



## SWPS NEWS



### MR C C MULLER—HEAD

SWPS students now have access to experiences that once had been the preserve of a tiny elite – university education, travel to far off lands, improved health and life expectancy, increased disposable income, a standard of living beyond imagination compared to our ancestors, instantaneous communication and information, as well as the potential of fulfilling and satisfying work.

Yet for many of our young people such opportunities bring with them stress and anxiety. Education and knowledge have enabled all of us to live ever more intricate and complex lives – our senses are constantly stimulated both through consumption, advertisement and, of course, social media.

Improved health and longer living enable our life of the self to deepen and thicken. We think more intensely about who we can become and what we can achieve. Traditional roles and careers are now seen to be choices rather than imposed from birth.

The psychologist Erik Erikson once said: *"the patient of today suffers most under the problem of what she should believe and who she should be – or might be – or become."*

By contrast, the patient of years ago suffered most under inhibitions which prevented her from what and who she thought she knew she was.

What this has meant is that nothing appears to our young people as a given – everything feels that it must be renewed, re-thought-out, renegotiated. It is a very different world from the one that their parents experienced growing up.

The opportunities are endless, exciting and yet, for some, daunting. To navigate this plethora of choice requires careful, sensitive and fact driven discussion. As a school we seek to provide a significant number of events and moments which help our students make their choices wisely, calmly and informatively. It can feel overwhelming at times, but it is worth the effort and input.

### Uniform

1. It is expected that all students will wear the school coat and scarf as per the uniform code. No alternatives are permitted.
2. Only Years 9–11 may use the school handbag. Only the school handbag available from the school uniform supplier is permitted.
3. No other bags will be allowed and non-regulation bags may be confiscated if used.

### Geography Jelly Baby Game

Year 9 Geographers were participating in the Jelly Baby game to discover how the population structure in their country can change as a result of catastrophic famines, natural disasters and economic migration. Some students



lost their entire populations whilst others gained different colours depending on age and gender. The challenge was deciding who won the game – most students agreed it was not necessarily the country with the largest population but the country with a balance of different age groups and genders to ensure sustainable population growth in the future.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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
	Snr. Production: NT Connections Plays
6 Feb	Maths: UKMT (Intermediate)
	Y11: Parents' Evening
7 Feb	Snr. Production: "Girls Like That"
8 Feb	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"

### MDV

The Sixth Form Medics, Dentists and Vets Society meets every week to hear talks from people working in these fields, conduct interesting experiments, and discuss ethical topics related to human or animal health. It is great preparation for a University application for one of these competitive courses.

**There are two talks this term:**

13 Feb 2020 15.50-16.50	Ms Katrine Peterson on 'Treating Chronic Pain'
26 Mar 2020 15.50-16.50	Mr Tim Husselbury on 'ECG machines & the Heart'

The venue will be confirmed once we know the numbers of interested students, so please sign up on SOCS.

### MUSIC CONCERTS

Click below to reserve seats!

6 Feb	<a href="#">ZL</a>
13 Feb	<a href="#">ZP</a>



**China-UK International Music Festival**  
 Congratulations to Bella Ming (Y9) on her success in the 3rd China-UK International Music Festival earlier this month. Bella sang a traditional Chinese song called 'Ying Shan Hong' to a panel of prestigious British and Chinese professional musicians.



### Careers Experiences

SWPS have teamed up with an external organisation called InvestIN, who deliver immersive career experiences to students aged 15-18 who aspire to break into some of the world's most desirable industries. If students are interested in participating, they can use the discount code **SWPS19** at checkout to receive 10% off the programme price. Their Spring 2020 programmes include Architecture, Computer Science, Medicine, Engineering, Entrepreneurs, Filmmaking, Investment Banking, Journalism, Law, Marketing & PR, Politics and Psychology. They also offer longer Summer internship programmes and there is a weekend programme for students aged 12-14. Full details of how to book, pricing and venues are on their website [www.investin.org](http://www.investin.org)



## ACTS OF KINDNESS

Lonsdale	"I had a bad day and then my friends cheered me up."
Montagu	"Thank you Miss Roberts for always making our English lessons really fun."
Pankhurst	"A girl picked up my water bottle and kept it safe for me over half term."
Quant	"Zeynep made me feel very happy and became my friend which was a really kind thing to do."

