



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

This week's assembly was given to us by a member of the Senior Sixth. Mirren Black, passionate about the environment and keen to enter the campaign to save it, presented her articulate view on how we could do much more to save our environment from global warning. It was a powerful and moving argument.

Part of Mirren's thesis lay in the concept that we, as a species, have been selfish in our use and abuse of the environment. Despite only having been on the planet for a very short time (relatively speaking) human beings have come to believe that they are the centre of the world. Put simply we believe that we are the most important animal on the planet which has ever existed.

Why might this be the case? This conviction lies in our power to reason, to think and to argue; to understand right and wrong; to preserve our ideas through language and writing and to learn from experience. As a consequence human beings have done some extraordinary things and yet, as the Greeks knew too well, after hubris, there follows nemesis.

Take morality: scientists are now suggesting that morality itself has deep evolutionary roots, pre-dating the appearance of humankind by millions of years. All social mammals, such as wolves, dolphins and monkeys, have ethical codes, adapted by evolution to produce group co-operation. Perhaps we are not as special as we once thought.

The key word here is humility and its value is both core and timeless. Humility in all our lives is something to be treasured and such humility before nature was at the heart of the assembly on Tuesday. To hear about nature's beauty and its necessity to all our lives, to view the stunning pictures and marvellous scenes, all were instrumental in making us think about the larger picture of our lives. We are part of something bigger than ourselves and it is good for us to be reminded of it. This week's assembly achieved that.

### Perkonian Reunion 2019

Last Saturday saw our annual reunion events take place in school. We



welcomed 60 Perkonians back to school for the annual reunion tea. There were a number of Classes celebrating reunions from 2014 to 1950, the rain did not dampen the bright and happy spirits of everyone inside the school. Rebecca Ringshall and Sarah Wenban gave a talk about their Class of 1979 and the antics that some of them got up to, was both very amusing and very interesting to hear.

Following the tea, we also welcomed another contingent of Perkonians, including some former members of the teaching staff for the anniversary dinner.

Following a champagne reception, the guests were given a tour of the school and everyone enjoyed a lovely dinner which was catered for by our wonderful school chefs Harrison. It was a real pleasure putting faces to names and hearing the wonderful stories of their time at SWPS and what they are currently doing.

### Upcoming Events

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
5 Nov	PSHCE/Careers: Y8 Intro to Careers / NHS Comp.
7 Nov	Art: 7P & 7Q trip to the National Gallery
	Maths: UKMT Senior Maths Challenge (6F)
8 Nov	History: Y9 WWI Play

### 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](http://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.

8W	Thursday 14 November
8Z	Thursday 21 November
8X	Thursday 28 November

### 2020-21 Term Dates

The 2020-21 Academic year term dates are now available on the school website

[www.swps.org.uk/TermDates](http://www.swps.org.uk/TermDates)



## LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

This week, being the final week before half term, was very busy. Two milestones in a week can be quite tiring but we were given lots of notice to study and milestones are really just an opportunity to look back on what you did wrong and know what to study come the end of year exams. I've always found them very useful and are often one of my main revision resources.

We also had our first proper magazine meeting this week and fed back on what we loved and didn't love about the recent issue of the SWPS magazine as well as pitching original ideas for next year's.

This term has definitely given me a taste into what sixth form life is going to be like in addition to the A-level style of teaching and I've got to say, I'm hugely enjoying both so far. Two weeks of half term next, one of which I am excited to spend in Greece with the Classics department.

**Liberty Donovan (L6LT)**

### Perkonian Production—The Australian Dream

Perkonian Virginia Whitwell (Nee Murray class of 1990) represented the film she produced at the London Film Festival last Saturday, *The Australian Dream*. It is a documentary that uses the remarkable and inspirational story of Indigenous AFL legend Adam Goodes as the prism through which to tell a deep and powerful story about race, identity and belonging. For the first time Adam reveals his profoundly emotional journey in his own words and asks fundamental questions about the nature of racism and discrimination in society today. Walkley award winning writer Stan Grant and BAFTA award-winning director Daniel Gordon join forces to tell this remarkable story of one of the most decorated & celebrated players in AFL history. A man who remains a cultural hero; the very epitome of resilience & survival, who continues to fight for equality and reconciliation. (<https://www.intofilm.org/news-and-views/articles/iff19-opening-film>)



Her next film '2040' opens on 6th Nov and sets out to address concerns around transport, energy, farming, education and more – looking for existing solutions around the world – aiming to set out his vision for a better tomorrow. Addressing the film to the Director's daughter who will be 25 by the year 2040, this is an insightful and thought-provoking piece with a hopeful message of how we can all make a positive

difference to the world in both big ways and small. (<https://www.intofilm.org/news-and-views/articles/iff19-opening-film>)

## CAREERS

### Employability Workshop

The Year 11 students had a busy afternoon on Monday thinking about their future



careers. An external organisation called 7 Billion Ideas came in to run a workshop with tips and guidance on how to write a CV and covering letter as well as useful interview techniques. They ended the session writing personal statements and considering their own personal goals and achievements.

