



SWPS NEWS

MR C C MULLER—HEAD

Trips, trips, trips. What an extraordinary and exciting range of trips and excursions our students enjoyed over the half term: China, Greece, Portugal, Dubai, and, of course Ghana! Across three continents SWPS students are making their mark.

These fascinating countries, with their lively and wonderful cultures, provide an experience which is remembered forever. To visit another country, to see the architecture and buildings, to interact with the locals, all serve to broaden the mind and raise the horizons of our young people.

An excellent education should ensure that students understand not just their local community but the wider, international community as well. As the 21st century evolves and political, economic and social issues become ever more complex, we want our young people to have a high level of sensitivity towards all people regardless of background. So, immersing themselves in the traditions of another society enables our students to appreciate the cultural diversity not just of the world, but also of modern Britain.

I have always believed that SWPS students are global citizens who need to possess the confidence and awareness to understand that they can make a difference and, in fact, have a responsibility to do so.



Cricket—Chloe Brewer

We have some fantastic news highlighting sporting excellence in Cricket. On Saturday 9 November the England Cricket Board announced Senior Sixth student Chloe Brewer as one of the 29 players to be part of the Women's Academy and Training Squad for 2019-2020.

The EWA provides an individualised programme for players and offers support specific to their needs to maximise the chances of future transition to the senior squad. Chloe has been selected for the Training Squad, showing that she has the potential to be part of the EWA in the near future.

Further exciting news includes selection for the Surrey Stars Regional Development Centre again this year, as well as confirmed selection into the Surrey CCC women's squad.



Upcoming Events

13 Nov	Life Skills: L6 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' talk
14 Nov	Christmas Colours Mufti Day
	English: S6 Poetry Workshop at Keats House & William Blake Exhibition at Tate Britain
	DT: Master Class winners visit to V&A and Theo Fennell's Workshop
15 Nov	Drama: Y10 & 11 Theatre Trip to War Horse
15 Nov	Senior Awards
16 Nov	MUN: CROYMUN Conference
18 Nov	Art: 7L & 7M—Tate Modern
	S6: Mock Interview Practice

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

8W's Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 14 November

12.55pm

Jarvis Room

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

Please **CLICK HERE** to register your place via Eventbrite.



Hans Woyda Maths Competition

SWPS welcomed a team of 4 students from Hampton School for the 2nd round of this year's Hans Woyda competition.

Hampton School won the Hans Woyda Competition in 2017, so we knew that it was going to be a tough match.

Ria Patel (Y9), Bethan Williams (Y10), Bella Cook (Y11) and Clara McKee (S6) put up a strong performance, and it was exceptionally close at the half way point.

Unfortunately Hampton pulled ahead in the team and race rounds, and the match ended in a 34-52 defeat.

We face St George's in our final round match, and we hope to end the season with an emphatic victory!



German—Kaffee und Kuchen

Some of our Lower and Senior Sixth students enjoyed Kaffee und Kuchen with 3 Lower Sixth German students from St. George's College, Weybridge.

Apart from enjoying the cake, the students chatted to each other in German and even took part in a mini debate on the pros and cons of Germany's current energy policy.

Thank you to St. George's for coming over and also for your excellent contributions to the debate.

MUSIC



Autumn Chamber Concert

An evening Chamber Concert took place in the Jarvis Room on Thursday 17 October just before we broke up for the half term break. There were many very fine solos on the violin, guitar, piano (including a piano duet), descant recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone, and seven lovely vocal solos.

The recording of the concert will very soon be on the school's website where you're heartily recommended to listen to our young musicians!

Oxford University Choral Scholarship success

Just before the end of last half term we heard the wonderful news that **Isobel Eriksen (S6)** has been awarded a Choral Scholarship at Oriol, her first choice of college at Oxford University.

Isobel's audition took place in September in Exeter College Chapel. As part of the process Isobel chose to sing 'Loveliest of Trees' by John Duke.

Choral scholarships are highly competitive so this is indeed a great achievement. They are not linked to the academic admissions process so Isobel will still need to achieve the required A level grades to gain a place at Oriol. It is, however, a very exciting start to her journey to Oxford!



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

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Ghana Partnership Trip

36 students embarked on a busy ten days in the heat, humidity and (occasionally) heavy rain of Ghana. Each student met with their buddies from our partner school, Bantuma JHS, with whom they had already exchanged letters, and immersed themselves in activities with their buddies for a full-on, culturally immersive experience. This included presenting books for their school library at the Welcome Ceremony, a guided tour of the slave fort, dancing and singing at church (you've never heard our rendition of Shine, Jesus, Shine sung quite like it!), a canopy walk and overnight stay in the Kakum National Park, fun races at the school sports day, learning African dance and drumming, and putting in plenty of hard work to paint and decorate classrooms and to build a playground.

