



SWPS NEWS



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Few books over the Christmas period have been as challenging or as thought-provoking as “The Age of Surveillance Capitalism” by Shoshana Zuboff. Zuboff’s thesis that as technology develops at a time of globalisation, large spaces of social life are dominated by corporations, which seek to obtain and collect data, is both shocking and compelling. The data acquired, Zuboff notes, is then analysed, leading to the prediction of prospective behaviour.

Questions about privacy and manipulation inevitably arise as well as freedom and responsibility.

It has become a truism to say that there has been a revolution in Information Technology. Knowledge has always meant power and there is a long history of individuals trying, often failing, to control it. Fortunately, words and ideas as well as inventions can be used again and again; once uncorked, it is almost impossible to reclaim. In the 21st century the internet has been the accelerant to drive ever faster pieces of knowledge across the world. It truly changes the world. As the world was never the same again after the invention of the Guttenberg printing press, so our planet has been transformed after the emergence of Google, Facebook and Twitter. Those of us who knew a world before the internet stand bemused at the changes, whilst the internet generation can scarcely conceive of what it was like before.

As a result of this, young people are more “networked” than any other group in society. The social world for them is less defined by physical space, boundaries and borders and more experienced online and digitally. Less fixed to an actual place, they live in a world where information is constant and everywhere. Rather than a considered reply, the network space requires instant responses – without time for reflection or thought. Why is it a surprise that unkind and thoughtless comments are abound on social media?

How we deal with these new challenges is inevitably difficult, particularly for schools and parents; there are no easy fixes or solutions. But what is true is that the values of kindness, care and attention are still vital to our students’ wellbeing. How they treat other, how they value themselves and what they value are as important now as they have ever been. It is our responsibility to ensure that these are front and centre in all our discussion and debates.

Music Scholars’ Lunchtime Concert

On Thursday lunchtime, the Jarvis room hosted SWPS’ Music Scholars as they shared their talents with the rest of the SWPS Community.

Parents, friends and teachers joined the audience to support the performers.

If you didn’t manage to make it, don’t worry! You can listen to it on the school website at:

<https://www.swps.org.uk/senior-school-11-16/co-curricular/music>

Music Scholars’ Lunchtime Concert
Thursday 23rd January 2020

Lauren Christian (oboe)
Sonata for Oboe and Piano, op.166, 2nd mvt. – Camille Saint-Saëns

Sarah Maxwell (voice)
My Own Country – Peter Warlock

Hayun Lee (violin)
Sonata for Violin and Piano, 1st mvt. – César Franck

Amélie Christian (cello)
Bourrée I and II from Cello Suite No.3 – J S Bach

Caitlin Pittol-Neville (trombone)
Piece in F minor – Florentin Morel

Isla Galpin (violin)
Largo Expressivo – Gaetano Pugnani

Sophie Schofield (trumpet)
Trumpet Concerto, 1st mvt. – Joseph Horowitz

Upcoming Events	
26 Jan	Y7 Self-Defence Workshop
27 Jan	Y9: FSB/Men ACWY Vaccinations
29 Jan	Sixth Form Lecture
31 Jan-2 Feb	MUN: Y10-S6 @ LEH
3 Feb	Drama: 6F to V&A for “Cloud 9” & “Jerusalem”
	RS: Y11 to St Peter’s Church, Chertsey
5 Feb	Politics: 6F to Supreme Court & Parliament
	Biology: S6 Olympiad
6 Feb	Snr. Production: NT Connections Plays
	Maths: UKMT (Intermediate)
7 Feb	Y11: Parents’ Evening
	Music: “Black Light” Rock Concert
8 Feb	Snr. Production: “Girls Like That”
	Snr. Productions: NT Connections & “Girls Like That”
10 Feb	Art: Y11 to Tate Modern
	RS: Y9 Southall Experience
11 Feb	Safer Internet Day 2020
	Economics: 6F Keynes Society Talk
12 Feb	Science: Y7 to Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium
	S6: Parents’ Evening
13 Feb	Class Civ: 6F “Aristophanes’ Frogs”, UCL
	English: Y11 “Macbeth”
Music Concerts	
Click the links below to reserve a seat at any of these events	
30 Jan	7M
6 Feb	7L
13 Feb	7P



