

## SWPS NEWS



**MR C C MULLER—HEAD** Some of you may have read that after a long campaign the bronze statue to celebrate Nancy Astor, the first woman MP to take her seat in Parliament, was unveiled.

The bronze statue now stands in Plymouth, where Mrs Astor was MP and was revealed on 28 November, the centenary of Mrs Astor's election, by the former Prime Minister, Mrs Theresa May.

A century ago, Nancy Astor made the historic train journey from her constituency in Plymouth to London. Arriving in Westminster on 1 December 1919, she took her seat in the first woman in British history to do so.

Mrs Astor was elected as a Conservative Member of Parliament and at that time only a few women (those over the age of 30 who met a property qualification) had even been entitled to vote. This limited right was less than a year old.

As the first woman to break the barrier and enter parliament, she defied centuries of traditional sexism; to enter what was then a totally male dominated environment, the House of Commons, must have been intimidating.

We were, therefore, hugely proud and pleased that Hayley Gibbs, a Perkonian, had been commissioned to design and build the statue in Plymouth following a public design competition in February 2019. It is a stunning piece of work and a worthy testament to the achievement of Nancy Astor.





#### Poetry Live!

Year 11 spent an inspiring day at the Poetry Live! event at the Apollo Theatre Victoria, listening to readings from some of the foremost poets writing in English today, including several of the poets that the students are studying for their GCSE in English Literature.

Former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, her successor Simon Armitage and Imtiaz Dharker all read their poems and gave thoughtful responses to students' questions.

Examiner Tony Childs gave practical and supportive advice about writing about poetry in exams and, to finish the day, who could fail to feel energised by a reading from performance poet John Agard?

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9 – 13 Dec	WELLBEING WEEK			
9 & 10 Dec	Carol Service @ St Peter's (Book your free place here)			
10 Dec	RS: A Level Christmas Tea			
TO Dec	SWPS Mock Election Hustings			
	Y9: Trip to Harry Potter World / WB Studios			
11 Dec	SWPS Mock Election Results			
	<b>SWPSBC</b> : Senior Squad Pizza Night			
	Christmas Theme Dress Up			
12 Dec	Christmas Lunch			
	6F: Social Event			
13 Dec	Autumn Term Ends—12.35			
	Art: A Level Work Day			
3 Jan 2020	<b>Perkonians</b> : Christmas Comeback			
6 Jan	Spring Term 2020 Starts			

### EXAM INVIGILATORS

IF YOU, OR ANYBODY YOU KNOW, IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SWPS COMMUNITY AS AN EXAM INVIGILATOR FOR THE FORTHCOMING EXAM SEASON, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: https://swps.careers.eteach.com/o/ examination-invigilator-s-chertsey

### **RESIDENTIAL TRIPS**

AT SWPS WE HAVE A TRADITION OF OFFERING EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE OVERSEAS TRAVEL VIA NON-COMPULSORY RESIDENTIAL TRIPS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. PLEASE VISIT THE <u>RESIDENTIAL</u> <u>TRIPS PAGE</u> ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE WHICH INCLUDES TRIPS THROUGH TO OCTOBER 2020, AND IS UPDATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



## TECHNOLOGY

This week we want to highlight the exceptional achievements of Year 9 in Technology; it has been an exciting and productive week for the product design and textiles groups with many finishing their lamps stimulated by iconic designers or their snack inspired cushions. Year 9 have a few more weeks in either product design or textiles before they swap over to experience the other discipline, both of which we are excited to say will be offered for GCSE.

Examples of snack cushions from 9W and X and lamps from 9Y and X.





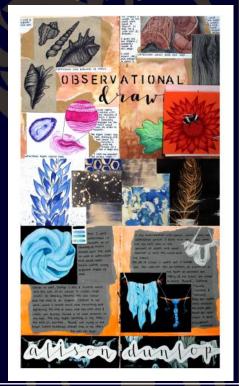
Follow the SWPS Design Technology department <u>
OSWPSDesign</u> to keep up with all of their creations and activities!

## ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here is the first Artwork of the Month, for December, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by Aalee (Y10).

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



## LIBRARY



There are ghosts here and jovial spirits. Chances at love and tricks with time.

There is frost and icicles, mistletoe and sledges. There's a cat and a dog and a solid silver frog. There's a Christmas cracker with a surprising gift inside.

There's a haunted house and a SnowMama. There are Yuletides and holly wreaths. Three Kings. And a merry little Christmas time.

And for the icing on the Christmas cake, there are twelve festive recipes from Yuletides past and present. Red cabbage, gravlax, turkey biryani, sherry trifle, Mrs Winterson's mince pies and more.

## Visit the Library during the last week of term to try your hand at Christmas Origami!







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CHRISTMAS

# Ready to Row

#### New Year, New Challenge?

Join the program in January 2020 Limited spaces, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Deadline for bookings is 12.12.19

Strength and conditioning session with

an experienced trainer

Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Sports Hall

7.00 – 7.45am

8.00 - 8.20am



Association Nutritional advice Strength and conditioning; functional

Breakfast based on British Rowing

movement training – age-appropriate exercise.

£12.50 for 1 session per week! or £22.50 for 2 sessions per week

Requires booking in advance and commitment for a whole term. Book via SOCS by 12th December 2019 - (Payment litters will be sent cores sign up is complete) https://www.socscrms.com/login/25509/parent/Wed/Thur Before School>Ready to Row



