



SWPS NEWS

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The ISI inspection report has finally arrived and I hope that all parents and students will have had the opportunity to read what the inspectors found, recognised, and ultimately understood about the school. (Click here for a copy of the Report)

As you will all see in the report, the inspectors in so many ways took the opportunity to praise the students themselves for their integrity, grit and sense of self. As self-assured young adults, they could see that SWPS students had an authentic personal understanding. They possessed confidence, integrity and excellence. They showed resilience and sought out opportunities to improve their own learning and performance. Always well behaved and possessing an excellent understanding of right and wrong, SWPS students were noted for the ease with which they socialise with each other.

The process of inspection is a familiar one to many of us in our professional lives. Schools, hospitals and local authorities, to name a few, are all subject to an inspection at some point. The purpose of any inspection is clear: to ensure that high standards are maintained and that there is continuing development of the educational system. External review can often be a stressful process, but it is a necessary one. It enables institutions to understand what they are doing well and equally what they need to develop.

The school inspection itself began in earnest in the 19th century. The first HM Inspector of Schools (HMI) was appointed as early as 1840. The idea behind this new inspectorate was simple: the improvement of elementary education. The accompanying legislation charged the inspectorate to determine "what improvements in the apparatus and internal management of schools, in school management and discipline, and in the methods of teaching have been sanctioned by the most extensive experience".

Our own recent inspection enabled SWPS to be recognised for all the many excellent features of our practice and conduct. It has been a very valuable and worthwhile process.

Dyslexia Awareness Week Competition
Dyslexia Awareness Week ran from 7—13
October and students were given the opportunity to choose a 'tricky spelling word' and come up with a tip on how to help remember how to spell the word.

Congratulations to **Erin Boon (7Q) who** won the competition with a suggestion about how to remember about '*I before e except after c'* and '*losing the e before adding ing'*.

These rules will be displayed on the screens around school as part of the 'Spelling of the Week' slides.

Erin was presented with a small prize during Form time on Friday.



Upcoming Events MUN: CROYMUN Conference 16 Nov Art: 7L & 7M—Tate Modern 18 Nov S6: Mock Interview Practice Psychology: 'Life Behind Bars' Conference 19 Nov History: 6F Early Tudors Study Day in London Classics: Y10-S6 trip to British Museum 21 Nov L6: GCSE Certificate Presentation 22-24 Nov Science: CERN Trip Drama: Y10 & 11 Theatre 22 Nov Trip—Frankenstein Friends of SWPS: Christmas 23 Nov Admissions: Prospective Parent Info Morning Maths: L6 Maths in Action 26 Nov Academic Ambition Seminar: 'Snowflake' Generation The Last Train to Tomorrow a Holocaust talk by Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines Comp Sci: L6 CS in Action **6F**: Lecture by Historian Dan 27 Nov Jones Y7: Parents' Evening Geography: S6 Hazards Conference 29 Nov English: Y11 AQA GCSE Poetry Live

Y8 Lunchtime Concerts

These concerts begin at 12.55pm. All students participate in their teaching group's concert. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. Please sign in at the Main Reception and you will be guided over to the Music Department.

8Z	Thursday 21 November
8X	Thursday 28 November





Autumn Chamber **Concert Recording** The recording of Autumn t h e Chamber Concert on Thursday October is now available the on



SWPS Website as well as on the School's profile.

Visit www.swps.org.uk/Music to listen to the fantastic performances from the night.



The Colombian Corner Beautiful landscapes, vast biodiversity, multicultural heritage, colourful regional costumes, Magical Realism and so much more is what you will discover if you visit this little space in room 122 created to share my Colombian background with you.



Until May next year the display board will show varied information about Colombian society and its customs, making an exciting trip across the different regions of this amazing country. Every 4 weeks you will find facts about local music, festivals, food and traditions, tourist attractions, flora and fauna, literature and other curiosities that will inspire you to learn or improve your Spanish communication skills.

Jinna (Spanish Language Assistant)

Christmas Present Appeal

SWPS is teaming up with The Salvation Army this Christmas 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.



Afternoon Tea!

On Monday after school the Year 11 Mentors had afternoon tea with their respective Year 7 Form Captains and Deputy Form Captains.

There was plenty of hot chocolate and squash and they were treated to homemade cake drizzled with chocolate too! There was a real buzz in the Atrium and it was clear they all had a lovely time.

Mrs Stebbings and Mrs Major would like to thank the mentors for all their hard work; it is greatly appreciated by both staff and, in particular, the Year 7s.

Year 9 £10 Challenge

Congratulations to the winning groups of the Year 9 £10 Challenge competition. Everyone in Year 9 participated in the competition, in which they were give £10 as a team to turn into as much profit as possible. They were incredibly innovative and had some amazing ideas. They spent the last few weeks selling their items in school and raising as much money as possible, which was donated to a charity of their choice.

In total, over £1500 was raised which is a fantastic achievement. Well done again to everyone who took part and to all the hard work that was put in, making this enterprise opportunity so successful.

