



SWPS NEWS



MR C C MULLER—HEAD

One of the most impressive aspects about life at SWPS is the energy and commitment the students display in terms of charity and giving. They are always keen to initiate fundraising and put in a considerable amount of time to local voluntary organisations; our outreach work with a local care home is an excellent example of this. Only last week, I was privileged to hear our wonderful Chamber Choir perform at Floral House.

Christmas, of course is that time when we expect and encourage the whole of the SWPS community to think about those who are less fortunate. We take the opportunity to do something that we do not need to do, but we nonetheless embrace it for what it is. That is what charitable giving is – we do it because it is right and because of our integrity. Charity should not be an obligation to either the doer or the receiver – it should be something that we do because it is right. We should give to charity without expectation of return or receipt. It is therefore heartening to see our own SWPS students, of their own accord and without prompting, seize the chance to give with such alacrity and gusto.

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas.

Upcoming Events

3 Jan 2020	Art: A Level Work Day
	Perkonians: 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>

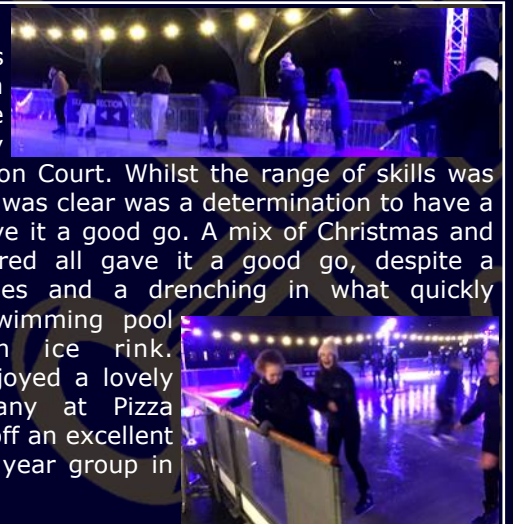
Y9 Harry Potter World

The whole of Year 9 embarked on a trip to Warner Bros. Studios, Leavesden on Wednesday to learn about the magical world of Harry Potter. The studio was set up for 'Hogwarts in the Snow' and we got to see how the special effects teams on the films were able to produce snow that didn't melt, fire on Christmas puddings, and the displays that were produced for the 'Yule Ball'. A great day was had by all (particularly Miss Brown & Miss Roberts!) with much excitement about Butterbeer, seeing it snow and getting to experience flying a broomstick over Hogwarts, alongside many debates about who knows the most about Harry Potter!



Sixth Form Social

40 students braved heavy rain to take to the ice on Thursday evening at Hampton Court. Whilst the range of skills was obvious(!!!), what was clear was a determination to have a great time and give it a good go. A mix of Christmas and SWPS spirit ensured all gave it a good go, despite a number of tumbles and a drenching in what quickly became like a swimming pool rather than an ice rink. Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely meal and company at Pizza Express to round off an excellent first term for the year group in the Sixth Form.



PSHCE—Y9 GCSE Options Talk

In PSHCE this week Year 11 students talked Year 9 through their GCSE subjects. Having recently gone through the first year of the GCSE courses they were in a great position to help the Year 9s understand what is required when GCSEs get in full swing! Hopefully the conversations will have helped the Year 9s on their road to making their Options choices at the start of 2020!



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

This term's Wellbeing Week theme was 'Kindness' concentrating on all the kindnesses that people can do for each other, even showing the SWPS quality of integrity by doing something nice even when nobody is watching!

Technology

For wellbeing week and in celebration of Christmas, the Technology department have put on three clubs making decorations using different media. Each lunchtime session was full of creativity, Christmas songs and excellent outcomes made by all.

Ms McQuillan's felt decoration club on Friday saw students using glitter and embroidery to create striking hanging decorations.

Then on Monday and Tuesday Miss Blackman's laser cut decorations club using CAD and our new laser cutter to make shop standard pieces, the Christmas pom-poms club followed using wools to create soft Christmas puddings, reindeers and snowmen!

