



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

In June 2015, the founder of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, took the opportunity of a question and answer session to describe a vision for his company. His plan for the future was startling, extraordinary, and verged on the science fiction. In his words "One I believe that we'll be able to send full rich thoughts to each other using technology...this would be ultimate communication technology."

Four years later a huge amount of investment has already been directed in this area of technology. The Boston start-up, Neurale, is seeking to develop technologies that can track "intentions" of users in virtual reality environments. In April 2017, Regina Dugan, Facebook's lead on technologies that blend the physical and digital world, said "it may be possible for me to think in Mandarin and you to feel it instantly in Spanish". Excited or terrified by this prospect? Whether this is technically possible is in some ways less important than the ethical and social questions such advances throw up. From privacy to ownership, we all think and feel things that we would rather not be shared. We know that how we are perceived, or rather how we think that we are seen by others, rightly or not, does have an impact on self-esteem, anxiety and overall happiness, and in no section of society more than teenagers.

What do we already know? According to a review of 19 studies from 12 industrialised countries, adolescent girls are now experiencing more depression and anxiety attributed to "high expectation on girls in terms of appearance and weight". How is this "expectation" being transmitted? Through social media, where the concept of likes are prevalent. Indeed, the study further shows that girls are suffering twice the amount of anxiety compared to boys. Whilst there are, undoubtedly, many factors that contributed to this rise, there is increasing evidence to suggest that a possible link between anxiety among teenagers and what they see in terms of perfection. The idea of perfection comes from external pressures – again in how one thinks others see them.

So where does this leave schools? Such technology, or something like it, may well be with us in the not too distant future. But the questions of self-esteem, anxiety and happiness are with us now. Education must take the lead in ensuring that our young people understand the potential dangers as well as the exciting opportunities that new technology will bring. But we must also confirm that to feel valued, loved and appreciated is something that is experienced in the physical world. No matter how much our young people think that the world of social media is real, it is a "second world" and a lesser one at that. The real world is the one we enjoy together and it is the one that matters. It is the world where we do, in reality, connect with each other, positively and beneficially. It is a crucial message.

I hope that you all have a good Half term.

Upcoming Events

26 May	SWPSBC: National Schools Regatta
31 May	DoE Silver Rowers Practice Expedition
1 June	Rowing: Snr Training Y11-13
5 June	EPQ: L6 Students to Southampton Uni Library
6 June	Computer Science: Y7 to Robotics Workshop
7 June	Economics/Business Studies: L6 to City
8 June	English: L6 Literary London Walk/theatre visit
14 June	Friends of SWPS: Jazz Café

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.

Lunchtime Concert @1pm
Thurs 13 June
Jarvis Room

Join us for our informal lunchtime concert.
Come along & listen to our musical talents from across the whole school – everyone is welcome but please register your place.

Please reserve tickets by clicking [here](#)

West End Role for SWPS Student

Congratulations to Riya in year 8 who has won the part of Pandora in Adrian Mole the Musical at Ambassadors Theatre in the West End. We wish her all the best with her busy rehearsal and performance schedule.



Perkonians Networking Event

The SWPS Alumnae Networking Event on 22nd May was well attended by Perkonians and friends from a variety of year groups. Our speaker, journalist, reporter and broadcaster, Helen Fospero gave an inspirational talk and let us in on many of her stories from the world of journalism, recollecting many amusing stories from her numerous entertainment interviews while at GMTV. We could have kept Helen talking all night. Our Alumnae had a chance to catch up with old friends and make some new contacts. The Union Club served us some gorgeous food and we even found their secret roof terrace. Just perfect for a warm May evening. If you missed out on this event be sure to book onto our next one we already have a



fantastic speaker in mind! Well done to our Alumnae Officer, Mrs Bradbury, for organising the event.

YOUNGmINDS Mrs Blyther recommends the information in the YoungMinds Parents Survival Guide contained in this link as a useful resource. Click [here](#)

Theo Fennell Work Experience

Over Easter Lauren Mansey in Year 9 was the second SWPS student to undertake work experience at Theo Fennell's jewellery workshop and studio. Over the week she learned designing skills, including the use of Adobe Illustrator and then turned her idea into reality in the workshop. The brief Lauren was given was to make a pendant from silver incorporating her initials and a cast silver bee. The piece she has produced is stunning and an item I am sure she will treasure for a long time. Well done Lauren.

