



SWPS NEWS



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The new term is moving at a pace and it is clear from the purposeful attitudes of both staff and students that much hard work is being done. Around the school, the small sound of pennies dropping is heard, as students suddenly understand and apply new knowledge to new problems.

Schools should be cultivators of the intellectual virtues. These are the qualities of our minds which enable critical thinking and facilitate effective learning. The process of developing intellectual virtues is the function of any education, particularly schools, and should embrace an ethic of thinking; where asking questions, seeking understanding, and pursuing knowledge are the norm, and where openness and respect are conspicuous by their collaboration and generosity.

Of course, it is hard work. Nothing worthwhile is ever easy, so the cliché runs. To maintain arrogant, lazy and closed-mindedness is an easy route which prevents an individual from learning and developing. By contrast, to be honest about oneself, to persevere through challenges, to be attentive to other ideas, and to be humble about what one does not know – these are all the elements in which the intellectual virtues can thrive.

So what are the intellectual virtues? I'll identify three: curiosity, humility and independence.

1. Be curious and ask questions! Always be fascinated about the world; it is an absorbing place
2. Admit you don't know! Be humble about what you do not know.
3. Think for yourself! Take a chance on your own thinking power.



Upcoming Events

21 Sept	Concorde 50 Gala Dinner
23 Sept	Drama/Theatre Studies: Y10-13 Frantic Assembly Workshop
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25—30 Sept	German: Bocholt Exchange
26 Sept	Ghana Trip: Parent Info Evening
	Hangzhou/Shanghai Trip: Parent Info Evening
	Classics: Greece Trip Parent Info Evening
27 Sept	Y8: HPV Vaccinations
28 Sept	Y7: Isle of Wight Trip
29 Sept	SWPSBC: Parent 'Have a Go' Day
	German: Bocholt Disco

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

SWPS Concorde 50 Gala Dinner

We are looking forward to our dinner on Saturday evening.

Not coming? Still take part – the Silent Auction has some fantastic items, and you can bid up until 10.00 am on Saturday morning.

Get some Christmas shopping done!

[SWPS || Jumblebee Concorde Gala Auction](#)

LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

Another week into A Levels has gone incredibly quickly. My lessons are highly enjoyable, credit for which is definitely due to my teachers, who are all spectacular and clearly very passionate about their respective subjects. The teaching style at A Level is very different from lower down the school, it is extremely interactive and with the reduced class size the fear of speaking is minimal. The balcony is another one of my favourite things about the sixth form centre, provided it is not raining. The fresh air is lovely, and the sun is always a welcomed addition to any time spent there. It's ideal for some peace and quiet, as well as a perfect location to spend lunchtimes with your friends.

Liberty Donovan, L6LT



L6 Geography Field Trip to London

On Monday the Sixth Form Geography students took part in a fieldtrip to London. The day consisted of a lecture at Queen Mary

University followed by a walking tour of Spitalfields to explore how the area has changed in response to gentrification. We saw evidence of several different cultures, including Bangladeshi and Jewish communities, as well as the impact of new 'hipster' sites, such as microbreweries, 'Junkyard' mini golf and graffiti murals. A huge thanks to Queen Mary University for hosting us for the day.

Ruby Edwards & Issy Hartley (L6MD)



SWPS MBA

Last Friday and Saturday, 13 L6 students took part in our inaugural SWPS MBA. This new qualification requires

students to complete three separate enterprise tasks over the course of the year. The first stage at the weekend was called "Realising Potential" and students were initially tasked with brainstorming business ideas before producing a business plan and prototype. Students will now have the opportunity to enter the Peter Jones Tycoon Competition before the final stage in July next year, "Reaching Potential", where they will undertake a business task at the offices of a large multinational company. Students thoroughly enjoyed the first stage and are looking forward to the next stage of the qualification.



FRIENDS OF SWPS



Friends of
SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S
SCHOOL

Family Quiz Night and AGM

Saturday October 5th

Doors open at 6:45 for 7pm start
Adults £15 and Children £10

Supper is included and
there will be a cash bar available.

Gear up your brain for questions to tease the senses and test your knowledge. We'll have a tasting round, music round, picture round and more...

Return completed form by the 1st of October. Tickets are limited so book early and come along to a fantastic night out for the whole family!

Friends of SWPS Family Quiz Night

Please return this form to school via the Friends of SWPS postbox with cheques made payable to Friends of SWPS, cash or bank transfer (online payments to 20-90-56 A/C no. 90770868. Put your surname and first initial as reference). If you are paying online, you can return this form via email: friends.of.swps@gmail.com. This is a great way to meet other parents and if you don't have a team then we will put you with others from your child's year group. Teams should be no more than 8 people.

Name: _____ Email: _____
(confirmation of tickets will be sent via this email address)

Child's Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like _____ adult tickets @ £15 each and _____ child tickets @ £10 each for the Friends of SWPS Family Quiz Night.