Well done to the Years 7 – 10 who attended the clubs, make sure you come and collect your decorations from the tree in the Design Technology studio.



Follow the SWPS Design Technology department [@SWPSDesign](https://twitter.com/SWPSDesign) to keep up with all of their creations and activities!



RS

On Wednesday afternoon 6th form RS students met for a special Christmas tea. There were a variety of activities (and pizza and cookies!) to encourage them to revise the story of the birth of Jesus in the context of the whole of salvation history, ideas relating to Jesus as the fulfilment of Jewish messianic expectation, and the meaning and significance of the titles given to Jesus in the gospels.

Students revised all of this using the order of service for the SWPS Carol Service for 2019 as their basis. It was an enjoyable way to conclude our New Testament studies this term.

'Darul Ehsan' Orphanage, Bangladesh

Mrs Chowdhury set up a collection for scarves a few weeks ago for her to take with her to her father's orphanage for boys in Bangladesh for the winter. The response from the SWPS Community has been phenomenal!

In total, she managed to collect 223 scarves, 160 of which collected in one event: the Hot Chocolate-Scarf Exchange last week!

A small group from 7P also took the initiative to carry out their own fundraising, led by Lea Fletton and Elina Patel, they sold items such as Lea's Fir Cone Elves to raise a substantial amount to put towards Darul Ehsan orphanage.

Year 11 also unanimously agreed to donate the collection made from Thursday's Christmas Multi-Day to the orphanage which has moved Mrs Chowdhury immensely.

The money will go towards providing jumpers, as well as the scarves, and to repairing their kitchen roof which was damaged in the summer.

The orphanage's name 'Darun Ehsan' is an Arabic term meaning "excellence". It is a matter of taking one's inner faith (iman) and showing it in both deed and action, a sense of social responsibility borne from religious conviction.

This combination of Excellence, Integrity and Kindness is fitting with SWPS' values and this week's theme.

German

Year 7s decorated gingerbread houses as part of their wellbeing activities in their German classes while Year 8 designed and made Christmas cards. Frohe Weihnachten!



Christmas Cards Against Loneliness

We were delighted with the response from the Senior school when we asked them to write a Christmas card to a resident in local care homes in the area. The students wrote more than 200 newsy cards about their plans for Christmas and many wrote more than one.



We know that these will be gratefully received by members of our community who may not be lucky enough to have friends and family to share the holiday with. Thank you to our wonderful, caring students.

Lower School Book Club

Lower School Book Club met on Monday in the Library for a special Christmas gathering. Many authors were highly recommended including Sophie McKenzie, Amy Wilson and Emma Carol. So many lovely books to read...

Merry Christmas and a Happy Reading New Year.



SWPS Mock Election

Election fever hit SWPS this week with five eager A Level Politics students standing as candidates for the main parties in our mock election.

It was a hard slog on the campaign trail as they tried to win the votes of both students and staff and there were some excellent speeches at the election hustings on Wednesday. They also had to deal with some extremely tough questions from some of our younger students!

When the votes were counted, the result was very different to our last two mock elections with the Lib Dems winning by a landslide, followed by the Green Party in 2nd place and the Conservatives in 3rd. Well done to all the candidates for a superb performance.



Antarctic Fire Angels

Miss Rowe, a member of our PE staff, with colleagues from her job in the London Fire Brigade and from fire stations in South Wales, have formed the group 'Antarctic Fire Angels' who will undertake a 70-mile trek across Antarctica on a route never completed by an all-female team.

The expedition will take place in 2023 but the preparation has already started to ensure their fitness, endurance, cold tolerance, and safety and medical skills are at their peak when they set off.

The historic undertaking is all in aid of empowering the next generation of firefighters, especially women and showing what women are capable of.

We wish Miss Rowe all the best for her preparations and know that she's blazing a trail for women everywhere, something we believe is incredibly important here at SWPS.

