



SWPS NEWS



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One of the most extraordinary and fascinating books I have come across recently is the wonderfully titled *Lectures on Proust in a Soviet Prison Camp*. The lectures, published in English for the first time, were delivered by the Polish artist, Josef Czapski. When the Germans invaded Poland in September 1939, Czapski joined the Polish Army as a reserve officer. He was, however, captured by the Germans and handed over to the Soviets.

The Soviet authorities were brutal in their actions to Polish officers and cadets. Over a period of less than a month, 22,000 were murdered at several sites by the order of Stalin. Remarkably, Czapski's life was spared. He was part of only 395 who were left alive. He found himself in a Soviet prison, a former convent, in Gryazovets. The conditions were tough and for relief from the endless misery the men devised a series of talks to be given each evening, with subjects chosen dear to the heart of the particular speaker.

Without access to the book itself, and using only his memory, Czapski gave a series of fascinating and brilliant lectures on Proust and *A la recherche du temps perdu* (In search of lost time). As we can now read from his lectures, Czapski was able to discuss and recreate whole scenes beautifully and with an insight that has rarely been matched since.

In devoting his lectures to Proust, at a time when his audience had lost almost everything and everyone they knew and loved, Czapski is able to remind them of another world. To the men who were hopeless, Czapski showed them a world which has hope.

It is in this power to show us alternatives even in the darkest times that books and reading reveal their true and timeless magic.

Upcoming Events

22–24 Nov	Science: CERN Trip
22 Nov	Drama: Y10 & 11 Theatre Trip— <i>Frankenstein</i>
23 Nov	Friends of SWPS: Christmas Fair
26 Nov	Admissions: Prospective Parent Info Morning
26 Nov	Maths: L6 Maths in Action
26 Nov	Academic Ambition Seminar: 'Snowflake' Generation
26 Nov	' <i>The Last Train to Tomorrow</i> ' a Holocaust talk by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines
27 Nov	Comp Sci: L6 CS in Action
27 Nov	6F: Lecture by Historian Dan Jones
27 Nov	Y7: Parents' Evening
28 Nov	Music: 8X Lunchtime Concert
29 Nov	Geography: S6 Hazards Conference
29 Nov	English: Y11 AQA GCSE Poetry Live



Mock Interviews

On Monday afternoon and evening this week SWPS pupils applying to Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary sciences and other subjects needing interviews, had a rigorous session of practice interviews. We partnered with other local schools, and over 50 interviews took place. We were especially grateful to a number of parents, colleagues and even spouses of colleagues, who gave up their time to help prepare our academic superstars.



Performing at Danesfield Manor

Last Friday our three Year 13 Music Scholars, Dani Bae, Lauren Christian and Caitlin Pittol-Neve, visited Danesfield Manor School, a junior school in Walton-on-Thames, to give an assembly to the children. They played solos respectively on the clarinet, oboe and guitar, and Dani and Caitlin played a duet. They also talked about their instruments and demonstrated some of the techniques they can play on them.



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Friends of
SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S
SCHOOL

TOMORROW

Christmas Fair 2019

Saturday 23rd of November
From 11:30am to 3:30pm

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

With live music, our popular Luxury Raffle,
Olu's Famous BBQ, Hot Waffles on a stick, and more!

Luxury Raffle

32GB iPad mini, £150 Abinger cookery course, M&S Hamper,
Luxury Gift Hampers galore!,
Foxhills meal for two, Gym membership, Family photo shoot, personalised hoodies
Tickets now available at school

... and announcing our latest attraction: **BUBBLE ZORBING**
Climb inside harnessed bubble zorbs and
safely bump, crash and tumble !

Tickets can be purchased via the Zorbing form on Classlist
or contacting friends.of.swps@gmail.com

free
entry

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

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If you are able to spare just 1 hour to help out on our Friends' stalls, we only have 13 places left to fill....please be one of them, and enjoy the rest of your time discovering newly launched gifts amongst our 40 stallholders, being entertained, and fed to your hearts content.

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Classics visit to the British Museum

Troy: Myth and Reality is the subject of the new exhibition at the British Museum, a topic relevant to all our Classicists. Students in Year 10 and above were privileged to see the exhibition on its opening day and what a fine collection of artefacts there were to enjoy!