J Blackman

MUN

Today the Year 9 students have been getting a taste of being diplomats. In the form of a teaching Model United Nations conference they have represented countries as diverse as Peru and North Korea researching and debating a range of topics including drone use and abortion. They have acquitted themselves very well, giving opening



speeches and remembering to speak in the third person all day! A number of experienced MUN'ers from Year 10 have expertly guided them through the whole day. We hope this will inspire them to take up this activity in Year 10 and become global citizens.

R Willis

SWamPieS Triumph!

On Sunday 19 May the intrepid team of staff athletes known as Team SWamPieS once again took to the water at Goldsworth Park Lake, Dragon Boat racing in aid of Woking & Sam Beare Hospices (WSB). This year there was an increase in the number of teams taking place, with 22 from all around the region. The team gave a very respectable performance, winning their first 2 races and narrowly missing out on qualification for the finals in their third by 1 second to a very strong team from Seymour's Estate Agents. The final placement of Team SWamPieS was 6th out of the 22 teams. The key to dragon boating success is rhythm and Team SWamPieS demonstrated this extremely well; the team was like a well-oiled machine, everybody operating as one. It was an incredibly enjoyable day and (to date) the team has raised in excess of £1400 for WSB.



Special mentions must go to Sheila Hallsworth for volunteering to perch herself on the most unstable seat of the boat to act as our Drummer and Chris Moth, who stepped up for the last race after one member of the team had to leave early.

A Sivyer (Head Coach)

Surrey Athletics Finals

Jimena in Year 7 is part of Walton Athletic Club and competes representing the club in a variety of competitions through the year. Two weekends ago she competed in the Surrey Athletic finals and came 4th in the 800m. Congratulations Jimena a great achievement in a tough competition!!

Netball

Huge congratulations to Tilly in Year 8 who has been selected for the Surrey County Netball Academy this week. From a huge pool of over 200 girls, Tilly was selected as one of the top 50 players in the U13 and U14 agegroup. We wish her all the best in the future and look forward to your progress!! Well done Tilly!!

Rowing

Katie Knott, Lucia Frige and Anna Cowell all took part in Thames Ditton Regatta for their club at the weekend.

Lucia and Anna won in their WJ14 4x+ beating Molesey in a tight final by 3 feet, with Katie's boat finishing second in their division.

Later in the day Anna won the WJ14 2x and Lucia coxed the boys J14 4x+ to second place, another great day for the girls and their club.



Tennis

The U15s gained some great experience this week with 2 tennis matches back-to-back. On Tuesday they played against an unbeaten Tormead team. We were unable to get the win but played some good matches. On Wednesday, Reigate Grammar came for the final match in the league.

Reigate also beat us, but we managed to get a couple of new players to gain some match experience for the school. The U15s did a great job, well done to all who played, and stepped in at the last minute!



British Ice Skating Championships

Ava-Mae Martell has qualified for these championships, which will take place at the National Ice Skating Centre in Sheffield from 8–10 July. What a great achievement—good luck, Ava-Mae!



Summer House Games—Rounders and Tennis



Following on from the very successful Winter House Games of hockey and netball, the Key Stage 3 Summer House Games will be running the first week back after the holiday. There will be opportunities for students to participate in a variety of roles:

- Performer
- Umpire
- Journalist
- Photographer



Monday 3rd June: Year 7 – Periods 4,5,6

Monday 3rd June: Year 8 Periods 7,8,9

Tuesday 4th June: Year 9 Periods 5,6



Don't forget to bring your kit!

Date for your diary: Tuesday 2nd July – SWPS Sports Day

DESIGNS OF THE WEEK

This week's designs of the week are some lovely bookends made by Year 8 which are currently on display in the library. These examples are presently from 8X and more will appear on display after half term. All the designs have been inspired by books on library shelves and students' favourite books growing up.



J Blackman

DT Table Project

The table has been making steady progress this week with the legs and the top now coming together, with students learning to master planning and biscuit joining methods as well as using the new laser cutter to engrave the school crest onto one section of their collaged top. The table will be completed and on show ready for open evening on the 27th June, be sure to pop over to the DT block to see it.