Taekwon-Do

Starting from January 2020 Mr Dziubicki II Dan (black belt), multiple International champion is going to open a new Taekwon-Do club at SWPS:

*Surrey
Taekwon-Do
Strikers,*



offering classes of Taekwon-Do ITF and self-defence.

During the classes students will learn self-control, discipline, courage and friendship as well as team work and respect. All students will be given the opportunity to develop new skills and grading to the highest belts. These classes will take them to compete in local championships and maybe one day have a chance of representing England at International tournaments.

The first session is **FREE**
18 January 2020 - 2pm

The monthly cost of training is £35 a month
- for one weekly Saturday class.

In addition, there is an annual cost for membership to ETA of £55 for student registration to the Association, issuing them confirmation of belonging and the possibility of passing exams for higher belts in accordance with International Taekwon-Do Federation guidelines.



BUILDING CONFIDENCE, INTEGRITY & EXCELLENCE



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**

Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Sports Hall

7.00 - 7.45am

Strength and conditioning session with an experienced trainer

8.00 - 8.20am

Breakfast based on British Rowing Association Nutritional advice



Strength and conditioning; functional 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 letters will be sent once sign up is complete)

<https://www.socscms.com/login/25509/parent/Wed/Thur Before School>Ready to Row>

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who have all completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards! The DofE Award is a challenging yet rewarding experience that every student has embraced fully. These awards are a reflection of their dedication and hard work and the numerous skills they've picked up during their expeditions and training.

Well done all!

Name	Award	Year
Lolade Adepoju	Bronze	Y10
Caitlin Alden-Patel	Bronze	Y10
Phoebe Ayling	Bronze	Y10
Anna Baker	Bronze	Y10
Erin Bambury	Bronze	Y10
Miranda Bennett	Bronze	Y10
Abigail Bishop	Bronze	Y10
Lily Brown	Bronze	Y10
Georgina Bullen	Bronze	Y10
Louise Carter	Bronze	Y10
Amelie Christian	Bronze	Y10
Anna Cowell	Bronze	Y10
Bluebell Craven	Bronze	Y10
Tilly Cunliffe	Bronze	Y10
Harlie Curtis	Bronze	Y10
Mia Davda	Bronze	Y10
Keira Dawson	Bronze	Y10
Sya Dhoman	Bronze	Y10
Lisa Doidge	Bronze	Y10
Tiggy Edwards	Bronze	Y10
Lucia Frigé	Bronze	Y10
Mia Gould	Bronze	Y10
Ava Grant	Bronze	Y10
Jenny Gray	Bronze	Y10
Aisling Green	Bronze	Y10
Mischa Illman	Bronze	Y10
Meg Jin	Bronze	Y10
Lottie Jordan	Bronze	Y10
Katherine Knott	Bronze	Y10
Kaya Kondel	Bronze	Y10
Grace Lawlor	Bronze	Y10
Sophie Luo	Bronze	Y10
Vinomie Managei	Bronze	Y10
Shyla Master	Bronze	Y10
Aalee Mishra	Bronze	Y10
Eleanor Monk	Bronze	Y10
Phoebe Norman-Kench	Bronze	Y10
Ella Passell	Bronze	Y10
Shruti Ravivarman	Bronze	Y10
Lucy Salter	Bronze	Y10
Imaan Siddiqui	Bronze	Y10
Maeve Slater	Bronze	Y10
Kaashvi Talwar	Bronze	Y10
Annabel Tang	Bronze	Y10
Amelie Thomas	Bronze	Y10
Amy Twyford	Bronze	Y10
Tammin Vivancos-Drury	Bronze	Y10
Sierra Warnes	Bronze	Y10
Milly Wee	Bronze	Y10
Isabel Williams	Bronze	Y10
Bethan Williams	Bronze	Y10
Alexia Fletton	Bronze	Y11
Mary O'Donnell	Bronze	Y11
Holly Pemberton	Bronze	Y11
Emily Wright	Bronze	Y11
Olivia Cox Lousada	Bronze	L6

