



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

As the summer term comes to its final stages, the Lower Sixth are busily engaged in deciding what they might like to do after SWPS. For many, the decision in principle is easy – to continue their education at an institution of higher learning. For others a gap year might be the right answer. For yet others a degree apprenticeship looks attractive. So what guidance is out there? What consideration should any young person consider in their choice of university?

Here are my four suggested questions that any individual looking at university might ask. They are not the usual questions of location, length of degree etc. but rather questions that students have often wished they had asked instead once they were at university.

The first is simple but obvious: **how much teaching will I actually receive?** You will be paying a lot of money for your education so the number of scheduled teaching hours is important. Find out what you'll be doing in those hours – are there long periods in the laboratory? Or are you expected to work on your own for a large part of the week? It is certainly worth finding out before you make a decision what the course you are intending to pursue will offer you in terms of contact and teaching time.

The second question to ask is about **how you like to learn?** Do you perform better in examinations or is coursework the way in which you perform best? Do you like lectures or seminars? Are you happy studying on your own in the library? Be honest with yourself and consider how the course you might like to study is structured? Does it suit you?



The third is **money**: university is not cheap- the living costs in terms of food etc., the rent of the accommodation as well as the education itself all need to be funded and can be expensive. There is, however, extra funding available which range from scholarships to bursaries. Every university will have guidance in this area and it is certainly worth going onto the university website to find out what is available.

And finally **the degree itself**. Many employers will look at a 2.1 as a minimum requirement for an interview. How well you do will ultimately be reflected in the degree class, which of course depends on the hard work and effort you put in as an individual. But you need to be supported in what you are doing. A way of checking this is to look at the percentage of students who graduate with a 2.1 or better class of degree and compare that with other universities. If there is a big difference, and yet the entry requirements are the same, it is certainly worth asking why this is the case.

So these are my four key, outside the box, questions which I encourage all our potential students to ask. They are not by any means a definitive list, but I think that they are worthwhile. Higher learning can, and should be, a brilliant time in one's life, so it is worth spending a bit of time doing some research and asking questions.

### Upcoming Events

15 Jun	<b>SWPSBC:</b> Marlow Town & Reading Amateur Regattas
15–16 Jun	<b>DofE:</b> Bronze Practice Expedition to Newlands Corner
17 Jun	<b>Careers:</b> Y10 Morrisby Testing
	<b>German:</b> Y8 Bocholt Information Evening
	<b>DofE:</b> Y8 Intro Evening
18 Jun	<b>Y10:</b> Aqua Park Trip
18 & 21 Jun	<b>Y5 Taster Days</b>
19 Jun	<b>Geography:</b> Y10 Urban Area Trip
	<b>Biology:</b> Y9 Nower Wood Trip (9Y&Z)
	<b>Music:</b> Singing Competition
20 Jun	<b>DT:</b> Design Museum Trip
	<b>Biology:</b> Y9 Nower Wood Trip (9W&X)



### World Cup Themed Lunch

To celebrate women in sport and the current women's World Cup there will be a themed lunch on Tuesday 18 June with a prize draw to win a signed shirt from Ellen White, England goal scorer in the match against Scotland.





### L6 Economics City Trip

L6 Economics students spent the day in London on Friday 7 June visiting a number of important financial organisations. The day began at Morgan Stanley in Canary Wharf where students were treated to a talk on the role of investment banks in the economy before having a guided tour of the trading floor with some recent graduates. Next up after a short trip on the DLR was the CBI where they had a talk from an economist on the work of the CBI and an insight into some of the key economic data the organisation produces. After lunch, the last port of call of the day was Schroders where we were hosted by a former SWPS student who is now a senior manager there. After a talk from one of the HR managers about the work of the company and potential careers there, students had a guided tour of their extremely impressive new office. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and the insight into the financial sector should prove to be extremely useful for their economics examinations next year.

### Memorial Plaque to Former Governor, Mr Anthony Eady.

On Thursday evening we had a small gathering to unveil a plaque in memory of Mr Anthony Eady, former Governor, who had a long association with SWPS as parent, friend, and Vice Chair of Governors. We were delighted to welcome his family, including his daughter Jo, who attended the school herself before studying Theology at Oxford.

Memories were shared, in particular by Dr Alun Jones, former Chair of Governors, who reflected on the huge contribution Anthony made over the years, and his wife Carole unveiled the plaque, now sited just outside the Atrium Entrance doors. The weather was cool, but the atmosphere warm as old friends returned to raise their glasses to Anthony's memory.