### JP Morgan Work Experience Placements

# J.P.Morgan

JP Morgan are running their structured London Work Experience programme next summer for school/college students (Years 10–13 / ages 14–18) and through a contact of the school, would like to offer this to SWPS students to take advantage of.

The programme is one week long in Bournemouth (3–7 August 2020) or in London (17–21 August 2020).

Applications will be open on **Friday 25 October for just 24 hours** at [jpmorgan.com/workexperience](https://jpmorgan.com/workexperience). Applications will include both online written and video responses, with no CV required.

**Friends of Sir William Perkins's School**

# Christmas Colours Mufti Day

## Thursday 14th November 2019

On this day dress in red, green, silver, gold home clothes in exchange for contributions to your year-group student hamper (see below) and a bottle for the Bottle Tombola.

All donations will be gratefully received at the pupil entrance during 7.45-8.30am on November 14th and the Friends of SWPS will add the donations to stunning hampers as part of our Luxury Raffle at the Christmas Fair.

The student hamper themes, and some suggestions for contents, are as follows:

Year 7	Santa's Gifts	Gifts for a broad range of ages, tickets to an activity.
Year 8	Stationary Star	Luxury pads, calendar, pencil/pen sets, tickets to a Papercraft activity, vouchers, the list is endless...
Year 9	Christmas Kitchen	Any Christmas foods and drinks, cooking experience.
Year 10	Movies/Theatre	Cinema/theatre vouchers, sweets, popcorn, merchandise from shows, celebrity-connected invitations.
Years 11-13	Any of the Above	Items or experiences to fill your preferred hamper above.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair on the 23rd of November!



### Friends of SWPS Quiz Night—5 October 2019

Over 100 students and parents, tested their knowledge by identifying music clips, tasting drinks and snacks, answering questions on Sport, Science and Nature, Geography and General Knowledge, and recognising well known lines from television and film at the Friends of SWPS 2019 Quiz Night. There were some fiendish table rounds to mull over of Dingbats, Famous Faces, Flags and Logos, whilst enjoying a chilli con carne and a drink or two.



Zach, the Charismatic Californian Compere kept proceedings moving and ensured everyone heard the questions. He was ably assisted by the Friends of SWPS committee members (Olu, Sam, Kirsten, Bob, Alison, and Jane) and their families, who worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success, from planning, to writing the questions, manning the bar, serving the food,

scoring, marking, running the dishwasher and clearing up afterwards.

Thank you for all your hard work to make it such a fabulous evening.

We had a range of teams from all adults to all students and lots of combinations in between. Years 7, 8 and 9 were well represented.



A £60 pot was the prize for our Heads and Tails winner.



The final scores on the doors were:

	Team Name	Points
1	The Fahrenheits	128
2	Toe Jam	127
3	West Byfleet	122
4	The Patient Ways	114
5	Pink Fluffy Unicorns	111
6	Royal Runners	109
7	Ann's Lot	107
8	8th Wonder	105
9	The Drink are on me	103
10=	Flying Potato Pigeons	102
10=	Date Night	102
12	The G.R.8	98
13	We hate spicy food	80
14	Royal Runners Juniors	65

Well done to The Fahrenheits who were triumphant for the 5th year in a row, but it was a close battle with Toe Jam only a point behind. Can they be beaten?

We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

**[Friends.of.SWPS@gmail.com](mailto:Friends.of.SWPS@gmail.com)**

Friday 3 January 2020

19.00—23.00

Hand & Spear, Weybridge, Surrey

For leavers of 2017, 2018 & 2019

Come and catch up with your friends and staff of SWPS.

Food & Drink Provided

**BOOK BY CLICKING HERE OR VISITING**

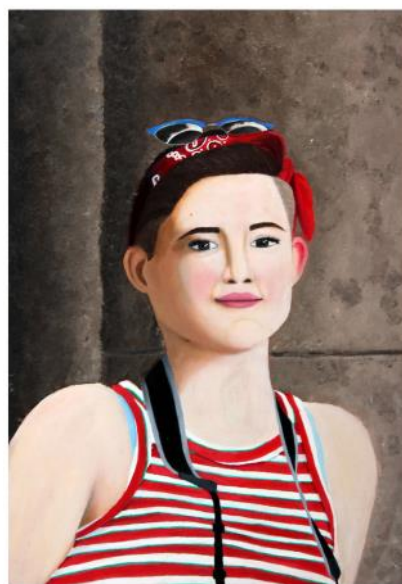
[www.swpsperkonian.org.uk/event/christmas-comeback](http://www.swpsperkonian.org.uk/event/christmas-comeback)

## ART & DESIGN

Our last two Artworks of the Month, for October, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

They are by Ellen (Y11) and Brooke (S6).

