



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

What are you going to be reading over the summer? In my last article for this academic year, I thought that it would be a good moment to reflect on the wonders of reading, especially during the summer holidays.

Reading is a record of how people lived, what they think and imagine. It gives us a wider, enhanced, deepened sense of human possibility, of what it is that others have thought and done and felt.

Reading makes all this visible – it is exciting, it is thought-provoking; it can be emotionally draining and it can often last with us for a lifetime.

So what books am I intending to read over the summer? Stephen Fry's *Mythos and Heroes*, his re-telling of the Greek Myths is certainly on the list as is Yuval Noah Harari *21 Lessons for the 21st Century* (his previous two books *Sapiens* and *Homo Deus* were extraordinary in their scope and range). I am also looking forward to reading a recommendation: *Real England* by Paul Kingsnorth which is a snapshot of the country "at a precarious moment in its history". That is my list for the moment.

Sadly, we have a number of staff who are leaving us this term and we will miss them all.

Upcoming Events

10–15 Jul	DofE: Gold Qualifier—Slovenia
11 Jul	School Breaks up for Summer—coaches leave 12.45
12–16 Jul	DofE: Golf Qualifier—Lake District SWPSBC: Kingston Regatta
19–21 Jul	SWPSBC: British Rowing Championships
15 Aug	A Level Results Day
22 Aug	GCSE Results Day

Sam McCormick leaves after 3 years as Head of Sixth Form to become Deputy Head at Stamford High School. He has been an outstanding teacher and a wonderful Head of Sixth Form. All his students have benefited from his kindness, care and dedication.

Samra Ahmed to retire after 4 years of teaching HE at the school. She has been a committed teacher, who has always sought to inspire the best in her students. We hope that she has a long and happy retirement.

Frances Blyther leaves us as School Counsellor and Pastoral Co-ordinator to work as office manager at a local charity. During her ten years at the school she has been a pivotal figure in our welfare support for all our students.

Jack Chapman leaves our Chemistry department here at SWPS after 3 years to teach at Westminster School. A passionate chemist, he undoubtedly has an exciting future ahead of him. We also thank him for all his work with our MDV society.

Oliver Greenhill leaves the mathematics department to teach at Reed's. He has thrown himself into the wider life of the school with passion and we are particularly grateful for all his work as one of our Digital Champions.

Eva Smith leaves us, having taught in the science department. She has been a very effective maternity cover for the school and we wish her well.

Jonathan Smith leaves the Biology department, and teaching, to enter industry. A keen and committed teacher, he will be missed by all those who have been taught by him.

Matthew Stanley, a hugely popular and well known peripatetic music teacher, has retired after over 20 years at SWPS. Generations of music students will remember his calm and caring manner as well as his wonderful commitment in accompanying so many performances.

Alex Stewart leaves the classics department to teach at St Paul's School. Having started his teaching career here, he has been an excellent teacher, who wears his learning lightly. He has also led the Debating Society with real gusto and success.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and that our amazing SWPS students come back refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Year Group Awards Assemblies

Last week saw the Awards ceremonies for each year group from 7-10. The students were presented with certificates ranging from Outstanding Achievement or Attitude to Learning to Outstanding Contribution to the form, as well as receiving their Music and Speech and Drama certificates for exams taken earlier this year.

After the awards the students got to celebrate their successes as a year group with squash & biscuits, before going back to lessons.

Well done to everyone on a great year!



GCSE Hindu Workshop

On Wednesday morning RS GCSE students took part in a Hindu Workshop. They had the opportunity to participate in a mock Hindu wedding and listen to various kirtans and bhajans which form a key part of Hindu worship.

In order to further develop their understanding they were able to ask questions about key Hindu beliefs and practices. It was a thoroughly enjoyable event.



Little EP Presentations

On Monday evening, a confident group of 15 Year 9 pupils presented their findings on an array of different topics.

The Little EP was established in order to provide Year 9 pupils with the opportunity to undertake their own mini-research project, a smaller version of the EPQ offered to students in Lower Sixth.

An intriguing range of questions was explored, such as: "Should we feed ducks bread?", "Is veganism killing the planet?", and "Do we truly have free will in the modern world?"