Careers Seminar:

On Monday 3 February at 3.40 pm in Room 251 (The Careers Room), a representative from **BDO** Accounting will be coming in to talk about working in the accountancy profession and about some of the opportunities they can offer students. They offer School Leaver Programmes, Graduate Programmes, Internships and Summer School Programmes in different streams which include Audit, Financial Services, Tax etc. We are inviting all students in Year 10 and above to attend if they are considering Accountancy as a career or want to hear more about the options available to them in that field. Students have been sent a link on Firefly with instructions on how to register their attendance.



NHS Careers Competition

Congratulations to the following students who won their form entries to the NHS Careers Competition and whose adverts will be sent off to the National competition. A massive well done to all the students who took part in this competition. The teachers have all commented on the standard of entries being very high, and it was clear that a lot of work was put into producing their adverts. Fingers crossed we have some winners in the National competition too.

- 8L— Maddie Bell, Ellie Lansdell, Gabby Burnham, Emeni Pinidiya
- 8Q— Hannah Dunn, Isla Bell, Ava Neville, Naysa Poonia
- 8P— Inaara Jalali, Indiana Marshall, Stephanie Hei, Niriksha Rajanikanth
- 8M— combined winners of Anna Sidhu, Hannah Bartrop, Miah Anton and the other group consisting of Jade Adekola, Sara Soliman, Isla Wood and Jimena Stynes

ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Lonsdale "Hannah calmed my nerves before Junior Drama."
- Montagu "Miss Burdett helps me catch the train on a Friday."
- Pankhurst "When I was ill my friends were so kind and helped me catch up with my
- Quant "Zoe in S6 always has my back."

Nepal Expedition Oct 2020

An exciting opportunity is open to current Y11 & L6 students to take part in an expedition to Nepal in October this year.

The expedition will work in support of the Classrooms in the Clouds charity (CITC), which promotes education in remote locations of Nepal by building earthquake resistant classrooms, delivering female specific education programmes and sponsoring able female students through university, before they return to their village as a teacher.

There will be a parents' information evening on Monday 24 February 2020 between 18.00—19.00.

Sign up by emailing DofEAccount@swps.org.uk.

Spaces are limited so sign-up will be on a first-come-first-served basis.



Health and Social Care Careers Open Evening — Ashford Hospital



Thursday 13th February 2020 4.30pm—7.30pm
Ashford Hospital, London Road, Stanwell, Ashford, Surrey, TW15 3AA

Are you considering a career in health and social care?

Come along and find out about the wide range of NHS careers available to you. talk to practitioners * university and apprenticeship information * presentations * simulated activities *

Find out about careers pathways including:

- dietetics, midwifery, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, operating department practice, paramedic, pathology, pharmacy, physiotherapy, radiology, speech and language
- Information on both clinical and non clinical roles.

For further information and to book a place, please go to: www.bit.ly/surreycareers



Health Education England working in partnership with Ashford and St. Peters' Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership

CLASSROOMS IN THE CLOUDS

60 built, meeting the latest Earthquake Resistant standards

CLASSROOMS

20 SPONSORED TEACHERS annually with mentoring, support and ongoing professional development

ADDRESSING GENDER INEQUALITY benefiting **3500+ CHILDREN** annually

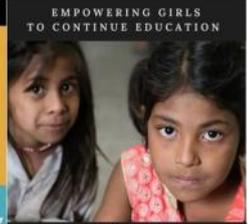
Sponsoring women teachers to act as catalysts of change
Providing menstrual health training and improving hygiene facilities to empower women and girls to stay in education

BY 2023 CITC AIMS TO SUPPORT 10000+ CHILDREN ANNUALLY IN REMOTE AREAS OF NEPAL

at least **90%** of all donations spent at grassroots level

CITC also:
Provides clean water and gender specific toilets
Builds and resources libraries
Facilitates school links between the UK and Nepal

Charity no: 1170522



@CITCNepal

Typical Fire Cadet Mural



Hockey—U13 Surreys

The U13 hockey squad played five games at the Surrey Tournament on Monday, winning two, drawing two and only losing one. They made a good start drawing 0-0 with a strong Wimbledon High team, defending well having had no time for even a warmup. They then beat St Teresa's 1-0 with a goal by Zoe with the last touch of the match and went on to beat Alleyn's 2-0, Zoe again getting the goals.

