



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

What is a tipping point and why is it important to single sex education? It sounds like a trick question or at least one to stump a trembling student at an Oxbridge interview.

Malcolm Gladwell popularised the notion "tipping point" in his book *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can make a Big Difference*, in which he discussed the moment when a virus reaches a critical mass and then quickly diffuses into the general population. This idea has both been influential and criticised. Its impact in terms of our understanding of cultural trends suggests that cultural interactions are swayed by the relative proportions of groups within society.

So much for the theory, but what does this mean in the real world and for women in particular? The social scientist Rosabeth Moss Kanter demonstrated that when only few women are included, for example, in corporate board, both the men and the women behaved in similar ways. Namely, the culture of the organisation did not change significantly, if at all. Even if the minorities had different interests or behaviours, the pressure to conform was overwhelming.

But, she found, once a certain threshold in the number of women on the board was reached - about one third and above - the women were empowered and felt themselves to be more empowered, to express themselves more freely and to challenge conventional ways of thinking more willingly and confidently. The culture of the organisation changed and developed.

It was recognised that this process of change is slow - it is, in fact, a slow process of value change. The culture which empowers confidence to challenge existing frameworks and structures takes time to nurture.

And therein lies an advantage of a single sexed school. This culture of empowerment and confidence already exists. It may appear paradoxical perhaps, yet the fact that SWPS is a single sexed school removes at a stroke these barriers and restrictions. In short a critical mass is not necessary for change leading to empowerment, because it already exists. SWPS students can and do reject stereotypical gender roles and bias to embrace those subjects, opportunities and activities which suit them.

Head Girls Team

As we enter the final term of the academic year, our Head Girls Team hands over their duties to their successors and shares their advice gained from their year in the roles. We wish both team the best of luck over the next few months in exams and their duties as well as life beyond SWPS!

The 2018-19 HGT || Ellie Down with Shara Kothari, Ellie Mullins and Lauren Younge. *(top)*



The 2019-20 HGT || Mariella Trickett with Salena Ali, Thea David and Gillian Ahm. *(bottom)*



Upcoming Events

4—6 May	DofE: Silver Practice to Exmoor
5 May	SWPSBC: Wallingford Regatta at Dorney Lake
6 May	SWPSBC: Marlow Spring Regatta
7—10 May	Y7-9 & 11 Revision Week
9 May	Y11 Past Paper Day Music: Chamber Concert
10—12 May	Geography: L6 Residential Trip to Bristol
11 May	Y4 Workshop: Fun Fiesta
12 May	Y7: Level 2 Self-defence
16 May	L6: Parents' Evening
17 May	S6 Leavers Picnic
18 May	SWPSBC: Thames Ditton Regatta
19 May	SWamPieS: Staff Dragon Boat Race, at Goldsworth Park

Year 5 Taster Days 2019

We are now in the process of arranging this year's Taster Days, which many of you will remember from previous years.

If you or a friend have a child in Year 5 and have not yet expressed an interest in applying for a place here, [please click here for more information and to book a place](#)

These days are always over-subscribed, and places will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis, so early booking is recommended.

For any enquiries, please contact the Admissions Department.

NEW TO AFTERNOON TUCK!

After School club? Rushing to dance class? Rowers? Do you meet your child from the School bus and find them 'Hangry'?

Now on offer in the dining hall at 3.30pm tuck is a packed tea £1.50 to keep energy levels going!



Careers—Y8 NHS Competition

Massive congratulations to Caitlin Costello, Isabel Lowery, Olivia Sabharwal and Hanna Devlen in 8L who won the County competition for the NHS competition with their innovative video advertising the role of being a Counselling Psychologist in the NHS.

As the winning county school, they will arrange for a Simbulance to visit our school for the day to run sessions for our students. The Simbulance is a simulation ambulance which has a full size mannequin and can be used for a variety of training activities such as demonstration of how the heart works and how to administer CPR. More details regarding this will follow.

A fantastic achievement, well done!

BP Engineering Education Scheme Graduation

Well done to our five L6 students who have been working on their Engineering Education Scheme project set by BP over the last six months. They attended the 'Graduation Day' at BP Headquarters in Sunbury where they had to give a presentation to an assessment panel of engineers in the morning and then answer questions at their display stand in the afternoon. Their written report, presentation, their thorough evaluation of the problem, the test rig that they built and their analysis of the results were all highly commended.



DofE Awards

Congratulations to the following students who attained their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards at the end of last term.

DofE Awards require a lot of dedication and hard work, and all students who achieve these have demonstrated commitment and responsibility.