It was a truly fascinating evening and I would like to commend students for their hard work and resolve in completing what was a challenging project.



Grandparents' Information Morning 2019

Over 50 sets of grandparents joined us this week for our annual, much-loved Grandparents' Information Morning.

As well as grandparents of current students, many of whom come annually to see us, we also welcomed several families of our new Year 7 joiners in September. To these grandparents we lent a pair of "surrogate grandchildren" to show them around, and they were duly impressed – several not wanting to give their newly-acquired grandchildren back!

The Atrium and Dining Hall were overflowing with people, once our current students came for refreshments during their break, joining with their families prior to taking them off to see around the school. This is one of our favourite events of the year, with a wonderfully warm and positive atmosphere, and with the vast majority of grandparents behaving themselves – many seem to regress to their schooldays and join in with school life very enthusiastically!

Thanks to all of our students who showed off the school so proudly during the morning.

The Annual Pycroft Picnic

On Tuesday Year 7 once again held with tradition to troop up to St Ann's Hill for the annual Pycroft picnic. Several staff joined the tutor team and the students played a whole range of games, from Frisbee to badminton. They had a wonderful time and we managed to take pictures of each of the forms on the fallen tree.

It was the perfect way to round off their school year!



WELLBEING WEEK—RESILIENCE

Wellbeing Week Comes to lessons...

In addition to the activities taking place in form time, lunchtime and afterschool, academic departments have been using their imaginations and have delivered some creative wellbeing activities linked to their subject:

- ◇ Year 10 Maths: Students had a choice of Mr Greenhill's outdoor mathematical treasure hunt or drawing Modular Arithmetic Mappings to make name tags to take home
- ◇ Year 7 – 9 English: students are invited to bring a book in from their early childhood which means a lot to them and share this with the class. Their teachers will also be doing some story telling
- ◇ Year 12 Biology: will be studying the structure and function of the liver. This major organ carries out over 500 different functions so if it is not working correctly then our wellbeing will be significantly impacted. We will look at what it does and how to keep it healthy and happy, especially the effects of alcohol!
- ◇ Year 7 Spanish: we will be doing an art project where the students will study some Spanish paintings and try to reproduce them.
- ◇ Year 9 Physics: we will be launching rockets from the netball courts and sending our troubles into space!
- ◇ Year 8 & 9 French: will do a variety of activities which will be a little challenging, so they will need to show resilience if they want their team to win (translating French poems in English, French charades, etc.) Year 9 students will study a French song on resilience.
- ◇ Year 7 – 10 German students will be watching German movies and year 8 will enjoy a German breakfast
- ◇ Year 7 PE: are going to do a mini tug of war competition
- ◇ Year 8 PE: Harlequin ladies Tag Rugby workshop
- ◇ Year 10 & L6 PE: Wheelchair basketball
- ◇ Year 10 RS: will be getting married in an interactive Hindu workshop and learning some Indian dance
- ◇ Year 9 & 10 History: a devised piece of drama on either World War 1 medicine or the Evacuation route
- ◇ Year 7 – 12 Chemistry: chemistry quizzes and a Molymod workshop for the Y12.
- ◇ Year 9 Geography: will look at the humanitarian crisis in Mozambique considering the immediate and long-term needs of communities hit by extreme weather events. They will build understanding of how these needs inform the work of humanitarian organisations like the Red Cross and explore the importance of resilience in overcoming difficulties.
- ◇ Year 7 & 8 Music: Music is going to do Notes (and rests) Maths as a game in both Years 7 and 8. Students are given 10 or so 'sums' using note and rest values. The faster they complete the sums, the more house points they can have. The dilemma for the students is this – do they go for speed for lots of points but risk inaccuracy, or do they take more care to guarantee some points?
- ◇ Year 7 – 12 Classics: A variety of classics based fun including...gladiator word search, Roman Britain quiz colouring pictures of Boudica, pop groups/artists in Latin, Latin and Greek scrabble
- ◇ And finally, 10SS are going to do a 'Laughter Session' led by Erin C.

