



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

We have had so many successes recently at the school, in sport, music and drama, not to mention the excellent results so many of our students have gained in their end of year examinations, it is hard to know where to begin. But our recent superb wins at Henley both this week and last week in rowing have led me to think more about the concept of sacrifice.

I suspect that to achieve success in anything requires some form of sacrifice. The word itself is not a particularly glamorous one, and it is frequently associated with something unpleasant; sacrifice implies that one is giving up something one wants to do, for something that one really does not want to do. It has the sense of self-denial - but an unpleasant self-denial.

How often do we hear the expression "*I have made a sacrifice*"- or "*I sacrificed X for...*" Or in the classic words of Lord Farquaad in Shrek: "*some of you may die, but that is a sacrifice I am willing to make.*"

Yet to achieve something important and difficult, sacrifice is undoubtedly at the heart of what is required. At SWPS we can see this embodied in the dedication of our own athletes who come to school every morning at 7am to train. Such determination puts into perspective only too well the real sacrifice that needs to be made if success is going to follow.

In short, certain things need to be given up, temporarily at least, so that sufficient time and effort can be devoted into pursuing a greater goal. Examination success, musical accomplishment or sporting glory all require a sense of short-term denial and a focus on that greater, long term goal. Yes, it is hard and at times unpleasant - but sacrifice means nothing unless there is a something worth giving up.

Sacrifice does not remain in the realm of work and training; sacrifice can also inform us in how we should behave: to sacrifice a night out with friends to care for an old relative for example is a classic moral dilemma that many of us may find having to negotiate. Or to put it more prosaically - to sacrifice something exciting or enjoyable by keeping your word to do something dull yet necessary.

Although the word sacrifice itself many feel out of date and old fashioned, the twin concepts it conveys of selflessness and dedication still have an important tug on us and hence remain at the heart of what we do.

### Upcoming Events

6—7 Jul	<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 <b>L6:</b> Mock Interviews at BP Sunbury
10 Jul	<b>RS:</b> Hare Krishna workshop
10—15 Jul	<b>DofE:</b> Gold Qualifier—Slovenia
11 Jul	<b>School Breaks up for Summer</b> —coaches leave 12.45
12—16 Jul	<b>DofE:</b> Golf Qualifier—Lake District
13—14 Jul	<b>SWPSBC:</b> Kingston Regatta
19—21 Jul	<b>SWPSBC:</b> British Rowing Championships

### Parking

As we approach the end of the School year can we remind our SWPS families to ensure they park considerably around the school, including out on the main road and surrounding residential roads.



### Henley Royal Regatta

SWPS has had a great couple of days at Henley this week. On Wednesday we hosted alumnae and other friends of the school at the Upper Thames Club, who were given full access to the area as well as a lovely picnic hamper. The weather and atmosphere were bright, and of course the day was topped off by the stunning win by our quad in their race in the evening, putting them through to today's race, which unfortunately we did not win, despite a sterling performance.

On Thursday we had a rather more informal presence, with the SWPS marquee in Henley Cricket Club, with marvellous nibbles and delicious drinks provided by Harrison Catering, who did us proud over the two days. Over forty guests dropped in during the day, as well as some of our rowers, and Henley hospitality is definitely now an annual part of our calendar. Congratulations to Mrs Michelle Bradbury, our Alumnae Officer, who has run these and a series of other events for our alumnae and the SWPS community since she started with us in February.





## WELLBEING WEEK—RESILIENCE

*"Be like a rock, turn stress into diamonds!"*

As is customary now, the final week of term will be Wellbeing Week and this term's theme is "Resilience". We thought it would be nice for parents and carers to get involved so here is a challenging puzzle for you to ponder over and test your resilience!

Albert and Bernard just became friends with Cheryl, and they want to know when her birthday is. Cheryl gives them a list of 10 possible dates.

May 15	May 16	May 19
June 17	June 18	
July 14	July 16	
August 14	August 15	August 17

Cheryl then tells Albert and Bernard separately the month and the day of her birthday respectively.

**Albert:** I don't know when Cheryl's birthday is, but I know that Bernard does not know too.

**Bernard:** At first I didn't know when Cheryl's birthday is, but I know now.

**Albert:** Then I also know when Cheryl's birthday is.

So when is Cheryl's birthday?

## Year 10 Awards 2019

On Tuesday 4 July it was the Year 10 Awards Assembly. During this assembly we celebrated academic success in the summer exams, attitude to learning throughout the year, as well as co-curricular achievements. It is exceptionally hard for teachers to decide who the awards should go to, as we have so many outstanding students here at SWPS. All students, in particular the award winners, should be exceptionally proud of their hard work and achievements this year.