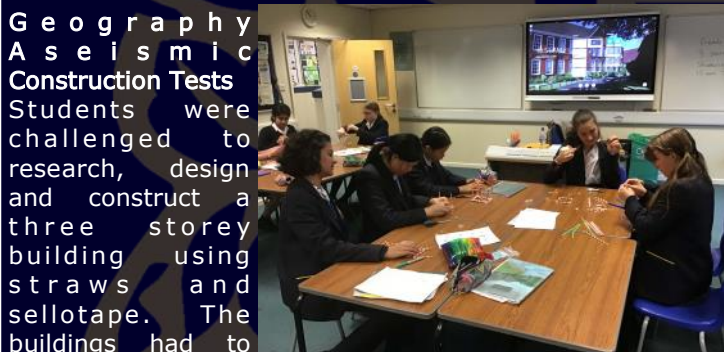
The exhibition charts the causes, progress and conclusion of the Trojan War through vase paintings, sculptures and other sources, drawn from the museum's own collections and elsewhere.

Next the archaeology of Troy is examined with a large number of finds from this complex site. The final section looks at the reception of the myths of Troy in later art and drama coming right up to date with the magnificent Queens of Syria production and some contemporary drawings and paintings.

After the exhibition there was time to visit some of the other galleries which house artefacts relevant to the GCSE and A Level specifications, as well as enjoy some delicious cakes in the magnificent Great Court!

Geography Aseismic Construction Tests

Students were challenged to research, design and construct a three storey building using straws and sellotape. The buildings had to withstand vigorous shaking and added weight on the top floor to protect their precious kinder egg cargo.



This year saw a large number of winning designs; many based on existing aseismic technology used in California and Japan.

Some buildings which did collapse illustrated the issue of 'pancaking' as seen in the Haiti earthquake where insufficient steel caused heavy, concrete upper floors to collapse.





Christmas Comeback

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

Les Misérables assembly

On Thursday morning Years 7, 8 and 9 were treated to a performance of three choruses from 'Les Misérables' by some of the students who had taken part in the four day summer holiday workshop. Lead by our singing teacher Olivia McGibbon, who had originally organised the workshop, and accompanied by our piano teacher, Julie Aherne, they all gave an awesome performance. 'Did we hear the students sing?' Yes, we certainly did!





The Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal




Give a gift and light up a life!



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.



Cross Country

On Tuesday 19 November 18 students from Years 7-11 took part in the District Cross Country Championships. Competitors ran between 1.6 and 3.2km around Lightwater Country Park in a bid to win their races and for a chance to be selected for the North West Surrey Cross Country Team. Students competed both individually as well as part of a team and achieved some commendable results, on a bitterly cold November day. Our top racers in each year group were Freya in Year 7 who came 15th, Jimena in Year 8 who came 4th, Jess in Year 9 who came in 5th and Eloise Williams who ran in the Year 10/11 race and finished 14th. We look forward to hearing news about the NW Surrey team and seeing our Year 7s join cross country club after Christmas, well done to all involved!



Netball

Year 7 C&D Netball vs Prior's Field

On Wednesday, some of the Year 7 C & D team players took the long journey to Prior's Field for a match. Both teams played well and all players worked really hard in their positions. Unfortunately the C team lost 7-2, the player of the match was Hee-Eun for her fantastic defence work. The D team lost 5-0 and the player of the match was Millie, who also was brilliant in defence!



Hockey

Year 9 Hockey Districts

The Year 9 District Tournament was a close fought affair with the Year 9s having to settle for 2nd place to a strong Gordons team. Gordons won the final thanks to a late winner but had withstood early SWPS pressure with several close misses. Evie and her defence were impressive throughout but could not hang on long enough. In their earlier game SWPS beat Salesian 1-0 thanks to an Annabel goal at the end of a well-worked move. The defence were outstanding throughout and limited the home side to only a few half chances.



Year 7 Hockey Districts

The Year 7s lost a hard fought District Final on Thursday to Gordons School. Despite twice taking the lead through Hee-Eun and Emily they could not hold on and lost to an early second half goal. Amelie and the Gordons keeper both had great games and kept their sides in the game. Another improved performance from the Year 7 squad.

Wednesday Afternoon Sport

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are working hard and having fun during their sport lessons. Students choose the activity they want to undertake each half term. This half term they have the following options:

- Swimming
- Spin
- Circuits
- Indoor games
- Pound
- Pilates



TECHNOLOGY

Year 7 and 8:

Ms McQuillan's Year 7 and 8 classes have now come to the end of their food rotation, as a treat they got to make their own sweet treats. In the Technology Department we are keen to show students the link between food technology, design technology and textiles so Year 7 food students came to the workshop and used the vacuum former to make moulds for their chocolate bars, they then designed the fillings ready to make and design and make packaging for them the next lesson.