Name	Level	Name	Level
Millie Turner	Bronze	Ellen Parry	Silver
Gina Barber	Bronze	Rachel Coxon	Silver
Amber David	Bronze	Sylvie Evans	Silver
Grace Docherty	Bronze	Anabel Lee-Wragg	Silver
Heidi Mayne	Bronze	Avisha Gill	Silver
Erlanka Millea	Bronze	Anoushka Mishra	Silver
Erika Mulligan	Bronze	Imogen Pepall	Silver
Mia Revill	Bronze	Katie Attwell	Silver
Emma St. John	Bronze	Anna Reynolds	Silver
Madeleine White	Bronze	Charlotte Handley	Silver
Lucy Porter	Bronze	Eleanor O'Dell	Silver
Emma Queen	Bronze	Amy Quinell	Silver
Mia Rai	Bronze	Kate Stenning	Silver
Sophie Young	Bronze	Madeleine McGuire	Silver
Eloise Williams	Bronze	Sonaldeep Dhillon	Silver
Sienna Edginton	Bronze	Isla Morrison	Silver
Beatrice Gomes	Bronze	Catherine Trelawny	Gold
Eleanor O'Dell	Bronze		
Anika Rabi	Bronze		
Carmen Bailey	Bronze		
Izzy Man	Bronze		
Saskia Cronjaeger	Bronze		

Woodlarks Campsite (www.woodlarks.org.uk)

Woodlarks is a campsite for physically disabled people in Farnham, Surrey, which hosts week-long camps throughout the summer. These camps are run entirely by volunteers and work on a buddy system, with able-bodied helpers pairing up with disabled participants to work together for the week. In particular, two of these camps may be of interest to students:

If you are aged 14 or over by August and would like to be a helper at Explorers Camp for teenage girls (3-10 August), as spoken about by Miss Golding, who also volunteers, and some of our Year 11s in assembly, please contact Janet Rae on email@mrrae.co.uk asap as there are only a few spaces left! If you're intrigued but aren't sure what you'd be signing up for, speak to Miss Golding or visit www.explorerscamp.com.

If you are over 18 (including parents!) or in Year 13 and would like to help at Pathfinders Camp for adult women (17-24 August), contact Sam Dunn on sam.dunn.pathfinders@gmail.com. This is a more mature camp which has a more relaxed and flexible approach due to the age of its participants. Further info can be found at pathfinderscamp.com. Both camps give a very rewarding experience and our five Year 11 students who took part last year recommend them highly. They can also be used for DofE Gold Residentials.





National Junior Sculling Regatta

Summer regatta racing kicked off for our rowers last weekend at the National Junior Sculling Regatta at Dorney Lake. It's an exciting chance to experience a racing format similar to the forthcoming National Schools Regatta, as well as measuring the progress our crews have made over the Easter training camp period.

The tail-end of Storm Hannah ruffled the waters of Dorney to make for challenging rowing conditions, but all of our crews made a good job of racing throughout the day. After some promising Time Trials in the morning, we ended the regatta with a pleasing set of results across all age-groups.

A Finalists:

WJ16 2x Silver (Celia Crosbie, Emmie Kirkhope)
WJ18 4x 4th (Annabelle Taylor, Emily Keen, Denise Martin, Ella Ayoade)
WJ16 2x 5th (Tess O'Donnell, Lola Wright)
WJ15 2x 5th (Katya Nearcou, Bethany Illsley)
WJ18 2x 6th (Louise Wax, Lerin Adetola)

With a further 8 crews ranked inside the top-20 in their events (including two of our new J14 octos), the day was a resounding success. The highlight of the regatta for SWPSBC was the fantastic silver medal in the WJ16 2x for Celia Crosbie and Emmie Kirkhope in what was their first A Final at a regatta. It is great to see the hard work and persistence paying off for all our rowers. Next up, Wallingford Regatta at Dorney Lake on Sunday!



Rounders

Our first Rounders fixture for the Year 7s was on Wednesday. Twenty of our excitable Year 7s went across to Notre Dame to see how we

could do. The B team had a fantastic match and won 14.5-6. Fantastic fielding from Sarah and Zoe and great batting from Saanvi.

The A team were less successful in their score but still played a brilliant match. Super batting from Sylvia, and awesome fielding from Millie won her Player of the Match. They unfortunately lost 12-22.

Hockey

This Sunday (4 May) two SWPS hockey players will be representing Guildford HC in the England Hockey Tier 2 Cup Final being played at The Olympic Park in Lee Valley.

Having already won their league this season, Alice Cobb and Hannah Bodoano are going for the domestic double against Loughborough Students.



Netball

Our final netball fixture of the 2018/2019 season took the Year 7 and 8 A teams to St John the Baptist School for a friendly tournament. The Year 7 team won their tournament, winning all their games with fantastic play from the whole team!

The Year 8s came second in their tournament, only down to goal difference with three extremely competitive matches!

Well done to all netballers this season, Miss Foxley and Mrs Young have really enjoyed coaching you all and look forward to next season!



Fencing

A big congratulations to Leena Tageldin who competed in the Paul Davies Fencing Academy Spring Championship.

Leena fought mean competition but ended up attaining a silver medal in the U12 girls category!

Well done Leena!