A special thank you and well done also goes to all students in Year 10 who have helped out or participated in all school events this year including Open Evening, sports events, The Variety Show, drama, choir, music, DofE to name but a few. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break over summer and return on the 4<sup>th</sup> September ready to hit the ground running again.



## WELLBEING WEEK ACTIVITIES

<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>A.M reg: tutor group puzzle competitions</b>  20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of The Prisoner of Azkaban  Lunchtime various activities: Sorting Hat game, 'who is this wizard' mugshot photo booth  Students in costume or mufti - £1 for Reaching Rwanda charity (SURF)  Lunchtime: whole school BBQ  <b>P. 8,9 Yr 9 Chinese Dumpling workshop with Mrs Tham-Williams</b>  <b>Prep: Movie time - The Prisoner of Azkaban; flower decorations for form rooms</b>  <b>18.00 – 19.00 Yr 9 Little EPQ presentations to parents</b></p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>A.M reg Harlequins Ladies rugby players Yr 7, 9, 10, L6 assembly</b>  <b>P. 1,2 Year 8 Harlequins tag Rugby workshop and talk</b>  Lunchtime: Harlequins talk to Stonewall  <b>P. 7,8,9 Yr 7 Pyrcroft picnic</b>  <b>Prep: Movie time - The Prisoner of Azkaban</b>  <b>18.00 – 19.00 FOSWPs committee Thank You Drinks</b></p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>A.M reg: tutor group puzzle competitions</b>  <b>P.1–6 Yr 10 GCSE RS Hindu workshop</b>  Lunchtime: staff dog visit  <b>P5,6 &amp; 7,8,9 Wheelchair basketball workshop: GCSE PE, Sixth Form</b>  <b>Prep: Movie time - The Prisoner of Azkaban</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>A.M reg: tutor group puzzle competitions &amp; Tug of War history + info</b>  <b>P.3 Whole school Tug of War Inter-House Competition</b>  11.15 am Whole school assembly</p>

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WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY

# HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

SUMMER 2019



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## Lower School Book Club

With our minds rapidly turning to the approaching summer holiday, our eager readers felt a need for a substantial reading list. A range of key authors was recommended including, Cecilia Ahern, Veronica Roth, Laura May Alcott, Malorie Blackman and Maria V Snyder. The Library shelves, in places, were looking a little sparse by the end of our borrowing session.



## LOWER SCHOOL BOOK CLUB Our Summer Shelf...

fantasy



sci-fi and dystopian fiction



classic YA fiction



## Year 9 History Re-enactment

To finish off their history lessons with a flourish, 9Y performed a short drama piece based on the "chain of evacuation" in World War 1. This explained



how a soldier was transported from where they were injured, through the various medical posts, and how medical advances were made throughout the war, due to necessity. This was written by Miss England to compliment Year 9's study of medicine during the war.

Each student took on a role to suit their comfort zone, either becoming actors, back stage managers, directors or researchers. The final performance was shown to 9Z and was a real treat to watch, despite the students only having a very short preparation time.

Well done 9Y!



## Perkonian Oxbridge & Languages Talk

Tess Lambert (former SWPS student) who has just completed her first year studying German and ab initio Italian at Cambridge, came in to talk to some of our Year 10 students this week about applying to Oxbridge, personal statements and studying languages (and other subjects).



Tess provided us with some useful and very interesting information and the Year 10 students had lots of questions. Thank you so much for coming in Tess. It was such a useful and enjoyable session for the students. We hope to see you again in the future!

## 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; T.B.A



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

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](mailto: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.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)

### SUMMER COURSE

St Nicolas' Church, Guildford High St  
25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019

[www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingschool.co.uk)

## Flute Workshop – Wednesday 3rd July

During lunchtime on Wednesday ten flute students and two recorder students attended a workshop in the Jarvis Room. Our flute teacher, Jane Clark, had invited advanced flautist Sophie Hooper from Royal Holloway, University of London to run the workshop. Sophie has just graduated from the university's Orchestral Studies course with a First-Class degree. To start the session, Sophie played a contemporary piece which included an imitation of birdsong, and she demonstrated some modern techniques of flute-playing including pitch-bending.



Sophie then tutored Natalie Newell and Anika Rabi in two mini masterclasses. She helped them with shaping of the melody line and discussed posture to improve breathing and tone quality and effective ways to practise. At the end of the session everyone joined in to play an 8 part arrangement of the third movement from Mahler's 1st symphony; Sophie led the group and gave them tips on ensemble playing.