The projects undertaken there were entirely paid for by the fundraising efforts of those who went on the trip. These not only included the painting and playground schemes but also installing a rainwater harvesting system and equipping their new ICT Room. We paid for tables and chairs for the ICT Room to be made by a local carpenter, the costs of shipping out ten of our old PCs and the installation of operating systems.

The trip brought some emotional responses to the situation of children and their families in a poor part of this developing country, but our students have left a lasting legacy of which they can be tremendously proud. In the words of a message from our Bantuma link teacher: *We are so grateful to all your wonderful students for your untiring support, immeasurable funds, amazing projects, lovely visits, commitment, dedication and resources for Bantuma school. We have missed all of you. Your presence at the school brought so much joy and happiness.*



ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here is the first of our Artworks of the Month, for November, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by Khushy (Y11)

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 'You are the Universe' by Deepak Chopra & Menas Kafatos, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

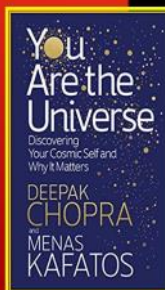
Non-Fiction
Book of
the Week

In this book, that combines cutting edge science with real world applications, Chopra and Kafatos redefine the nature of reality and what is possible.

Here they ask 9 questions:

- What Came Before the Big Bang?
- Why Does the Universe Fit Together So Perfectly?
- Where Did Time Come From?
- What Is the Universe Made Of?
- Is There Design in the Universe?
- Is the Quantum World Linked to Everyday Life?
- Do We Live in a Conscious Universe?
- How Did Life First Begin?
- Does the brain create the mind?

You Are The Universe offers answers that open up new possibilities for all of us to lead more fruitful, peaceful and successful lives.



What's on in the Library

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

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.



ENGINEERING

Engineering Development Trust Taster Courses

For those in Year 10/11 and Lower Sixth students who are thinking about studying a STEM course (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) at university, the Engineering Development Trust offers taster courses at universities throughout the UK. These are residential courses where students get the opportunity to listen to lecturers and graduates and experience the subjects they might like to take in the future.

Each year this has proved a very successful experience for our pupils and they come back after these courses motivated, with interesting experiences to discuss on their UCAS forms. EDT applications are completed online now, for spring/summer 2020, and places do get filled quickly.

Please contact Mrs Sumeray if you have any queries, at rsumeray@swps.org.uk.



Inspire

Are you 14 - 16* years old?

Find out more about further education in STE(A)M**



These enjoyable 3 day courses give you a flavour of many different aspects of engineering and/or science, and offer insight into future careers, just before you start your sixth-form studies.

2020 Inspire courses take place at:

- University of Cambridge
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Plus many more!

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Find out more and apply online from September 2019
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**Only applies to students in Years 10/11 and 12/13 in Scotland



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Are you 16 - 17 years old?

Try our university taster courses before you apply



This unique blend of learning and networking experience, whilst having fun, provides you the perfect mix to understanding what type of careers might lie ahead. It also helps you make well-informed decisions about your future, and decide whether higher education is for you.

2020 Headstart courses include:

- Maths at Lancaster University
- Aerospace Engineering at University of Liverpool
- Marine Biology & Oceanography at University of Southampton
- Chemistry at University of Manchester

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**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths

SPORT

Netball

Year 8 A-C v St Teresa's

The Year 8 A-C team went to St Teresa's for their first fixture after half term. On a freezing cold evening, all 3 teams played some fantastic netball and came away with some strong results.

The A team had a huge win, 29—6, with Jade and Sofia getting player of the match. Excellent shooting from Feirin and Sofia.

The B team had a close game and pulled back to win 5—4. Zion got player of the match thanks to her outstanding defence and interceptions.

The C team lost 11—0, Zoe got player of the match. The team tried lots of combinations and have lots to work on for their next game!

Well done all Year 8 netballers!



Hockey

Year 8 v Notre Dame

Although both Year 8 A & B hockey squads were depleted, both came out winners in their matches at Notre Dame. The As won a tough, close encounter thanks to 2 goals by captain Zoe but were also thankful to some great saves by keeper Naysa to ensure a clean sheet.

The Bs were boosted by Sofia having her scoring stick with her as she scored all 5 goals in a 5-0 win but it was a great all round performance by the team that was impressive.