### School Production of Mary Poppins Now on DVD!

If you didn't manage to make it to this year's School Production of Mary Poppins, or you did but loved it so much you want to see it again: you can now order DVD copies of the performances from our Drama department!

DVDs will be delivered to students in Form Time and are only £3 each!

**[FOLLOW THIS LINK TO ORDER YOUR COPY NOW!](#)**

### Careers

SWPS have recently developed a partnership with an external organisation called InvestIN, who offer summer programmes in various industries as shown by the programme guide. As part of the partnership, SWPS students will receive a 10% discount using the code SWPS19 at checkout.

**AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE OF YOUR DREAM CAREER...**  
Ages 15-18

**Autumn Term 2019**

- Meet top professionals
- Boost your CV & UCAS application
- Get a head-start over the competition
- Experience your future. Now.

Register now at [www.investineducation.co.uk](http://www.investineducation.co.uk)

	<b>Young Investment Banker Programme</b> University College London - 10th November University of Manchester - 10th November
	<b>Young Doctor Programme</b> King's College London - 10th November, 10th December University of Manchester - 10th November
	<b>Young Business Leader Programme</b> University College London - 10th November
	<b>Young Lawyer Programme</b> University College London - 10th November University of Manchester - 10th November
	<b>Young Architect Programme</b> University College London - 10th November
	<b>Young Computer Scientist Programme</b> University College London - 10th November
	<b>Young Politician Programme</b> University College London - 10th November
	<b>Young Journalist Programme</b> University College London - 10th November
	<b>Young Engineer Programme</b> University College London - 10th November University of Manchester - 10th November
	<b>Young Psychologist Programme</b> University College London - 10th November

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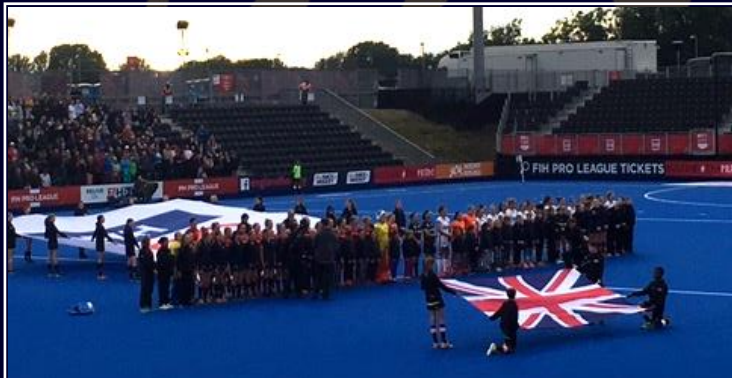
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# SPORTS DAY 2019

## TUESDAY 2ND JULY 1PM-4PM

ALL WELCOME!

CREAM TEAS AVAILABLE FROM  
FRIENDS OF SWPS FOR  
PARENTS / GUESTS



### Hockey Trip

On Friday 7th June, Years 7, 8 and 9 were lucky enough to have the brilliant opportunity to go and watch the Great Britain women's hockey team play against Germany. It was held at The Olympic Park in London, where we watched an intense game with great playing and teamwork from both sides.



Unfortunately, the final score was 4-3 to Germany, with Germany scoring the winning goal in the last 20 seconds! England played brilliantly with some skilful saves from Maddy Hinch, the England goalkeeper. The whole team put in lots of effort, despite the weather conditions.

Thank you to The Sports Department for organising this fantastic trip and to all to the teachers who came with us.

Zoe Morton Y8



### Year 8 Rounders

The Year 8s played the second of their district rounders tournaments on Wednesday. They faced some tough competition and played some great rounders! They won two out of three of their games but unfortunately were beaten by Fullbrook by half a rounder. SWPS finished in a close second place, with enough points to qualify for the district finals! Well done all who played!

### Rowing

Anna Cowell, Lucia Frigé and Katie Knott competed in the Weybridge Ladies Regatta at the weekend.

It was a great day for our students with Anna winning the WJ14 1x and the WJ14 2x by over two lengths. Lucia coxed the WJ15 4x boat coming 2nd place in the final. In the WJ14 4x race Anna & Lucia's boat was beaten in the semi-final against Henley which is currently the standout quad crew of the year.

Katie's quad was also narrowly beaten in their semi-final against Maidenhead.