It was lovely to see a young person inspiring our students and showing them just how versatile the flute can be. Many thanks to Jane Clark for organising the workshop and for keeping the students well fed and watered!



## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

### L6 New Designers Trip

The L6 A Level DT students celebrated the 4th July at the Business Design Centre, London for the New Designers exhibition. This show gives the students an opportunity to conduct primary research for their coursework as well as see the top Design University courses in the country work on show.

The themes this year were definitely sustainability, specifically making new materials from waste and as ever high quality craftsmanship. A great day had by all.



# SPORT

## Sports Day

Tuesday 2 July 2019 saw another hugely successful SWPS Sports Day! The sun shone on the field for the afternoon and the day ran smoothly. A fantastic day of sport with many PBs and brilliant performances from all the competitors.

The extra bonus of the ice creams and Friends of SWPS refreshments provided a perfect addition to the day!

A big thank you to the SWPS site team and Laurie the grounds keeper for setting everything up and having the field look so fantastic.

Final thanks to parents and families for coming to support and all of the students for competing throughout the day.

The results were:

### Year 7

1st	Pankhurst	71 points
2nd	Montagu	67 points
3rd	Lonsdale	59 points
4th	Quant	54 points

### Year 8

1st	Lonsdale	81 points
2nd	Montagu	64 points
3rd	Quant	60 points
4th	Pankhurst	59 points

### Year 9

1st	Montagu	81 points
2nd	Pankhurst	76 points
3rd	Quant	57 points
4th	Lonsdale	50 points

### Year 10

1st	Pankhurst	93 points
2nd	Quant	72 points
3rd	Montagu	57 points
4th	Lonsdale	56 points

### OVERALL

1st	Pankhurst	305 points
2nd	Montagu	271 points
3rd	Lonsdale	256 points
4th	Quant	247 points



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

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THE COMMISSION AUCTION**



## Commission Auction Summer 2019



This is your chance to bid, in our auction, to commission an artwork by one of our extremely talented art & design students. You would also get to choose the subject.

In association with Paul Smith, a local fundraiser and marathon runner, the SWPS Art & Design Department is holding an auction in aid of The White Lodge Centre in Chertsey.

The White Lodge Centre is a local charity with long standing ties to the school. It supports disabled children, young people and adults, families and carers in Surrey and the surrounding areas.

In order to choose which student you would like to bid for, to create an artwork just for you, please visit <http://www.artdesignswps.org.uk/auction>  
If you bid successfully for a portrait painter, you would choose the subject of their painting.

Proceeds from the auction will be split 50/50 between The White Lodge Centre and the student artist. There is a reserve price of £100 on each commission.

The auction will open at 9am on the 8th of July and close at 2pm on Friday the 12th of July. Completed artworks will be delivered at the end of August.

Bids can be entered via [esevenoaks@swps.org.uk](mailto:esevenoaks@swps.org.uk), please make sure to identify the artist you are bidding on.

The website will be updated twice daily, at both 9am and 2pm, so be sure to check it regularly.

## LIBRARY

### Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Erebus: The Story of a Ship' by Michael Palin, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

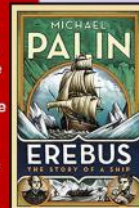
HMS Erebus was one of the great exploring ships, a veteran of ground-breaking expeditions to the ends of the Earth. In 1848, it disappeared in the Arctic, its fate a mystery. In 2014, it was found. This is its story.

**Book of the Week**

Michael Palin brings the remarkable Erebus back to life, following it from its launch in 1826 to the epic voyages of discovery that led to glory in the Antarctic and to ultimate catastrophe in the Arctic.

The ship was filled with fascinating people: the dashing and popular James Clark Ross, who charted much of the 'Great Southern Barrier'; the troubled John Franklin, whose chequered career culminated in the Erebus's final, disastrous expedition; and the eager Joseph Dalton Hooker, a brilliant naturalist – when he wasn't shooting the local wildlife dead.

Vividly recounting the experiences of the men who first set foot on Antarctica's Victoria Land, and those who, just a few years later, froze to death one by one in the Arctic ice, beyond the reach of desperate rescue missions, Erebus is a wonderfully evocative account of a truly extraordinary adventure, brought to life by a master explorer and storyteller.



### 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!





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](https://www.socscms.com/login/25509/parent/Wed/Thur%20Before%20School-Ready%20to%20Row)



## 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](http://www.swps.org.uk/Concorde50)

In aid of the school's  
Bursary Fund.

6.00pm Welcome  
by our Chair of Governors.

1.00am Carriages