Athletics

On Wednesday 1 May students from Year 10 & 11 took part in the Key Stage 4 District Athletics Championships.

The team came 3rd overall, narrowly missing out on 2nd place by only a few points. Hannah in Year 11 performed brilliantly on the day, gaining 1st place in the javelin event. The remainder of the team came from Year 10, who on many occasions performed admirably against their counterparts from Year 11. Well done to Eleanor (hurdles), Matilda (1500m) and Thea (discus) for coming 2nd in their events – all fantastic achievements.

Tennis

Tuesday saw the first tennis fixture for the Year 8s against Claremont. They had a good game, unfortunately Claremont being too strong for us and winning all the games apart from one.

Katrina and Taban were the pair that won one of their games. All the pairs had some fantastic rallies and were unlucky to not win more of their games. Final score was 8-1 to Claremont.



DESIGNS OF THE WEEK

Thea Morton in Year 10 has designed and made an exceptional floating shelf design. She has combined traditional wood working skills with a modern design aesthetic which is finished fantastically well with really good attention to detail.



L6 SWPS reception table update:

Fresh back from their exams the L6 have been back in the workshop and busily working on assembling the legs and table top pieces for the coffee table commission for the front entrance of the school. The students are aiming to complete the project by the end of the month, so the end is in sight!



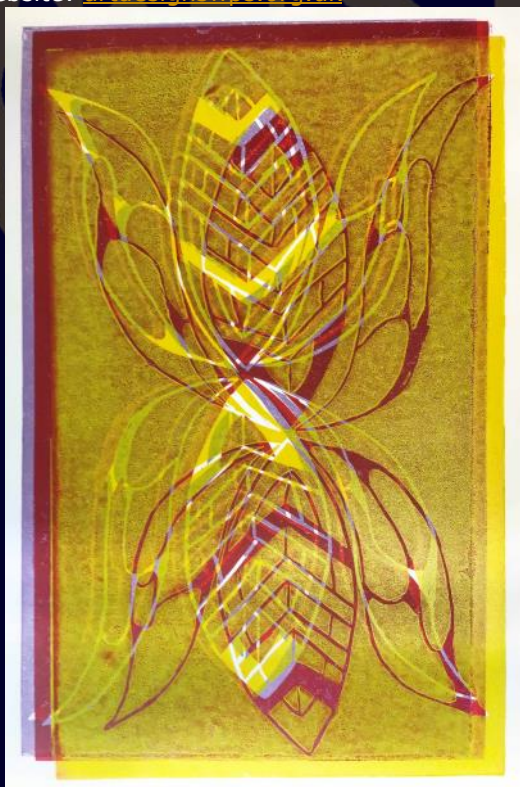
Follow the SWPS Design Technology department [@SWPSDesign](https://twitter.com/SWPSDesign) to keep up with all of their creations and activities!

ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

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

It is by Willow (Y8)

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on the Art Dept website: artdesignswps.org.uk

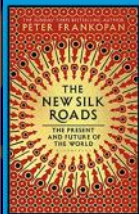


LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The New Silk Roads' by Peter Frankopan, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Book of the Week



The world is changing dramatically and in an age of Brexit and Trump, the themes of isolation and fragmentation permeating the western world stand in sharp contrast to events along the Silk Roads, where ties have been strengthened and mutual cooperation established.

Following the Silk Roads eastwards from Europe through to China, by way of Russia and the Middle East, "The New Silk Roads" provides a timely reminder that we live in a world that is profoundly interconnected. In this prescient contemporary history, Frankopan assesses the global reverberations of these continual shifts in the centre of power - all too often absent from headlines in the west.

This important book asks us to reread who we are and where we are in the world, illuminating the themes on which all our lives and livelihoods depend.



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

SUMMER CHAMBER CONCERT



Thursday 9 May, 7pm
Jarvis Room



Join us to hear impressive performances from our more advanced students.

Tickets are free but please register your seat(s) by clicking here.

SURREY
ARTS



NORTH SURREY ENSEMBLES OPEN REHEARSAL



Come and experience playing in a band or orchestra!

We are inviting string, woodwind brass & percussion players from Grade 1 standard to come along and join in for the morning and find out what it feels like to play in a group.

Wind Orchestra

String Orchestra

Junior Band

Junior Guitar

Junior Strings

Saturday 4 May 2019, 9.30 - 11am
The Matthew Arnold School, TW18 1PF

For more information contact Surrey Arts:

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surreymusicclub.com

SAVE THE DATE!

for a fantastic fund-raising event hosted by Friends of SWPS

*Jazz
Cafe***Friday
14th of June
7:30-10pm**Put the date in your diaries and watch
this space for further details soon!**TEAM
SWAMPIES
ARE BACK!**

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.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#)**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.

Canapes and wine will be served during the evening. Cost is £25 per head.

[BOOK YOUR PLACE BY CLICKING HERE!](#)**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!

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