Total payment of £ _____ Cheque, Cash or BACS (please circle one)

I would like _____ vegetarian meals

Friends of SWPS || Classlist

Our Parent Association, the Friends of SWPS, use Classlist to keep in touch and promote their events, so sign up now, select your child's year group and form and get involved!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN CLASSLIST](#)

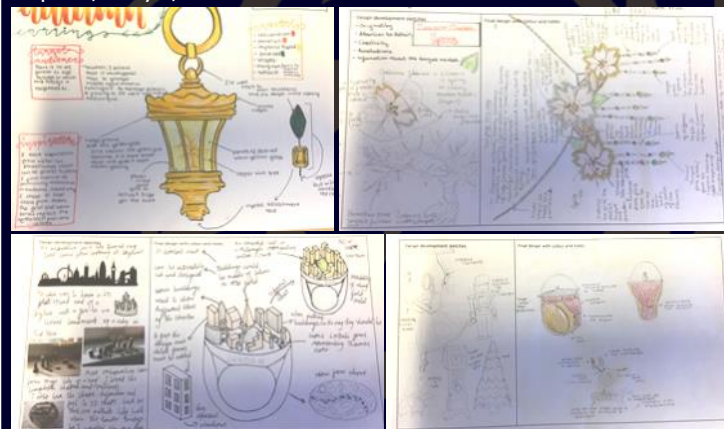


DESIGNS OF THE WEEK

Theo Fennell Jewellery Master Class

We are excited to announce that world renowned jewellery designer Theo Fennell is returning to Sir William Perkins School Technology Department to give a master class in design.

The master class will take place next Friday, to be a part of the session Design Technology students from Year 10, 11 and 13 have designed their own pieces inspired by his work. Here are some of the excellent submissions by Sophie, Maya, Kanchan and Evie.



It has been yet another busy week in the Technology department; Year 7 have been practicing their knife skills and creating some colourful and nutritious fruit salads, whilst Year 8 have been exploring Italian cuisine making either spaghetti Bolognese or macaroni cheese from scratch, by all accounts our students and their families have enjoyed the dishes brought home. The other half of Year 7 and 8 have been in the Design Technology workshops; Year 7 doing pewter casting using moulds they have made using the laser cutter then Year 8 have been mastering comb joints for their bookends.

Next week in Design Technology Year 7 will be completing their pewter cast pieces by polishing them up and making them into pendants then in Food Technology Year 7 will be making pizza and Year 8 will be travelling further around the world of cooking and creating their own korma or sweet and sour recipes.

Here are some photographs of 7M's fruit salads and pewter casting as well as some tasty pasta dishes and excellent practical work from Year 8.



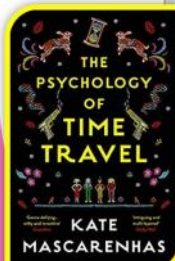
Follow the SWPS Design Technology department [@SWPSDesign](https://twitter.com/SWPSDesign) to keep up with all of their creations and activities!

LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is *'The Psychology of Time Travel'* by Kate Mascarenhas, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Book of the Week



1967

Four female scientists invent a time travel machine. But then one of them suffers a breakdown and puts the whole project in peril...

2017

Ruby knows her Granny Bee was the scientist who went mad, but they never talk about it. Until they receive a message from the future, warning of an elderly woman's violent death...

2018

Odette found the dead women at work - shot, door bolted from the inside. Now she can't get her out of her mind. Who was she? And why is everyone determined to cover up her murder?

The week of 23rd to 29th of September is celebrated by libraries around the world as

Banned Books Week.

Throughout this week our library will host a book display and facilitate discussions on the subject of freedom of expression, the history of banned books and wider discussion about censorship. Please visit the library to voice your opinion.

SPEAK OUT!!!



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's our second Artwork of the Month for September, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by Lauren (S6).

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



DofE AWARD

Bronze DofE Final Expedition, 14–15 Sept 2019

Last weekend saw 84 Bronze participants set out on the qualifying expedition in the beautiful Surrey Hills around Dorking. The weather was set fair for the whole weekend which made a pleasant change to the very wet summer practice expedition but also made life challenging for participants with heavy packs.

The teams were met by their supervisor and assessor, briefed and then set off on the route the participants had planned and prepared for back at SWPS. The reality of navigating accurately along paths and through woods proved to be a little harder than drawing lines on the maps but after a few false starts most teams got into their stride and made their check points. That night the teams camped in four separate locations and enjoyed the food they had brought for dinner.

The next day all teams set off early to avoid the expected heat of the day and continued on their planned routes to their final check point and their waiting parents. Lots of lessons were learnt on the way, such as teamwork, decision making, communication skills and resilience. All these skills will be useful in life whether participants continue with the DofE Award or not.

Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who gave their weekend up to ensure the participants enjoyed a safe and rewarding weekend.



CAREERS



Mental Health & Learning Disability Careers Open Evening

Monday 14th October 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Theta Building,
Lyon Way, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 7ER



Are you a student interested in a career in Mental Health or Learning Disabilities? If you are in Year 9 or above, come along and find out about the wide range of NHS careers available across Surrey and Berkshire.

This is an opportunity to speak to practitioners for information and advice on career pathways and apprenticeships, including:

Administration - Arts Therapy - Dietetics - Health Care Assistant - Mental Health and Learning Disability Nursing - Occupational Therapy - Physiotherapy - Psychology - Psychiatry - Speech and Language Therapy

A range of workshops and activities will be run throughout the evening.

To book a place, please register at:

<https://healtheducationyh.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/mental-health-learning-disabilities-careers-event-regist>

Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust working in partnership with Health Education England and Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership

CHARITIES

MAKE, BAKE OR DONATE



Come along to our Cake Sale

Please donate your cakes to the kitchen on Thursday morning when you arrive at school. **(Though remember, NO NUTS!)**
Every penny helps people with cancer live life as fully as they can.

Where: **The Atrium**

When: **Thursday 26th September** Time: **3:30pm**

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**COFFEE
MORNING**

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**MACMILLAN
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