Name	Award	Year
Abigail Adrian	Silver	Y11
Amber David	Silver	Y11
Thea Morton	Silver	Y11
Merle Mowbray	Silver	Y11
Iris Patten	Silver	Y11
Mia Rai	Silver	Y11
Sharanya Roy	Silver	Y11
Hannah Walmsley	Silver	Y11
Eloise Williams	Silver	Y11
Dani Bae	Silver	L6
Isabel Barnfather	Silver	L6
Mirren Black	Silver	L6
Anya Froggatt	Silver	L6
Isobel Hartley	Silver	L6
Emmie Kirkhope	Silver	L6
Kiera Knott	Silver	L6
Millie Lawlor	Silver	L6
Sophia Scholey	Silver	L6
Cicely Tam	Silver	L6
Denise Martin	Silver	S6
Ana Pilar Ravanne	Silver	S6

Name	Award	Year
Brooke Griffith	Gold	L6
Ria Mistry	Gold	L6
Kate Raven	Gold	L6
Jessica O'Dell	Gold	Perkonian
India Sumner	Gold	Perkonian
Catherine Trelawny	Gold	Perkonian
Valentina Williams	Gold	Perkonian



Cross Country

Congratulations to Jimena (Y8 team), Jess (Y9 team) and Eloise (Y10/11 team) for making it through to the North West Surrey Cross Country Team. The students will compete at the Reigate meet in the new year and we wish them all well! Freya (Y7 team) also deserves praise, she is currently a reserve for the team - fingers crossed she will also be joining the others in Reigate! Well done everyone!

Year 11 GCSE Sculling Assessment

Six Year 11 students took part in their GCSE sculling assessment at Dorney Lake on Tuesday 3 December. Each student performed excellently in some sunny yet very cold conditions. The highlight of the day for many of the students was having the chance to see the current Olympic champion and five-time World champion Mahé Drysdale train and then they managed to sneak in a quick photo!

**Netball v Tormead**

U12 A&B netballers braved the icy conditions to play Tormead here at SWPS. The A team made a great start to their play, but Tormead were too strong for us in the last two thirds. As Lost 15-6 and the player of the match was Chloe, well done! The B team had an unfortunate end to their game with Tormead scoring in the last ten seconds to win 10-9. Player of the match was Kate, well done!

**Badminton vs Tormead**

Congratulations to all of the Year 8–11 students who were selected to play in the fixture against Tormead.

For many of the students this was their first experience competing in badminton. As the matches were played their confidence in applying tactics as well as scoring their own games was clearly evident.

We look forward to our next fixture against Tormead which will allow the Year 7s to practise what they have learnt at club.

Netball v Salesian

The last fixture of the term saw all three U13 netball teams victorious against Salesian. The A team won 17–4, player of the match was Jade. B team won 11–1, player of the match Imogen and the C team won 10–2, player of the match, Poppy, well done to all.

Thanks to all our netballers for an excellent term, lots of effort and lots of fun to have around. Enjoy a restful Christmas and happy New Year!

Badminton

Fantastic achievements from Alexandra Oprisan (S6) who has recently achieved 2nd place in both Senior Restricted Wimbledon and U19 Wimbledon Gold Tournaments



and got 3rd place in Senior Middlesex Gold tournament. This ranks Alexandra in the top 10 (senior & junior) players in England and top 50 U19 World Junior Players.

Alexandra will play on Durham Senior Gold and Wimbledon Senior Gold over Dec/Jan which we wish her the best of luck with!

Year 7 Netball

Christmas themed netball games and fun have arrived at netball club this week. The



Year 7s wore Christmas themed accessories while they played!! Well done to all Year 7s that have trained and played netball this term, we look forward to much more netball madness next term!! Merry Christmas, from Miss Foxley and Mrs Young!!

Judo

Congratulations to Anika Rabi, (Y11), who last week was selected for the 2020 England Judo squad.