The students certainly learnt a lot about the highs and lows of running a business. It was difficult for the tutors to judge as there were so many amazing ideas and presentations, but the winners (based on the amount they raised, their business idea, and the quality of their presentation) were as follows:

Riya Vyas Amy Towner Caitlin Costello Ella Litwin Olivia Sabharwal Hanna Devlen

Rushali Chawan Carys Poole Lucy Ellis Bethan Martin Naomi Lugt Katy Reynolds

Saniana Tikare Larissa Oliver-Warman Emily Webb- Peploe Nabeeha Bilal Lucy Anderson

Ria Patel Hope Wood Laura Latifaj Bella Ming Harleen Taunque





LIBRARY

Theo Fennell Masterclass Competition

On Thursday this week, the eight Theo Fennell competition winners attended the tour of his prestigious store, studio and workshop. Theo was extremely generous with his time explaining his different jewellery and silverware collections as well as how he comes up with his inspirational ideas.

He talked us through how he starts with an idea either of his own or from a client and how he develops it, selects stones and models up the idea before his master craftsmen make the pieces from precious metals.

After our tour we went across to the V&A for lunch and to browse the jewellery range there.

From the eight on the trip Theo and his team selected Brooke and Sophie in the S6 to complete a work experience placement with him in the new year where they will be able to design and make their own pieces.











Follow the SWPS Design Technology department ion to keep up with all of their creations and activities!

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'Factfulness' by Hans, Ola & Anna Rosling, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

"Ten reasons we're wrong about the world - and why things are better than you think."

The international bestseller by legendary statisticians Hans, Ola and Anna Rosling; inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, Factfulness is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world, and make you realise things are better than you thought.







What's on in the Library

Follow <a>@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 November, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff.

It is by Taylor (Y7)

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



SPORT

Hockey: vs Salesian

It was the turn of the Year 9 hockey squad to make the long trip to Salesian on Wednesday but they managed to make it a worthwhile journey as they came away with a hard fought 2—1 win.

Evie in goal was in top form making several excellent saves early on and the team responded by creating a great chance at the other end for Issy to open the scoring.

Salesian started the second half well and quickly equalised and the game continued to flow from one end to the other before Ki scored the all important second goal. The Year 9s return to Salesian next week for the District Tournament.



Dubai and Abu Dhabi

Dubai was definitely the best trip I have ever been on. All the matches we played were all very enjoyable—even though it was really hot! Both of the hotels were super nice and I loved everything about them. My favourite parts of the trip were the waterpark and the desert, because they were both very fun and helped me learn more about Dubai, although everything about the trip was fun.

I played both hockey and netball, and although we only won one match, they were still very fun to play, and it was nice to play against other teams. The weather was very nice and very hot!

Another thing I enjoyed was going to the beach, as the weather was perfect and the sea was very warm.

Thank you to all the teachers for taking us as the trip was definitely an experience I will never forget.

Eimear Graham (Y9)

Badminton

On Thursday 14 November SWPS competed at the Key Stage 3 District Badminton Tournament hosted by Tomlinscote School.

Jess, Issy, Chloe and Lucy from Year 9 created the team.

The students have been training hard at Badminton Club, developing their tactical play for both singles and doubles.



Five schools competed in the competition, we won 3 games and lost 1. SWPS finished in first place and have now qualified for the next round of the tournament.

Congratulations to the students involved, we are very proud of your commitment and determination to succeed.

Several new PBs were recorded this week at a high quality gala at St. Mary's, Ascot. As one of five schools at the gala, SWPS fielded teams in the Under 12, Under 13 and Open age groups. First places were achieved in fifteen out of a possible twenty-one events, including all relays across the three age groups - a fantastic achievement.

SWPS finished in joint first place overall, despite not having an U14 team on this occasion. Sights are set firmly on our galas next term, including the Surrey Schools' Relay Champs. Well done to all swimmers!

U12 Netball V Salesian

The mass fixture of U12 A-C against Salesians was another huge success.

- The A team won 19-4 and Freya was awarded player of the match. Chloe had a fantastic game playing at GK, taking so many interceptions!
- The B team won 13-6 and Kate was the player of the match. The whole team worked the ball through court brilliantly and remain undefeated this year!
- The mixed C/D team won 11-2 and all the players subbed on and off fantastically to get the best result! Ariana was the player of the match!

Well done Year 7 netballers!

U13 Netball v Gordons

The U13 A-D teams had matches against Gordons on Thursday. Resulting in a fantastic 4/4 wins!

- The A team won 30-11 and the players of the match were Jade and Sofia.
- The B team won 9-8 and Amelie and Jimena were the players of the match.
- The C team won 10-6 and Alexa was the player of the match.
- The D's result was 8-1 with Laura awarded player of the match.

A brilliant display of netball across all 4 courts and lots of improvement from all of the players from training and practices over the last couple of weeks. Well done Year 8 netballers!





U14 Netball v Gordons

A great evening for the SWPS U14s against Gordons.

- The C team won their match 19-0 thanks to some excellent shooting from Madison. The players of the match were Madison and Carys.
- The B team dominated their match, winning 24-2 with Ciara awarded player of the match for fantastic shooting and some top defence work from the rest of the team.
- The A team had a close game and unfortunately lost 17 -11. They fought hard for the whole match and unfortunately Gordons just got away from them at the end. Tilly was awarded player of the match. Well done Year 9s.







8Z's Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 21st November 12.55pm

Jarvis Room

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

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE



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!



CLICK THE POSTER BELOW TO BOOK YOUR ZORBING TICKETS!





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.

<u>Click here</u> 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.