Fillings were extremely creative and fun our students, much like Willy Wonka, combined popping candy with marshmallows, fudge and honeycomb to name a few.

In Year 8, students saw the 3D printer in action, printing cookie cutters which they then went onto use in the next lesson, customising the basic low sugar recipe with some additional fillings and fun.



Ms McQuillan's classes in Year 7 and 8 have now finished their food module, they are now starting their textiles projects where they are making tote bags and heat reactive toys.

Mrs Keeling's Year 7 and 8 students have been busy making boxes and bookends in the workshop, photographs next week.

Tycoon Competition

Our L6 students who are taking the new SWPS MBA qualification are now participating in the second part of the qualification – the Tycoon Competition which is run by Dragons' Den start Peter Jones. Each company has to submit a fully-costed business plan to the Peter Jones foundation and they are given a loan to start their business. Our three companies this year are CrossIT, Aertramentum and Hexabee. Here is some information on each company written by the students themselves. If you are interested in their products you can buy them at Friends of SWPS Christmas Fair on Saturday 23 November.

Hi - We are Marsiya, Maddy and Anushka, together we are **CrossIT**. We are creating handmade, heartfelt frames making the perfect gift for friends and family. We will also be donating a portion of our profits to Children's Hospital at Saint Peters University Hospital. We will be selling outside the lunch hall and at the Christmas Fair on the 23 November



Aertramentum is a student built company aiming to spread joy through home-made art. Our products, such as bags, coasters, key rings and magnets consist of student made art and are lovingly assembled by hand. Come and find us outside the lunch hall and at the Christmas Fair!



We are **Hexabee** part of the Peter Jones Tycoon Competition. We're selling hexagonal cork boards in sets of 1 to 5. They are a great way to display your notices and pictures in an aesthetic way. We will give 10% of our profits to 'The Honeypot Children's Charity' which help provide outreach to young carers. Find us at the Christmas Fair and outside the lunch hall until the end of term

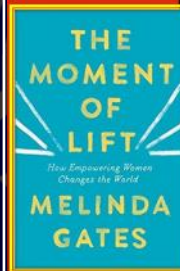


LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The Moment of Lift' by Melinda Gates, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

Non-Fiction Book of the Week



A *Sunday Times* bestselling debut, a timely and necessary call to action for women's empowerment.

For the last twenty years, Melinda Gates has been on a mission to find solutions for people with the most urgent needs, wherever they live. Throughout this journey, one thing has become increasingly clear to her: If you want to lift a society up, you need to stop keeping women down.

In this moving and compelling book, Melinda shares the stories of the inspiring people she's met during her work and travels around the world and the lessons she's learned from them. As she writes in the introduction, "That is why I had to write this book – to share the stories of people who have given focus and urgency to my life. I want all of us to see ways we can lift women up where we live."

Dan Jones is a bestselling historian, TV presenter and award-winning journalist.

His books, which have sold more than a million copies worldwide, include 'The Plantagenets', 'The Templars' and 'The Hollow Crown'. He has also written books about the Peasants' Revolt and Magna Carta, and co-authored 'The Colour of Time', with Marina Amaral. His latest book, published in autumn 2019, is 'Crusaders'.

Dan has written and presented numerous TV series including 'Secrets of Great British Castles', 'Britain's Bloodiest Dynasty: The Plantagenets' and 'London: 2000 Years of History'. His shows have been sold to more than 40 countries. He has also appeared in many TV programmes as well as dozens of radio stations in the UK and USA. He worked as a consultant on the series 'Knightfall', wrote and hosted the official 'Knightfall' podcast, and appeared in HBO's official film charting the real history behind 'Game of Thrones'.



Dan will visit SWPS to speak to our 6th Form students on 27th November.



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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*.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

4 December 2019
Main Hall, 7pm

The evening will be a celebration of our students' talents and hard work featuring some festive pieces.

Entry is free but tickets are required.

To join us, please click here

Refreshments will be served by the Friends of SWPS.





Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

St Peter's Church, Chertsey
Monday 9th December 2019, 7pm
Tuesday 10th December 2019, 7pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Service with readings and popular carols sung by the Chamber, School and Year 7 Choirs followed by mulled wine and mince pies provided by the Friends of SWPS.

Entry is free but a ticket is required
CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

Places are strictly limited to 3 per student as this event always sells out. Book early to avoid disappointment!