



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

The public and internal examinations are here and the usual and effective guidelines and hints for revision will be making their way towards every SWPS student.

Such advice is both clear and grounded in common sense. A good night's sleep, exercise and eating well are the basic ingredients to being successful in anything we do and, unsurprisingly, examinations are no different.

Today I want to highlight five slightly more unusual ways in which revision and exam success can be achieved, which I hope may be of use in the coming weeks. So here are my five key pointers for success to our students:

#### 1. DON'T PUT IT OFF.

We all love to procrastinate and put off hard, boring tasks. Yet the later the revision is left, the more time we waste not revising, the less time there is for the information to embed. Starting revision is often the hardest part, but once you are engaged, it gets easier.

#### 2. STUDY ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

Where do you study and revise? A tidy desk is always useful but current research suggests that by changing the places where we study at certain points—moving around—can also be helpful. We can become less concerned about the location of study and focus rather on what we study.

#### 3. VARIETY IS THE KEY

Increasingly researchers are finding that the study of a range of subjects in one sitting actually leads to higher retention than focusing on one area of study. It is certainly more interesting for you and is a better workout for the brain.

#### 4. WORK WITH YOUR FRIENDS

At this time of the year, we all have a common focus and goal – to be successful in our examinations. Working with your friends at certain times is a good way of supporting revision. Teaching them a concept, for example, or being taught by them as part of the revision process, ensures that you both understand what it is you need to know. As any teacher will tell you, it is only once you have to explain a concept to someone else, that you realise how well you have understood it.

#### 5. AND LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

Look after yourself – sleep properly, eat well, and keep exercising. Don't think you have the time to squeeze in self-care during the hectic revision schedule? Think again and see how much time you can claw back by cutting back on hours lost to social media distractions.

Good luck to you all.

### Summer Rowing Camp—August 2019—Places going fast!

The two Summer Rowing Camps for our current Year 7 and 8 pupils are proving to be extremely popular, with only a few spaces left. They take place between 12–14 and 15–17 August, and are a great chance to learn to row, with experienced SWPS Coaches. Contact Mrs Young in the PE Dept. for more info.

### Upcoming Events

18 May	<b>SWPSBC:</b> Thames Ditton Regatta
19 May	<b>SWamPieS:</b> Staff Dragon Boat Race, Goldsworth Park
21 May	<b>Geography:</b> L6 Geographical Assoc. Course
22 May	<b>Perkonians:</b> London Networking Event
25–30 May	<b>German:</b> Y9 Bocholt Exchange
26 May	<b>SWPSBC:</b> National Schools Regatta
31 May–2 June	<b>DoE</b> Silver Rowers Expedition
14 June	<b>Jazz Cafe</b>



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### Road Safety

Please could parents be aware that, when dropping their child off at school in a car, they should not be parking across the gateway. It hinders the traffic flow on the main road, when staff cars cannot enter the school, but more importantly it is extremely dangerous for our pupils. We are grateful to you for your help in this matter.



## Chamber Concert 2019

The Summer Chamber Concert took place in the Jarvis Room last Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. There were many fine solos on the violin, cello, guitar, piano (including a piano duet), flute, oboe, clarinet and trumpet, and five lovely vocal solos. The Flute Choir, Clarinet Crew, Chamber Group and Sax Group also performed superbly. The recording of the concert is now on the school's website (School Life/Co-curricular/Music/Music Performances/Chamber concert 2019) and I heartily recommend you listen to it!

This was a particularly special evening as it was the final concert for our school piano accompanist, Matthew Stanley who is retiring after 22 years of service to the school. We thank him so much for all the support he has given to our students and all the wonderful performances he has greatly contributed to over so many years.

Recordings of this year's Chamber Concert are available at

[WWW.SWPS.ORG.UK/MUSIC](http://WWW.SWPS.ORG.UK/MUSIC)

It was another fantastic display of the musical talent here at SWPS so make sure to have a listen!

## SMOOTHIE OF THE WEEK

Next week's Smoothie of the week:  
**Summer Strawberry Smoothie**



## Music News

Congratulations to **Hayun Lee** (Year 10) who has been offered a place in the Junior Department of the Royal Academy of Music. Founded in 1822 and situated in Marylebone Road, London, the RAM is one of the leading music conservatoires in the world and the oldest in the UK. Its Junior Department is for students age 12-18. During term time they spend every Saturday at the RAM undergoing an intensive programme of musical training. Hayun will have a busy timetable of individual violin lessons, rehearsals in ensembles, a choir and a symphony orchestra, and classes in theory, aural, composing and conducting. For her audition Hayun played 'Meditation' from Thaïs by J. Massenet and Beethoven's Violin Sonata No. 4 in A minor, op. 23.



