gift Aid

We are asking all parents who gift aid or would like to gift aid the annual membership donation for Friends of SWPS, (paid in the Autumn Term bill) to complete a new Gift Aid Declaration this year, including current Year 7s, to reflect the new GDPR requirements that came into force last year.

If you have not already returned your new form in recent months, please complete the new Gift Aid Declaration:

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and return it by:

- Emailing it to [Friends.of.SWPS@gmail.com](mailto:Friends.of.SWPS@gmail.com)
- Posting it in the Friends of SWPS post box in school (via your child)
- Sending it to: Friends of SWPS, c/o Sir William Perkins's School, Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 9BN

Many thanks for your continued support. Gift Aiding your donations will enable us to claim back an extra 25% on top of your annual donations to help support various projects within the school.

**Jane Hawken**  
Treasurer, Friends of SWPS



## Sports Day

SWPS Sports Day is fast approaching and next Tuesday will be the usual day of excitement and friendly competition.

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE 2019 SPORTS DAY PROGRAMME](#)**

## Swimming

Natasha in Year 10 is a club swimmer who swims seven times a week.

She has qualified for the English Nationals for the 1500 freestyle. This is a fantastic achievement, as to make Nationals has been her swimming goal and is most swimmers' goal. The competition takes place in August in Sheffield. Good Luck Natasha, we look forward to hearing the results.

## Rounders

The Year 7 A and B rounders team played against Notre Dame School on Monday evening. The A team played a fantastic game and won their match 13.5—10. Their players of the match were Millie and Amelie.



The Bs were unlucky to just miss out on the win with a final score of 9—12.5. Their player of the match was Kate. Well done Year 7s.



On Tuesday the Year 10s went for their last fixture against Prior's Field. They played an excellent match and won 17—7.5!! Excellent batting racking up the rounders! Beth and Tilly were voted player of the match!

Well done Year 10s!

## Athletics

The KS3 District Athletics team went to Hoe Valley School on Thursday 27th June to compete in the District Athletics Championships.



The whole team did fantastically throughout the day and competed professionally on the hot day! We had a whopping 25 1st—3rd place certificates! Well done to the whole team!



Our overall results were:

Year 7 – 2nd

Year 8 – 4th

Year 9 – 2nd

A special note to mention Indianna in Year 7 who competed in the long jump and not only jumped a school record but also a District record of 4.74m!! Congratulations Indianna!