Their only loss came against Sutton High who had won every other game convincingly. Sutton scored early and then SWPS twice went close to equalising before the final whistle.

Unfortunately, that meant SWPS missed out on semi-final place on goal difference to Wimbledon High, so it was a game against Woldingham to finish. SWPS again went behind early but came back to snatch a draw with a well taken strike by Amina.

With 30 teams participating, Surrey's largest ever, SWPS showed once again that they are good enough to challenge the 'bigger' schools at this level. All the girls were magnificent throughout and enjoyed a great day.

U13 v Manor House

SWPS U13 hockey squads entertained Manor House School on Tuesday evening for several matches. Both schools split their squads evenly for more matches with two games being played simultaneously. Although the results were not the focus of this it was great to see the B team players step up their game alongside the As and it was hard to tell who had been in what squad so far this season. Both schools were impressive throughout and hope to repeat this fixture again soon.

The games were also umpired by Year 10 & 11 students who had recently attended an umpiring course at SWPS and did a great job.

**U12 v St Teresa's**

The U12 A & B squads went to St Teresa's on Thursday evening with mixed results but great performances! The B team were beaten 4-0 but had chances to score themselves and were made to pay for a few errors, a learning point for the team! The A team fared better drawing 2-2. They went ahead early in the first half and then had to come back from 2-1 down with a late goal from Charlie equalising. They were thankful to a fine display in goal by Amelie who made several impressive saves and clearances.

U14 Triangular

The Year 9 hockey squad played two matches on Wednesday, drawing 0 - 0 with Roseberry School and then drawing 2-2 with St Teresa's, goals coming from Charlotte and Issy. Both matches were closely fought encounters and the improvement continues with this very talented squad.

Netball**U14 Netball v St George's**

The U14 A-C teams took the short journey to St George's on Monday evening.

The A team had a tough game against a strong St George's squad. SWPS lost the match 33-11 but improved as the match went on and achieved targets set by Miss Foxley. Tilly and Tegan were awarded player of the match.

The B team had a fantastic match and won 19 - 10. Brilliant shooting from Steph and Madison and interceptions from Ki were crucial for the win. Steph was awarded player of the match.

The C team also had a brilliant game, winning 18-10. Bethan was the player of the match because of her excellent through court support.

A special thanks to Ella for coming along, even though she was injured, and did the umpiring for the C team match.

U13 Netball v SJB

The U13 A and B team played their District League fixture on Thursday evening against SJB.

The A team played a very close game, but unfortunately lost 18-15. Some great play and improvements made in the match as we prep for the county tournament in a couple of weeks. Jade was the player of the match.

The B team had a strong match, winning 17 - 4. Fantastic feeding to the shooters, topped off with brilliant shooting kept the team ahead from the start. Amina was player of the match. Well done Year 8 netballers!



Swimming

Congratulations to the SWPS swim team that competed at the Surrey Secondary Schools' Individual Championships on Saturday 18 January. While our senior swimmers were missing due to Hampshire swimming and Surrey hockey commitments, our intermediates and junior teams raced well in their events.

Our Year 7 swimmers, Amelie Michael and Emily Nicholas, both achieved new personal best times and Amelie Christian (Y10) and Sarah Soliman (Y8) narrowly missed out on a third-place medal. The best SWPS performances resulted in three medals:

Katie Ford - gold medal in the Intermediate Girls' 100m backstroke;
Debbie Marango - silver medal in the Junior Girls' 100m butterfly, equalling her PB time;
Ellie White - gold medal in the Junior Girls' 200m Individual medley, setting a new personal best time.

The SWPS squad will compete against Notre Dame and ACS Cobham on Monday 27 January.

