



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

We are hearing a lot in the news about whistleblowing recently. It undoubtedly takes a form of courage. It is part of our mental strength and moral conviction. It is underpinned by our sense of integrity. It is the courage to stand one's ground and, often, on one's own; to speak out for what is right.

Whistleblowing is, in fact, not a modern phenomenon. The earliest written evidence we have for the rewarding of whistleblowers is almost 1300 years old. It comes from the declaration of King Wihtrud of Kent.

Wihtrud lived in the late 7th century AD and the declaration of that time stated: "if a freeman works during the Sabbath, he shall forfeit his profits and the man who informs against him shall have half the fine". The rewards of being a whistleblower!

Historians believe that protection for whistleblowers first came into practice around the time of the American War for Independence. Officers from the Continental Navy revealed that British prisoners were being tortured by their commander, a man called Esek Hopkins. They sent a petition to Congress, which explained how unhappy they were with the "inhuman treatment" of the British. On finding out that they had sent this petition, Hopkins was furious and immediately tried to sue them. Congress, however, passed a law stating it was the duty of all servicemen to give information of any misconduct by any officer. Hopkins was subsequently found guilty and suspended and Congress paid the legal costs of the officers.

To act on one's convictions takes moral courage. It is a courage not generated by machismo, training or physical toughness; rather it is driven by integrity. It is something that we continue to strive for at SWPS.

A sense of integrity informs everything we do at SWPS. We want our students to enter society aware of their responsibilities both to themselves and to others. To be prepared to call out injustice where they see it and stand resolute. In the familiar words of C S Lewis, SWPS know that integrity is "doing the right thing even when no one is watching".



Upcoming Events

5 Oct	Friends of SWPS: Quiz Night & AGM
7 Oct	Maths: Area Maths Challenge
8 Oct	Classics: Y8 Butser Ancient Farm Trip
10 Oct	Prospective Pupil Information Morning
12 Oct	Perkonian Reunion Day: Afternoon Tea & Dinner
14 Oct	Art: 7L & 7M to Tate Britain
	Careers: Y11 Employability Workshop
16—26 Oct	Ghana Partnership Trip
20—25 Oct	Classics: Greece Trip
20—26 Oct	SWPSBC: Training Camp in Portugal
20—28 Oct	Sport: Junior Tour, Dubai
21—25 Oct	Mandarin: China Trip

Entrance Exam Registration

If you are looking for 2020 entry for a sibling for Year 7, or have a friend who is looking, the deadline date for registrations is Thursday 31 October 2019.

Registration is quickest and easiest through our online registration form:

www.swps.org.uk/registration-form

Y8 Lunchtime Concerts

These concerts begin at 12.55pm. All students participate in their teaching group's concert.

Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend to support the performers. Please sign in at the Main Reception and you will be guided over to the Music Department.

Please note 8Y's concert will take place on Wednesday due to Junior Drama rehearsals.

8Y	Wednesday 16 October
8W	Thursday 14 November
8Z	Thursday 21 November
8X	Thursday 28 November

Sixth Form Scholarships

A friendly reminder to any Year 11 students that Monday 7 October is the deadline for applications for Sixth Form scholarships. Academic, Art, Drama, Music and Sports Scholarships are available, and letters and application forms have been sent out twice in recent weeks. Please return those by Monday. Please note that the dates set for those assessments are the only dates available. Thank you.

First Aid Room

Please could we remind everyone that the First Aid Room here at SWPS is covered by our administrative staff; although they are trained in First Aid they are not able to provide a diagnostic service but will be able to provide limited support for minor ailments and injuries. If your child is unwell before leaving home, you are advised to seek professional medical advice at the outset. Thank you for your understanding and support in this.

Isle of Wight

Last Saturday Year 7 spent the day on the Isle of Wight, accompanied by 8 members of staff. The first stop was Amazon World Zoo Park where we saw lots of exotic animals and birds. Unfortunately, it was too cloudy for the Lemurs so we were sorry not to see them. The adventure playground was a huge hit and some of the students showed they could climb as well as the monkeys!