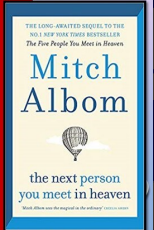
LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The Five People You Meet in Heaven' by Mitch Albom, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

In "*The Five People You Meet in Heaven*" the world fell in love with Eddie, a grizzled war veteran- turned-amusement park mechanic who died saving the life of a young girl named Annie. Eddie's journey to heaven taught him that every life matters. Now, in this magical sequel, Mitch Albom reveals Annie's story. The accident that killed Eddie left an indelible mark on Annie. It took her left hand, which needed to be surgically reattached. Injured, scarred, and unable to remember why, Annie's life is forever changed by a guilt-ravaged mother who whisks her away from the world she knew. Bullied by her peers and haunted by something she cannot recall, Annie struggles to find acceptance as she grows...

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!

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 Serenna (Y7)

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



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



SWPS Summer Rowing Camp

The Summer Camp will be run by Patrick Tackney, a Level 2 Qualified British Rowing Coach, our Ready 2 Row programme coach.

He will be assisted by Andrew Joel, a 3 times Henley Regatta winner with the Leander Club who has also represented Great Britain at Junior, Under 23 and Senior Level.

Available to current Year 7 and 8 students
Course will include gym and water sessions in both Quads and Octuples.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
8:00 – 9:00 Registration 9:00-9:30 Introduction to Coaches and Boat Club Safety Briefing 9:30 - 10:30 Session 1 in Gym	8:00 – 9:00 Arrival 9:00 – 10:30 Session 1 Water Session	8:00- 9:00 Arrival 9:00 -10:30 Session 1 Gym Session
10:30 – 10:50 Break	10:30- 10:50 Break	10:30- 10:50 Break
10:50-12:00 Session 2 Water Session	10:50 – 12:00 Session 2 Gym/Land Session	10:50 -12:00 Session 2 Water Session
12:00 -12:45 Lunch Break	12:00 -12:45 Lunch Break	12:00 -12:45 Lunch Break
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DATES

CAMP 1 - Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th August 2019

CAMP 2 - Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th August 2019
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LOCATION – Sir William Perkins's School Boat Club, Thameside, Laleham, Middlesex TW18 1UQ

£240

(per 3 day course)

LIMITED SPACES LEFT!

EVENTS

Friends of
SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S
SCHOOL

Jazz Cafe

with
**THE STUART
SKEFFINGTON QUARTET**

who will be entertaining us with their love of jazz music throughout the evening. They have played around London and the Southeast and have supported legendary Courtney Pine. They will be inviting senior SWPS music students to join them for guest spots on stage.

**Friday 14th
of June
7:30-10pm**
(Doors open at 7pm)

**A Fantastic Evening of
Entertainment awaits...**

Book your tickets now by clicking here

Summer's Cool Music Course
Sunday 28th July - Friday 2nd August 2019
Residential & Day places available

Facilities at All Hallows

- * Swimming pool
- * Tennis courts
- * Indoor sports hall
- * Football and rounders pitches
- * Large Concert Hall
- * Individual practice rooms
- * Several rehearsal spaces
- * TV & DVD common rooms
- * Tuck shop
- * Fully catered meals

Fees for this year:
Resident £549 Day £439
** Early booking - sitting discount available * see 14.12*

Please reply by 15th June 2019 to:
The Secretary,
87 Lime Avenue, Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire, CV32 7DG,
including a payment of £100 for the deposit. Cheques should be made payable to 'Summers Cool'

Please call or email us for further details:
(01926) 778158
a.mook@summerscool.co.uk

All Hallows School, Somerset, BA4 4SF
See our website for more details & an application form:
www.summerscool.co.uk

**Summer's Cool
Music Course**
All Hallows School, Somerset
Sunday 28th July - Friday 2nd August 2019
*A range of activities
for young musicians age 8-16 years*



Directed by Andrew Mook

www.summerscool.co.uk

Application forms for this holiday course are available from the Music Department.



**SWPS
ART & DESIGN
EXHIBITION**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
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



**SIR
WILLIAM
PERKINS'S
SCHOOL**

SAVE THE DATE



50
CONCORDE
AT BROOKLANDS

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!

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.

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.

07807623498
kirsten.patient@live.co.uk

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