County Champion

Huge Congratulations to Tash Holroyd who not only won the 16 years in the 800m Freestyle but also won the entire County Championships by posting the fastest time in any age group! It was quite literally a fingertips first finish to win overall! Awesome racing in that event, a huge personal best time to improve her ranking and take the victory! On Sunday Tash returned to the pool in the 1500 free and again not only won the 16 years but also won the entire county championships. A fantastic achievement!!



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Year 7 Lunchtime Concerts

Thursday 30 Jan - 7M
Thursday 6 Feb - 7L
Thursday 13 Feb - 7P
Thursday 5 March - 7Q

12.55pm in the Jarvis Room

Join us to watch our Year 7s perform either as a group or playing their chosen solo piece.

Parents, friends and relatives are all welcome to attend these informal concerts.

Please reserve your seat by clicking [HERE](#).



Senior Production presents...

Adults £5/Students £4

National Theatre connections

When They Go Low & Forty Five Minutes

Double Bill
Drama Studio

Wednesday 5th Feb 16:00
Saturday 8th Feb 18:00

When They Go Low

A play about everyday feminism and the changing face of teenage sexuality in an online world. When they go low, we go high.

Forty Five Minutes

The deadline was wrong, so now there's just forty-five minutes till the bell goes and the UCAS forms must be sent and futures secured...

Both plays contain strong language. Only suitable for students in year 9 and above.



Senior Production presents...

Girls like that

Drama Studio

Friday 7th Feb 19:00
Saturday 8th Feb 14:30
Adults £5/Students £4

A naked photo of Scarlett goes viral. Rumours spread across smartphones like wildfire and her reputation becomes toxic, threatening to shatter the fragile unity of the girls she has grown up with. But how long can Scarlett remain silent? And why isn't it the same for boys?

Girls Like That is an urgent and explosive play that explores gender equality and the pressures on today's digital generation.

Contains strong language. Only suitable for year 9 and above.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

9Y & 9Z will have their final textiles class on Monday before swapping over to product design. They have been working hard on their snack cushions over the past few months and learning new skills such as batik and heat transfer. They have also been learning about different textile artists who have also been inspired by food and packaging in their work. Miss Blackman and Ms McQuillan have been really impressed with the skills shown over the past few months with many of the students never having sewn before. Using a sewing machine can be daunting and we are really pleased with the outcomes. We are very excited to say there will be a GCSE Textiles class next year. The work shown is of Amelie Walker (9Z), Charlotte Duggan (9Z) & Sophie Fletcher (9Z), Zainab Osama (9Y), Issy Barton (9Y), Ella McGregor (9Y) and Zoe Way (9Y). We hope the incoming groups to textiles are inspired by their peers' work and excited to make their own unique creations.



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

ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

Here's our third Artwork of the Month, for January, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff. They are by Serenna (Y8). Take a look at more of our students' artwork on our Art Dept website: www.artdesignswps.org.uk



LIBRARY

Book of the Week

To coincide with the Holocaust Memorial Day on Monday 27 January, this week's BotW is 'The Pianist' by W. Szpilman, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

The powerful memoir of a young Jewish pianist who, against all odds, survived the war in Warsaw. Made into a Bafta and Oscar-winning film.

'You can learn more about human nature from this brief account of the survival of one man throughout the war years in the devastated city of Warsaw than from several volumes of the average encyclopaedia'

- The Independent on Sunday

'We are drawn in to share his surprise and then disbelief at the horrifying progress of events, all conveyed with an understated intimacy and dailiness that render them painfully close - riveting'

- The Observer

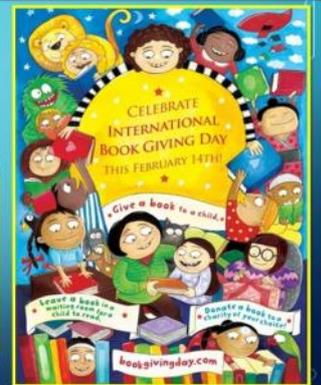
'A book so fresh and vivid, so heart-breaking, and so simply and beautifully written, that it manages to tell us the story of horrendous events as if for the first time'

- The Daily Telegraph

Book of the Week



To celebrate International Book Giving Day on the 14th of February we will, as last year, collect books for charity. Bring your donations to the Library or leave them at the student entrance. THANK YOU ☺



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