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on our Art Dept website: <http://www.artdesignswps.org.uk/>





### Hockey—U12 A & B Prior's Field Tournament

Congratulations to the U12B hockey team who performed extremely well in their first tournament of the season last week.



They played six matches: winning 1, drawing 4, and 1 loss to the overall winners. The team played some very competitive hockey and put in a huge amount of effort and skill to be placed equal 4th overall. The team consisted of Daya Bains, Taylor Goodrich, Charlotte Johnstone, Grace Lowery, Sinai Lee, Isabella Stockham, Natasha Walker and Ava Melling, who had an outstanding morning in goal.

### U13 A & B vs Salesian

It was the turn of the Year 8s to make the long journey to Salesian last Tuesday for hockey matches. The A team were pitted against the home side Year 9 A team and performed incredibly well against their older counterparts. Had it not been for the Surrey U15 player who scored all their goals there is no doubt that SWPS could have won the game. Despite that SWPS played some great hockey at times and scored the goal of the match by Immy at the end of a fluid team move. Maddie scored a wonderful rebound goal in the 2nd half to make the score 2-2 but 2 late goals gave Salesian the win.

The B team also performed well again and were unfortunate to lose by 3 goals against a very able Salesian A team. Nikki in defence and Jade again in goal kept the home team at bay with Harriet getting the SWPS goal. Both teams continue to improve and set themselves a high standard to achieve each game. Neither team came away downhearted with spirits high on the long trip home.

### Year 9s v St Teresa's

The Year 9 hockey squad travelled to St Teresa's on Wednesday and although their hosts weren't at full strength they still improved on their previous performance and played with great desire to win. Jess opened the scoring after 4 mins and goals from Charlotte and Zoe gave SWPS a 3-0 half time lead. Goalkeeper Evie pulled off good saves to keep a clean sheet as Charlotte scored 2 more for her hatrick with Issy also scoring 2 giving a 7-0 final score.

### Year 7s v St Teresa's

It was a tough first hockey fixture for the Year 7s away at St Teresa's on Thursday. The B team were well beaten 6-0 and it may have been more but for some great goalkeeping from Ava. With a lot of players playing for the first time there were enough glimpses of good play to see that the group will learn and improve very quickly.

The A team were unlucky not to draw, coming close to an equaliser several times late in the game only to lose 2-1. They too were indebted to great goalkeeping with Amelie excelling between the posts. The squad were 2-0 behind at half time and made a big improvement in the 2nd half and were rightly rewarded for their efforts when Hee-Eun scored the goal of the game following some great team play.

### Netball—U14 A-C vs St George's

Last Monday, our U14 A-C took the short trip to St George's. Despite the weather, all teams had incredibly close and competitive games with strengths throughout all of the games.

The A team were in the lead for the whole game and were unfortunately pipped in the last few minutes. The final score was 19-16 to St George's. The players of the match were Georgie and Arissa.

The B team trailed for most of their match and pulled it back within the last quarter to result in a narrow loss of 15-17. The players of the match were Ciara and Sophie.

The C team had an absolutely storming match and won all of their quarters thanks to fantastic shooting from Madison. The final score was 19-6 and Megan was awarded player of the match.

### U15 & U16/18 vs Notre Dame

Last Tuesday, the Notre Dame senior teams came for a competitive fixture against our U15s and U16/18. Both games were extremely competitive but unfortunately we



could not come away with a win in either. The final scores were 13-27 to Notre Dame for the U15s and 10-27 for the U16/18s.

Thanks to the 6th formers for standing in at the last minute!



### U14 A County Tournament

Last Wednesday, the U14 A team went to St Catherine's to play in their U14 County Preliminary rounds. We played some excellent netball in the first half of all the matches, however

we were unable to maintain these into the second half and were unable to come away successful or through to the County Finals. All of the players embraced a fantastic team effort and were a pleasure throughout the day. Well done Year 9s.

### Year 9 v Fullbrook and Gordon's

Monday was another fixture for the Year 9s in a district league triangular against Fullbrook and Gordons.

The game against Fullbrook was extremely close with a final score of 8-8. The defence doing a fantastic job of keeping their excellent GA from scoring too easily. The second game was against Gordon's who had a very strong team. SWPS came out fighting and won the match 10-8! Well done to Georgie who was voted player of the match in both matches!



**Netball—Year 7 v Woking High**

On Tuesday, the Year 7 A and B teams went to Woking High School for their district league fixture.

The A team had a tough match and unfortunately couldn't get a win against the strong Woking High team. SWPS lost 5-13, well done Immy who was awarded player of the match.