After lunch, we went to Shanklin beach to search for fossils and some of us made sand castles, including the teachers!

Mrs Stebbings would like to thank all the staff who gave up their Saturday to come. The students were very well behaved and we got a compliment to that effect from the staff on the ferry!



Frantic Assembly Drama Workshop

Last week the drama department welcomed Frantic Assembly to SWPS. Frantic Assembly has developed into one of the UK's most successful and best loved theatre companies. They create brave and bold theatre that's incredibly physically dynamic. During their visit to the school they lead workshops with Years 10–13 to help develop the students' skills in physical theatre and devising. The students created some fantastic devised movement pieces to end the session (Check out our video link for an insight into the workshop) Some students have already begun incorporating the Frantic approach into their GCSE and A-Level Devised performances.

For more information on Frantic Assembly, take a look at their website: <https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/about>



Hans Woyda Maths Competition 2019

The 2019 Hans Woyda Maths Competition has begun and our first round match was about as tough as it could be – away to Tiffin Girls.

The SWPS team, consisting of Clara McKee (S6), Bella Cook (Y11), Bethan Williams (Y10) and Ria Patel (Y9) put in a strong performance, getting better and better as the match went on. In spite of an outstanding performance in the final 'race' round, SWPS narrowly lost 35–47.

We look forward to welcoming a team from Hampton School for our round 2 match next month.



Bocholt Exchange September 2019

51 of our Year 9s had a busy time entertaining their German Exchange partners last week. There was great excitement when students and their teachers arrived on Wednesday afternoon and there was a packed programme of events over the next few days. On Thursday the Bocholt students enjoyed a trip to London and Madame Tussaud's, and on Friday having spent Period 1 experiencing SWPS lessons at first hand, they were whisked off to Windsor for a tour of the castle. This year they were also fortunate enough to have an addition to their programme; Mr and Mrs Fowkes took them on a guided tour of Eton College. The students were really excited and delighted by all they saw there and had lots of questions afterwards. The disco on Sunday was also a great success and there were many sad faces on Monday morning when they left. We are all hugely looking forward to our return visit to Bocholt in May 2020.

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped with the events and organisation, a special thank you to the Site Team, to Ms Kogler, Mrs Fowkes and Mrs Wood for all their hard work in making this such a success. A big thank you to all the parents for looking after the German students so well and a very special thank you to those families who agreed to take on an additional German guest at short notice; it was greatly appreciated.

CAREERS

FREMANTLE MEDIA



Fremantle

Media Industry talk by Perkonian

We were delighted to welcome Ms Liza Abbott to SWPS on Monday 30 September. Liza is a former pupil who is now the Chief Operating Officer at Fremantle Productions. She came in to talk to the students in Year 10 and above about the roles available in the Media industry, as well as offering tips and advice to students who may wish to work in that field in future.

TECHNOLOGY

Food Technology

It has been a busy week of practical lessons in the food rooms for Year 7 and 8 with Year 7s making Quick Pizzas using a bread base of their choice and a balanced selection of toppings. They have been practicing their chopping skills and we are



sure this is going to be a family favourite soon in the homes of our SWPS students.

Meanwhile Year 8 have been focusing on Asian Cuisines; making either sweet and sour or korma. Students have altered their recipes by choosing their preferred meat or meat substitute. They will be focusing on enclosed pastry dishes next choosing between samosas, spring rolls or pasties.



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

ART & DESIGN

Here's our first Artwork of the Month, for October, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by **Jess (S6)**.

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 Outcast' by Sadie Jones, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Book of the Week



August 1957. Lewis Aldridge, straight out of jail, stands alone at a Surrey railway station.

He's returned to the village where he grew up: the village where, a decade earlier, tragedy tore his family apart, leaving him to a troubled adolescence without a mother and with a father he barely knew.