Year 7 v Manor House

The Year 7 hockey squad welcomed Manor House School to SWPS on Thursday evening and played out an enjoyable 4-4 draw. All the squad were split into 3 even teams with each playing Manor House to give everyone the opportunity to participate in a match, for some it was the very first time they had played a 'proper' game against another school. All the players showed the improvements that they have made in the first half term with great play on show from all the teams.

Year 11—Pound!

Year 11 were treated to a new fitness class in their games session this week. 'Pound fitness' is a combination cardio and weight training exercise approach that includes some of the rhythmic techniques used in Pilates. With loud music and sticks to bang, tap and shake the class was energetic and a real workout. All the participants will be fitter and stronger at the end of the six week block of classes!

SPORTS—Netball & Hockey Tour to Dubai

Megan Gawley (Y9)

After a long flight, we finally arrived in Dubai. As soon as we stepped out of the airport, we could all feel the hot sun beaming at us from high in the sky. Then a long bus ride to the hotel. We checked in and got ready for our netball training session at the Sevens' training ground. After the tiring session in the midday heat, we got back on the bus to the hotel to get ready to go to the mall.

The next day we competed in a netball match against the Dubai Hurricanes, the U14Bs winning their match. We then departed for the Atlantis Waterpark. After having lots of fun in the park and spending time at the beach, we then headed back to the hotel. Then, after eating some amazing food, we went to the Dubai Mall to watch the beautiful fountain show. We then enjoyed the rest of our time spent there, shopping.

The day after we had a delicious cultural lunch at the SMCCU and then we got into 4x4s who took us through the desert on a very bumpy, but fun ride. In the desert, we got henna, ate dinner, rode camels, sand boarded, watched impressive traditional dancing and a peregrine falcon flying. With a hockey match the day after, we checked out of our hotel and started our bus journey to the beach. We went to the cheesecake factory for lunch and then we played hockey against Dubai Youth Hockey and then later on checked into the Marriott hotel.

The next morning was spent at the beach and then a hockey training session with Cambridge Abu Dhabi. We used the next few days to do fun activities, such as visiting the Sheikh Zayed Grand mosque, going on a tour of the mangroves, taking part in a quiz night, going to the pool and also playing a match against Cranleigh Abu Dhabi in the hot afternoon and then playing against Abu Dhabi Netball teams in the cool breeze of the evening.

We got onto the flight home, knowing that we all had such an amazing time in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.



Addy Patient (Y9)

During my life I have been very fortunate to explore much of America and visit several different parts of this beautiful country. I have travelled around some of Europe, spent time in France, Switzerland and Spain. I have swum with manatees, seen unreal horizons and gone to the wonderful depths of Death Valley, but my last trip was something a bit special. The word Dubai meaning "money" describes this bling paradise in a heartbeat, but there is so much more hidden underneath. The love we found, the beauty we saw, the fantasy we felt is all anyone would yearn for. We didn't just visit Dubai, we experienced it.

First, after settling in, we went to an enormous stadium to train for netball. The next day we had a netball match and then went to Atlantis waterpark. There, we enjoyed an array of thrilling rides. My friends and I went on many of them including the exhilarating leap of faith, a record breaking ride that plunges you through a tank filled with sharks. On Wednesday, we went to a market and explored the maze of shops and the beautiful items in them. After that we experienced a cultural lunch to learn about the traditional meals and lives of the Islamic faith. The food was outstanding and it was pleasant to learn about the culture of Dubai.

That evening, a party of 4x4 jeeps pulled up outside the hotel to whisk us off to a scenic twilight we would never forget. First, we left the motorway and ventured into the yellow void. The sand dunes seemed to go on forever, and the ride over them was wild! My car was going all over the place, tipping back and forth, there was not a dull moment throughout the off road experience. When we arrived in the middle of nowhere we were escorted onto camels, this I adored, it was so amusing to see a camel that close up. After that, as the sun was drifting off into the distance, we went sand boarding down a hill. This was so entertaining, even Miss Foxley joined in, and by the end everyone was covered in sand. Next, we had a Falcon show and watched a divine peregrine falcon glide through the air gracefully and effortlessly. Lastly in our evening of never ending fun, we had dinner and watched a show of different kinds of traditional dances. The show was spectacular and throughout it many of us got some exquisite henna done for us. The night was miraculous and I don't think there could be a better way to spend a hot evening in the desert!