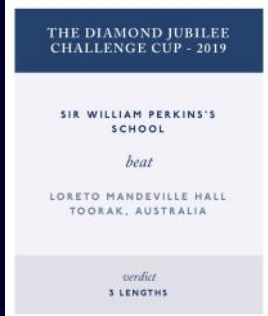




Henley Royal Regatta 2019

The royal regatta at Henley is one of, if not the biggest regatta in the world, regularly attended by thousands of spectators and with crews coming from all over the world to compete. This year is the second consecutive year SWPSBC has had a crew qualify for the main regatta in the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup and is a testament to the commitment and dedication the rowers put in all season. Annabelle Taylor, Emily Keen and Ella Ayoade all returned from last year's Henley Royal Regatta crew with Louise Wax racing at her first Henley.

The draw taking place on Saturday afternoon in Henley Town Hall saw SWPSBC drawn against another Australian crew (having raced Sydney Rowing Club in the 2018 Regatta) from Loreto Toorak School in Melbourne at 19.35 on the Wednesday. As is always the case when racing against international crews, there was a little uncertainty about who they were and how good they might be. Buoyed by the successes of the Henley Women's Regatta



the previous week the crew set about a plan of action to take them on! What a race it turned out to be for the Perkins students; leading from start to finish in commanding style to take the victory by three lengths. This represented the first ever race win at Henley Royal Regatta, and the school as well as the boat club were suitably proud of their achievements.

Rowers being rowers the celebrations were short lived and attention quickly turned to the next round against Latymer Upper School on the Friday. Latymer would be a totally different proposition with the school having won the Diamond Jubilee Challenge Cup as recently as 2013. The SWPSBC crew put in another commendable row, with the commentary from the Youtube and BT sport coverage being extremely complimentary about their rowing and the programme they come from. On the day Latymer were slightly too string on this occasion and were victorious by 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths. Latymer Upper School did however go on to win The Diamond Jubilee this year. The crew being who they are don't like losing, but there is some comfort to be drawn from being knocked out by the eventual champions.

Racing on the Friday at Henley Royal Regatta is a huge step forward for what is a relatively new rowing programme over the past 15 years. Everyone at the boatclub is extremely proud of their achievements and are really excited about how we can build on this in the years to come. The Year 8 Learn to Row Camp starts this week, and who knows maybe there are some budding Henley Royal Regatta Winners amongst that group!



Rowing

Anna Cowell in Year 9 won a gold medal at the finals of The London Youth Games last Sunday. She was competing in the indoor rowing competition,

representing her Borough of Richmond who were up against all of the other London Boroughs. There was a great atmosphere at The Crystal Palace National Sports Centre and Anna thoroughly enjoyed the day.



(Photo: All Mark One)

SWPSBC Henley Women's Regatta 2019

At this year's Henley Women's Regatta SWPSBC had a strong contingent of five senior boats out racing along the famous Henley course. Crews of Tess O'Donnell and Lola Wright as well as Emmie Kirkhope and Kate Stenning set about competing in their first ever HWR and acquitted themselves well racing in the under 18 double scull category. Emmie and Kate progressed in good style from the time trial into the last 16 where they raced a strong Maidenhead Rowing club crew. Annabelle Taylor also progressed into the last 16 in her single scull going on to race an extremely strong sculler from Cambois RC.

One of our National Schools Regatta medallist crews; Eve Linney, Denise Martin, Celia Crosbie, Louise Wax and Sasha Glasson were also in action over the weekend in the coxed four where they have had so much success earlier in the season. Their regatta was a really positive one and they put a run together to the quarter finals progressing well from the timetrial and beating Godolphin and Latymer School in a comfortable margin. Their regatta came to an end against an extremely strong Scottish Composite Crew, which they gave a real scare and pushed them all the way to the line, just losing out by $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length.

The stand out crew of the regatta was the Junior Double Scull of Emily Keen and Ella Ayoade who rowed peerlessly to take the title of Henley Women's Regatta Champions, winning the Rayner Cup for the first time in the SWPSBC history. This win signalled the first SWPSBC title at the regatta since 2012 and was a massively deserved triumph beating Fulham Reach BC, Cheltenham Ladies College, Nottinghamshire County RC and South Jersey (USA). The crew put in some hugely creditable performances and in all five rounds led the races from start to finish in commanding style!

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Les Miserables Workshop

Space are limited so sign up quickly to guarantee your place by Friday 12 July!