Now, the only person who understands him is Kit, daughter of a bullying local businessman. Soon they realise that to forge their own futures, they must first confront the darkest secrets of their past.

As family, love and violence become ever more so intertwined, can Kit and Lewis find their way back to each other amidst the chaos?

A powerful portrait of unexpected love and treacherous charades against the backdrop of a sleepy post-war English village.

Summer Reading Competition

The Summer Reading Competition award goes to **Leena Tageldin (8M)**.

One simply cannot outrank reading with the Royals.



What's on in the Library

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



SPORT

Hockey

Salesian 3—2 SWPS

In the 1st Senior fixture of the year SWPS made the long journey west and started the match slowly, probably due to the effects of the travel. SWPS were forced into playing without a keeper and were quickly 2 goals down and it remained that way to half time. With a short rest and a new energy (sweets!) SWPS began well and were level through goals from Olivia and Vicky but as the energy (sweets) wore off Salesian scored a late winner. A great effort from the team and lots of positives for the next game.

St Teresa's

The Year 9 hockey squad had their first game of the season, and their first game on a full sized pitch, away at St Teresa's on Wednesday. St T's were able to feed several county players but SWPS had the early chances only to be thwarted by the keeper several times. They were made to pay when St T's scored 2 goals in quick succession, both from counter attacks giving Evie in goal no chance either time.

SWPS hit back at the start of the 2nd half with a great goal from Ki only for St T's to regain a 2 goal lead shortly after. Ki then scored again with a shot into the top corner and this was followed quickly by Zoe hammering home an equalizer with 5 minutes to go. Both teams then missed opportunities to win the game, Evie making 2 fine late saves leaving the score at 3—3.

Netball

SWPS 19—24 Woking High

The first district league fixture for the U14s was on Monday against Woking High. A really close game throughout with some excellent shooting from Georgie and Tegan keeping us within a couple of goals throughout. Unfortunately Woking High picked up momentum in the last quarter and we couldn't keep up. The game finished 24—19 to Woking High. Tilly was awarded player of the match.

U13 A & B v Tormead

Both the A and B team had extremely close matches against Tormead on Thursday. The A team lost 23—18 in a very competitive game. Indiana and Feirin were voted player of the match.

The B team were within 2 goals of Tormead throughout the whole game and unfortunately couldn't overturn the lead by the end. The final score was 17—15 to Tormead. Amelie and Jimena were voted player of the match. Well done to the two teams, we will get them on the next fixture!



MUSIC

Use the links below to book your place at our fantastic upcoming music performances

AUTUMN CHAMBER CONCERT



Thursday 17 October 2019

Jarvis Room, 7pm

Join us for a fantastic evening of music with performances from our more advanced musicians.

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE VIA EVENTBRITE

8Y's Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday 16 October

12.55pm

Jarvis Room

Parents and relatives are most welcome to join us for this informal concert.

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The Last Train to Tomorrow



Join us for a rare talk by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines MBE who was born in Prague in 1929 and came to the UK as a child on the last train of Sir Nicholas Winton's Kindertransport in 1939 escaping the evils of the Nazis.

Date: Tuesday 26 November 2019

Time: 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Venue: The Main Hall, Sir William Perkins's School, Guildford Road, Chertsey, Surrey, KT16 9BN

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET

Please note:

- For SWPS students this talk is free but you need to register on the above link (do not proceed to the payment page).
- Parents and the general public will be charged £5 per ticket.

This is a joint Rotary Club and SWPS event with proceeds going to the charity, *Safe Passage*.



World Mental Health Day Thursday 10th October

Raising money for Mind—the mental health charity.
Our mental health is just like physical health: everyone has it and we need to take care of it. **1/4** people will experience a mental health problem every year!

Doughnuts **£1** each

Be Quick! Once they're gone, they're gone!

When: 1pm & 3:30pm **Where:** Outside the Dining Hall