The next day, we left the Holiday Inn hotel and ventured over to Abu Dhabi, with a short pit stop along the way to go to the beach and have lunch. We also had a hockey match right before we arrived at the Marriott. Friday was a relaxing day, we had hockey training in the morning and then just enjoyed the afternoon in the hotel. On Saturday, we went to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and had a guided tour around the remarkable structure. Later that day we enjoyed a peaceful boat ride into the serene mangroves, I appreciated the wind flowing through my hair in a hushed whisper. That evening we had a quiz night about Dubai, set up by the teachers. It was so much fun and my team came second overall.

On Sunday we checked out and went to a netball match against Cranleigh and enjoyed a lovely lunch with them. When we got back we had a little free time before going to another netball match. After we got back, we had a delightful presentation dinner where the teachers gave out some prizes and we gave them some presents and thank you cards. Lastly, we took our bus journey to the airport and flew off into the horizon, thinking of all the fantastic memories we had made with all the fabulous people on the trip.

Overall I had the best time I could have dreamt of, and I made some unforgettable memories to last a lifetime. I hope I can go on another trip like this sometime in the future.



Sophie Paul (Y9)

The Netball and Hockey tour to Dubai and Abu Dhabi was amazing. In total we played three netball matches and one hockey match as well as both a hockey and netball training session.

The first netball match we played was against the Dubai Hurricanes and after a hot match we won 10-7. We lost the hockey match but really enjoyed the match in the beautiful sunset against Dubai Youth Hockey. Everyone played really well against Abu Dhabi Netball resulting in a 17-2 win. After playing the Hurricanes, we went to the Aquaventure Waterpark in Dubai, everyone had an amazing time and went on as many rides as possible.

On Wednesday, we went to a market and learnt how to bargain to get better prices and also went for a cultural lunch. When we were there, we learnt about the Muslim culture and ate lots of different types of their traditional food such as Balah El Sham which is a doughnut type dessert that we topped with a date syrup. As well as this we went into the desert on 4x4s and got to ride camels and go sand boarding; it was so much fun and everyone tried to stay on the sand boards without falling face first into the sand. We then watched the traditional dances, ate traditional food and rushed towards the henna.

On Thursday we went to Jumeirah Beach to get our tans and relax after our busy schedule. We went to the Dubai Mall, which is the biggest mall in the world and watched the fountain show and light show on the Burj Khalifa. It was very impressive. We had a tour around the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the interior was incredible and stunning, we all learnt a lot.

Overall, the Dubai trip was an amazing experience of a lifetime and created many happy memories for everyone and we all came back tired and with huge smiles.

Zoe Way (Y9)

The netball and hockey tour to Dubai was unforgettable and definitely the school trip I have enjoyed most so far during my journey at SWPS. Miss Foxley, Mrs Young, Mr O'Connell and Mrs Dunlop did such an amazing job organising us all on the trip, I honestly do not know how they do it.

One of my highlights of the trip was all of the netball and hockey matches we played. Even though it was 35 degrees, very different to in England, I think we all learnt a lot from the experience such as ways to get the ball down the netball court at the same pace as we normally would, but without running around as much because if we did then we would have suffered from the heat even more than we did. And the hockey match was so much fun. Another of my highlights of the fantastic trip was going to Atlantis, an amazing waterpark in Dubai. The waterslides cooled us all down after our morning of sport and then we could relax in the sea. There was so much to do!

I also really enjoyed our sunset camel rides when we had our evening in the desert. We also did sandboarding down the dunes, which was exhilarating and scary at the same time. At the end of the evening we had the opportunity to have henna done and then the barbeque dinner was delicious.

I cannot forget the visit to the market and the cultural lunch either, it was so interesting learning about the people who live in Dubai's culture and tasting all the different foods they traditionally eat.

The Dubai trip was the best trip ever and I don't think I will ever forget any of the memories I made, not to mention the things I learnt. Thank you so much to the teachers because there wouldn't have been a Dubai trip without them.



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From 11:30am to 3:30pm

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KT16 9BN



Second Hand Uniform Sale at the Christmas Fair

Friends of SWPS will be holding a uniform sale at this year's Christmas Fair on the 23rd of November and are requesting any second-hand uniform and PE kit that your child no longer needs. Earn money back by selling through Friends of SWPS.

[Click here](#) for instructions, terms and conditions, labels and forms from Friends of SWPS if you would like to sell your second-hand uniform through us.

Drop your second-hand uniform and PE kit off at the storage boxes in the pupil entrance anytime up until the 22nd of November.

Contact Kirsten Patient (kirsten.patient@live.co.uk) if you would like to buy second hand uniform, but cannot make the sale or if you have any queries about selling items.

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