### Athletics

Tilly in Year 10 came second in the Individual Girls 1500m on Saturday at the Surrey Schools Event on a cold and pretty windy morning! A fraction off her PB, so a huge improvement on her time in the trials a few weeks ago. She's now qualified to represent Surrey in the Inter-Counties Championships against Hampshire, Middlesex and Sussex next Saturday! Well done Tilly!

Well done to Eva in Year 11 who threw over 41m for first place in the hammer throw at the Surrey Schools Championships on Saturday! That ranking qualifies her to represent Surrey in the Inter-Counties Championships against Hampshire, Middlesex and Sussex next weekend. Well done to our Surrey Champion!



### House Games Final Scores

Please find below the results for the Summer House Games of Rounders and Tennis. The final House Games event will be Athletics on Sports Day on Tuesday 2nd July.

#### Rounders Results

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pankhurst	Pankhurst	Montagu
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quant	Montagu	Quant
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lonsdale + Montagu	Quant	Lonsdale
4 <sup>th</sup>		Lonsdale	Pankhurst

#### Tennis Results

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pankhurst	Quant	Lonsdale
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lonsdale	Lonsdale	Montagu
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quant	Montagu	Pankhurst
4 <sup>th</sup>	Montagu	Pankhurst	Quant





## MUSIC

### Singing Competition

**Wednesday 19 June, 5.45pm, Jarvis Room**

You are warmly invited to our inaugural singing competition where our students will compete for either the Junior Cup or the Senior Shield.

This exciting event will be adjudicated by Dickon Graves Gough. Dickon is a renowned West End performer who has recently appeared in The Addams Family musical, The Pirates of Penzance at Regent's Park, Billy Budd and plays Porter in David Walliams' play, The Midnight Gang.

Come along and join us to be amazed by the voices of our talented singers.

Please register your seat by clicking here

## ART & DESIGN



### SWPS ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

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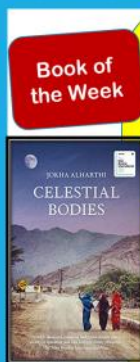
**PRIVATE VIEW**  
OF GCSE AND A LEVEL ARTWORK  
ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2019  
6.30 TO 8.30PM  
IN THE ART CENTRE  
SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S SCHOOL  
GUILDFORD ROAD, CHERTSEY  
SURREY KT16 9BN  
TEL: 01932 574930

EXHIBITION ALSO OPEN (BY APPOINTMENT):  
9.00AM TO 4.30PM  
21 & 24 JUNE 2019

## LIBRARY

### Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Celestial Bodies' by Jokha Alharthi, selected by Mrs Vidgen.



**The 2019 Man Booker International Prize Winner**

"Celestial Bodies" is set in the village of al-Awafi in Oman, where we encounter three sisters: Mayya, who marries Abdallah after a heartbreak; Asma, who marries from a sense of duty; and Khawla who rejects all offers while waiting for her beloved, who has emigrated to Canada.

These three women and their families witness Oman evolve from a traditional, slave-owning society slowly redefining itself after the colonial era, to the crossroads of its complex present. Elegantly structured and taut, "Celestial Bodies" is a coiled spring of a novel, telling of Oman's coming-of-age through the prism of one family's losses and loves.



### What's on in the Library

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## NOTICES & EVENTS



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



### Concorde 50 Gala Dinner:

We are proud to be celebrating Concorde's 50th birthday with a Gala Dinner in aid of the school's Bursary Fund.

**Date:** Saturday 21 September 2019

**Venue:** Brooklands Museum:  
the birthplace of Concorde

- ◆ Drinks in the Aircraft Factory – a walk through history
- ◆ Hosted on-board visit to Concorde Delta Golf
- ◆ Three-course meal including wine
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Fascinating Guest Speakers!

**Details to follow – watch this space!**



### So your teenager is turning in the SWPS Uniform in favour of Sixth Form attire?

**If you no longer require the SWPS  
uniform then send it back into  
school to sell with us.**

**Friends of SWPS will be holding a uniform sale in the  
summer term and we want your child's uniform.**

Go to [www.swps.org.uk/Friends](http://www.swps.org.uk/Friends) for instructions, terms and conditions, labels and forms that you will need to fill out if you would like to sell your second-hand uniform through Friends of Sir William Perkins's School.

Drop your second-hand uniform and PE kit off at the storage boxes in the pupil entrance anytime or contact Kirsten Patient at the phone number or email address below if you have any queries.

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[kirsten.patient@live.co.uk](mailto:kirsten.patient@live.co.uk)

**Wishing all Year 11s the best of luck on their GCSEs!**