Les Miserables Workshop

Led by West End Principal Performers;
Olivia Safe and Duncan McGibbon



Also appearing; TBA



Roles include;
Christine Daae,
Phantom of the Opera,
(Haymarket Theatre). A
Night at the Opera
(London Palladium),
Artist, Sony Arista,
record deal (U.K and
Global)

A leading West-
End performer
To be
announced!

Roles include; Posner,
The History Boys,
(Wyndhams Theatre).
Schlomo, *Fame*
(Aldwych Theatre),
Frankie Epps, *Parade*,
(U.K Premiere). Hugo,
Aspects Of Love, (U.K
Tour).

Dates: Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th August 2019

Fee: £400

Places are limited so to reserve a place please

email: oliviasafe@hotmail.com



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School is for children aged 7-13 who love to sing. Established in 2013 at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, we now run courses in Oxford, Cambridge, London and Guildford. Courses involve world-class teaching in choral singing, history, theory and much more; intended to encourage and inspire.

'Thank you for all you do - I don't know what we'd do without you in the holidays!'

'My son loves your courses. It's the only thing he sets his alarm for.'

'My daughter came home 'buzzing' each day. She loved everything about it!'

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, go to www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

SUMMER COURSE

St Nicolas' Church, Guildford High St
25th & 26th July 2019

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LIBRARY



Harry Potter Anniversary

On Monday we celebrated 20 years since "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" was published. During lunch

time students were sorted into Hogwarts Houses, had their 'mugshot' of an escaped prisoner taken and could practice their skills of resilience and perseverance while working on a huge Harry Potter jigsaw puzzle.

Both staff members and students had much fun and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon.

We are looking forward to next year when we will celebrate the anniversary of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" with even more activities and fun games.



Have a photo taken of you reading in an unusual or picturesque location and email it to mvidgen@swps to take part in **The Summer Reading Competition.**



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

This week we have seen some brilliant finishing off of projects, students in all years should be really proud of what they have made in Design Technology this year. Year 7 have produced some excellent boxes and our final designs of the week go to Silvia E in 7L and Jimena S in 7M who have designs and made their boxes really well and have shown a great enthusiasm for the subject the whole rotation. We look forward to seeing what you all make next year.



Follow the SWPS Design Technology department [@SWPSDesign](https://twitter.com/SWPSDesign) and the Library [@SWPSLibrary](https://twitter.com/SWPSLibrary) to keep up-to-date with the latest activities!



BUILDING CONFIDENCE, INTEGRITY & EXCELLENCE



Ready to Row



New Year – new challenges?
Looking forward to rowing?
Want to start getting prepared?

Join our new Ready to Row Programme
for Years 7 and 8, commencing in the
Autumn Term 2019.

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/
nutritionist advice.



Strength and conditioning; functional movement
training – age-appropriate exercise.

Breakfast included, with healthy options aligned with
British Rowing nutritional standards.

Your trainer:

Patrick 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.

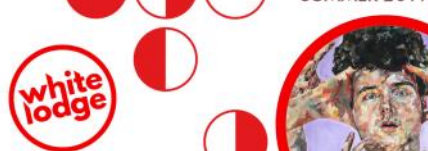
Requires booking in advance and commitment for a whole term.

Book via SOCS by Thursday 11 July 2019

<https://www.socscms.com/login/25509/parent/Wed/Thur Before School>Ready to Row>

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COMMISSION AUCTION
SUMMER 2019



LAST CHANCE

Auction closes at 2 pm on
Friday the 12th of July.

Please see the SWPS Art &
Design website for more
information.

www.artdesignswps.org.uk/auction

SWPS
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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
- 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
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Jane Hawken
Treasurer, Friends of SWPS

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CONCORDE 50

**Celebrate Concorde's
50th birthday
with SWPS.**

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

Dancing

GALA DINNER

Guest speakers:

ex-Chief Concorde Pilot,
Capt. Mike Bannister,

and Mr Geoff Want, SWPS
Chair of Governors and
former Concorde apprentice.

Tickets: £95 per head.

Book here:

www.swps.org.uk/Concorde50

In aid of the school's
Bursary Fund.

6.00pm Welcome
by our Chair of Governors.

1.00am Carriages