By achieving selection onto her home nation squad, Anika will attend regular England training camps throughout the year as well as having the opportunity to compete for England at national and international tournaments.

Anika's coach, Jonathon Purssey of Core Judo Academy in Chertsey, said that he is absolutely delighted with the news.



MUSIC

The Music Department has had an extremely busy final two weeks of term!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

First, there was our Christmas Concert, which took place on the evening of Wednesday 4 Dec. Over 90 musicians contributed to the festive spirit, performing in the School, Chamber and Jarvis Orchestras, School Choir, Swing Band, Sax Group, Advanced Strings, Brass Group, Clarinet Crew, Flute Choir, Flute Factory and Baroque Ensemble. It was also an important occasion for the newly formed Year 7 Clarinet Trio as this was their first concert together, and for Music Scholar Lauren Christian (Year 13) who was the soloist in Barbirolli's Concerto for Oboe and Strings on Themes by Corelli. Throughout the evening festive music mingled with popular, jazz and classical styles to give the audience a richly varied programme.

During the lunch break Friday before last, the Chamber Choir made their annual visit across the road to Floral House to entertain the residents with carols and Christmas songs. Mr Muller helped us out here, heartily singing the role of 'Good King Wenceslas' when we sang this carol.

Our school's annual Nine Lessons and Carols took place in St. Peter's Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings last week. The Chamber, School, and Year 7 Choirs sang Christmas songs to illustrate the readings, and the Flute Factory played music before the services began. As part of our school's tradition, Year 7 students Izzy Goodlet and Eden Sung sang the unaccompanied solo to the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City', respectively on Monday and Tuesday, before leading the Chamber Choir down the aisle to their places.



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols



Everyone worked very hard over the term to prepare for the above events and the standard of performance was always very high indeed! Congratulations and thank you to all the students and staff who took part either as performers or in support behind the scenes for contributing to these memorable occasions!

The edited recordings and details for the Christmas Concert and the two Services will be uploaded to the website towards the beginning of next term. Watch out for the links in upcoming newsletters!

LIBRARY

Book of the Week

This week's BotW is 'The Colour of Time' by Dan Jones & Marina Amarel, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

The Colour of Time spans more than a hundred years of world history from the reign of Queen Victoria and the US Civil War to the Cuban Missile Crisis and beginning of the Space Age. It charts the rise and fall of empires, the achievements of science, industry and the arts, the tragedies of war and the politics of peace, and the lives of men and women who made history.

The book is a collaboration between a gifted Brazilian artist and a leading British historian. Marina Amarel has created 200 stunning images, using contemporary photographs as the basis for her full-colour digital renditions. Dan Jones has written a narrative that anchors each image in its context, and weaves them into a vivid account of the world that we live in today. A fusion of amazing pictures and well-chosen words, *The Colour of Time* offers a unique and often beautiful perspective on the past.

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What's on in the Library

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NYCGB

NATIONAL YOUTH CHOIRS GREAT BRITAIN

NYCGB successes

Congratulations to Sophie Young (Year 11) and Ella MacGregor (Year 9), both members of our Chamber Choir, who recently received very exciting news.

Sophie auditioned for the National Youth Choir of Great Britain in the Birmingham City Symphony Orchestra (BCSO) building in mid-November. Two weeks' later she was offered a place in the Alto 1 section of the National Youth Training Choir which prepares young singers for the NYCGB. Sophie sang 'Where the Bee Sucks' by Thomas Arne and the 'Skye Boat Song' (traditional Scottish) for the panel of judges.

Ella has been accepted as a Soprano 2 in the National Youth Girls' Choir.

Ella's audition also took place in November and was held at St. Paul's Boys School in Barnes. She sang 'Panis Angelicus' by César Franck, and 'Greensleeves' for her unaccompanied song. Ella also had to undertake some aural and sight singing tests.

The National Youth Girls' Choir performs both independently and in collaboration with other NYCGB choirs at venues around the UK.