The B team remain unbeaten in their matches before half term. A great team effort led them to a huge win of 13-2.

**U12 & U13 Cross Country**

Last Wednesday took the U12 and U13 Cross Country Teams to the competition at Prior's Field.

The team went with enthusiasm and energy and all ran excellently on the course.

Both teams came 6th in their age groups and a special Well done to Jimena in Year 8 who came 1st in the Year 8 race!

**Year 10 Pop Lacrosse**

Year 10 have been enjoying learning how to play lacrosse. Using pop-lacrosse equipment, they have worked hard to learn the basic skills of passing, shooting and defending and play games. Could this be the new addition to the Year 10 inter-house programme?!

**Reading Small Boats Head**

The Senior Squad braved a day of persistent rain at Reading Small Boats Head last weekend, with the whole group impressing in singles and doubles. For some of the rowers this was their first race in a single scull, and they all dealt well with the twisting 3700m course.

There was a fantastic 2nd place in the WJ16 singles event for Maddie Jones, with SWPS taking 5 of the top 10 finishing slots, and a further four of our scullers close behind. A few hours later they buddied-up; Jones and Alexia Fletton finishing 2nd, and Megan Postlethwaite and Bethany Illsley 3rd in WJ16 doubles, with a promising 4 SWPS crews in the top 10. There was some great work from our Sixth Form; 2nd in WJ18 doubles (Celia Crosbie and Eve Linney) and 3rd in WJ17 doubles (Tess O'Donnell and Emmie Kirkhope), backed up by 5th places in WJ18 and WJ17 singles from Linney and Crosbie. Despite the constant rain and the boggy field, it was wonderful to see the good quality rowing and the high-spirits of the whole squad & their supporters, all day long! Next stop; our October training camp in Portugal!





## ECONOMICS

This week the L6 and S6 economics and business students came together for a talk by Mr. Simon Priddis, who is the father of one of our S6 students. As someone who used to work in the Competition and Markets Authority before moving to work for a legal firm specialising in competition law, Mr Priddis spoke to us about the works of the organisation. We learnt that the overall aim of the CMA was to protect consumer interest and prevent exploitation.



In the talk we studied many different case studies of corporations who broke the CMA's regulations, such as Asda and Sainsbury's attempt at merging. Probably the most shocking fact we learnt about was 'pricing algorithms' and how big organisations such as Amazon use this method to figure out how price sensitive we are when buying, and then alter their prices accordingly.

It was lovely to see economics and business in action and relate it to some of the things we see currently on the news. A lot of the aspects covered in the talk were also part of our A level curriculum so it was extremely beneficial to understand the role of the CMA in more depth.

Thank you to Mr. Priddis who gave such an interesting talk!

**Salena Ali (S6)**

## CHARITIES

**Christmas Present Appeal**  
SWPS is teaming up with The Salvation Army this Christmas by donating gifts to local children who are less fortunate. The school will be collecting gifts between Monday 4 November - Friday 6 December 2019. The Salvation Army will collect the presents from school, wrap them & then deliver to local families in time for Christmas Eve.



Presents for all children (0-18 years) are completely welcome and gifts ideas range from toys, books, stationery sets, novelty hot water bottles, gift cards, fluffy socks etc. All donations must be new please, no used items can be accepted.



**You helped raise £193.31 for Mind!**

**Thank you for buying a Doughnut!**

Your donations will help improve services and support for those with mental health issues

## Citizenship & Commonwealth Week

This week has been Citizenship & Commonwealth Week at SWPS. Students in Years 7, 8 & 9 have had Citizenship activities within their normal lessons, where they have been learning about subjects such as the Commonwealth, human rights, tolerance and respect for different cultures and traditions, democracy and individual liberty.

Alongside this, each form took on a different Commonwealth nation and have been working together to come up with an outfit inspired by their Commonwealth country, made from alternative or recyclable materials. On Friday 18th October students from each form showcased their final designs and learned about each other's countries at the same time.

The event could have not happened without a lot of hard work by each form, their form tutors, all the staff who helped supervise the preparation sessions and arrange the event and our amazing lighting and sound team, who added to the great atmosphere during the show. A very big thank you from Mrs Tyler to all involved who helped make it such a success! Here are a selection of photos from the week. Well done to all involved!







**Friends of**  
**SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S**  
**SCHOOL**

# Christmas Fair 2019

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November**  
**From 11:30 to 3:30pm**

Stock up on your Christmas decorations,  
artisan foods, crafts and gifts

Our popular Luxury Raffle, Olu's Famous BBQ,  
NEW surprise attraction, plus Hot Waffles  
on a stick with a variety of luxurious  
sauces and toppings.

**Save the date**  
**More announcements after half term**

The Atrium and dining hall  
Sir William Perkins's School  
Guildford Road, Chertsey, KT16 9BN

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entry*