For Sale in the Sixth Form Café:  
Iced Lemon Crush, Coffee Frappe and Raspberry Iced Tea





**District Athletics Trials**

Congratulations to the following students, who were all successful in their bid to be selected for the North West Surrey Schools Athletics Team:

Jessica Wilkes	Junior Girls (JG)	800m
Ellie Monk	Junior Girls (JG)	Javelin
Emma Queen	Inter Girls (IG)	100m
Matilda O'Dea	Inter Girls (IG)	1500m
Eleanor Raven	Inter Girls (IG)	80m Hurdles
Eva West	Inter Girls (IG)	Hammer
Emily Read	Senior Girls (SG)	200m

This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them all the best for when they compete at the county Athletics Championships on 8 June.

**Surrey Athletics County Championships**

**Indiana M**, 7P, competed at these championships at the weekend in the U13s. She won Gold in both the 100m and 200m and Silver in the Long Jump. Her 200m time, 27.37, currently ranks her 3rd fastest in the UK. Congratulations, Indiana!

And....

**Eva W** competed in the hammer and achieved a new PB of 41.3m at the event (an improvement of 8m since last season!). Eva was in fourth place with 2 throws to go, when she threw her PB to swoop into 2nd place. Well done, Eva, what a great achievement!

**Rounders**

The week of district rounders started off with the Year 10s on Monday. They faced Salesian and Heathside. A close game against Heathside was won 3½-2½ with some excellent fielding from the SWPS players. Salesian proved too strong and beat us by half a rounder 3½-4, leaving SWPS finishing in second place. A great opportunity to play several matches in one evening. Well done, Year 10s.

Tuesday saw the Year 9s playing against Fullbrook and Salesian. The first match was against Salesian and was a close call, resulting in a win for SWPS 5-7. The second match against Fullbrook was a high scoring event, with SWPS winning 8½-½, with fantastic batting by Mischa awarding us 3½ rounders!! Our Year 9s won the tournament and will go through to the District Finals! Well done!

The Year 8 district matches were on Wednesday. A full line up of teams saw a great afternoon of rounders in the sun. SWPS beat Fullbrook, Heathside, Salesian and Chertsey High, winning the tournament, putting them safely through to the District finals. The team gave excellent performances in both batting and fielding! Well done Year 8s.

The final district tournament of the week was for the Year 7s at Heathside School. The team played fantastically and won all of their matches in convincing fashion, scoring 9 rounders against Fullbrook, 8½ against Heathside and 6½ against Salesian, only conceding 6½ rounders over the whole tournament! A great first tournament for the team. Well done!!

**Lacrosse**

Year 10 are getting to grips with a new addition to their sports programme—lacrosse!

Using the plastic pop lacrosse sticks, they have picked up the basic skills quickly and are enjoying this fast and fun team sport.

**Tennis**

A tough game against Howard on Tuesday for the U15s, with nearly all close matches. Howard won the match 7-2, however the result didn't reflect the excellent standard of play from all students. Given that it was the first fixture of the season for the team, we can hope for improvements for the next round of matches next week! On Wednesday, the Year 7s played their first fixture against Surbiton High. All three pairs played brilliantly with some great rallies. Unfortunately Surbiton High won although each pair played some excellent tennis. Amelie and Diya were particularly unlucky to lose their second game by 3-4. Well done Year 7s, we look forward to with your progress over the rest of the season.





## 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.

## ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here is one of our four Artworks of the Month, for May, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by **Bea (Year 11)**



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

## LIBRARY

### Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The Girl with all the Gifts' by M R Carey, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

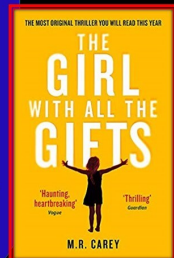
#### NOT EVERY GIFT IS A BLESSING

Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. When they come for her, Sergeant Parks keeps his gun pointing at her while two of his people strap her into the wheelchair. She thinks they don't like her. She jokes that she won't bite. But they don't laugh.

Because Melanie is a very special girl.

*Emotionally charged and gripping from beginning to end, THE GIRL WITH ALL THE GIFTS is the most powerful and affecting thriller you will read this year.*

Book of the Week



### What's on in the Library

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

## MUSIC

### Singing Festival

On Wednesday 19 June the Music Department is holding a competitive festival in the Jarvis Room, between 6pm and 8pm.

This is open to all our classical singing, and classic music theatre students. There are two classes: the Junior Cup for students in Years 7-9 who are at least Grade 3 standard, and the Senior Plate for students in Years 10-13 who are at least Grade 5.

Mrs McGibbon, our singing teacher, is organising the festival but there will be an independent adjudicator who is currently playing a lead part in the West End who will give feedback on all the performances.

This event is only suitable for students who have already had some experience in singing solos in public.

Due to time constraints, places are limited to 12 students in each class.

If your child is interested in participating, or you require further details, please contact Mrs McGibbon directly: [oliviasafe@hotmail.com](mailto:oliviasafe@hotmail.com).





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# Jazz Cafe

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## TEAM SWAMPIES ARE BACK!

# SWamPieS DRAGONS

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.



## Perkonian London



## Networking Event

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.



**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.

### Guest speakers:

Capt. Mike Bannister, ex-Chief Concorde pilot  
&  
Mr Geoff Want, Chair of SWPS Governors and former Brooklands apprentice.

Details to follow – watch this space!