### Careers Workshop—Accountancy

Last chance for students to sign up to the Accountancy workshop on Monday afternoon at 3.40pm in Room 251 (The Careers Suite) to hear about different career options in Accountancy, as well as work experience possibilities, internships and training opportunities at BDO Accountancy. There will be three different speakers talking about their different roles to give students a greater insight into the options in that field.

Students can sign up via the link sent on Firefly / on the Firefly Careers page.



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.

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**Netball****U12 v St Mary's**

A long trip to St Mary's in Ascot was a successful first fixture of a busy week!



Scores were:

SWPS A v St Mary's A: 9-14. Player of the match: Immy  
SWPS B v St Mary's B: 4-7. Players of the match: Kate and Hee-Eun  
SWPS C v St Mary's C: 7-6. Player of the match: Maryam  
SWPS D v St Mary's D: 4-3. Player of the match: Abbie

**U12 v Prior's Field**

The C and D team played against a strong, mixed Prior's Field team on Wednesday evening. Some good passes and passages of play from the SWPS teams however they were unable to get the win. Final score was 12-2 to Prior's Field.

**U12 v Gordon's**

The final set of netball matches for the U12s were against Gordon's on Thursday evening. We had full A-D squads out again and all teams were fired up for the matches!



The scores were:

SWPS A v Gordon's A: 22-9. Player of the match: Immy  
SWPS B v Gordon's B: 17-1. Players of the match: Kate and Emily  
SWPS C v Gordon's C: 1-2. Player of the match: Maryam  
SWPS D v Gordon's D: 8-2. Player of the match: Sachi

A huge well done to all Year 7 netballers this week, you have made Miss Foxley and Mrs Young very proud of all your fantastic efforts!

**Swimming**

Well done to Katie in Year 9 who had a fantastic set of swimming results at the recent Berks and South Bucks county swimming championships. She won bronze in the 50 free, 100 free and 100 back. She won gold in the 50 back making her the 2020 junior county champion for this event.



Tilly in Year 11 also swam fantastically and got silver in the 50 free and bronze in the 50 fly.

Well done to all swimmers at the county championships!

**Swimming Gala v Notre Dame & ACS**

SWPS swimmers performed well in the gala this week, taking on Notre Dame and ACS Cobham in some closely fought races. Unfortunately, the SWPS team was missing a few key swimmers, so the Y8 and Y9 students filled in and swam brilliantly in many races! Well done to the swimmers that achieved a new PB - there were a total of 23 set on the night! Overall the team finished second. Well done!

**Hockey**

The U15/16 hockey squad visited St Mary's on Wednesday evening for what turned out to be a very entertaining match. SWPS settled first and took the lead through an excellent goal by Abi A.

Despite having little to do in the first half SWPS keeper Evie kept the lead intact with some excellent saves until the home sides pressure eventually paid off with an equaliser late on. However, there was just enough time for player of the match Tilly to see Sophie in space who then set up Abi A for her 2nd goal and the winner.

**Fantastic Fencing!**

Sophie Davis (7M) travelled to Swindon on Sunday to compete in the Southern Regional Championships for foil fencing.



Sophie started fencing when she was eight years old and trains as part of the Fighting Fit Fencing club.

After a sleepy journey to Swindon, we arrived at 8am for registration and a much-needed warm-up. The competition began with a round of pools - five matches to determine who she would play in the knock-out rounds.

Sophie approached each match with determination and some swift moves - lunge, disengage, point...there were times when she literally jumped in the air! Sophie had a string of wins in the pool matches and her points total gave her a bye in the first elimination round.

The following round went by in a flash, Sophie scoring point after point. It was an exciting match which ended 10 points to 2.

In the quarter final, Sophie narrowly lost out to the number one seed, but managed to score more points against her opponent than she had conceded throughout the earlier rounds of the competition. The disappointment of defeat was short lived, as her performance had helped Sophie qualify for the British National Championships which will be held in Birmingham in May.

Well done Sophie for a fantastic achievement, we can't wait to hear about your tournament in May!!

**National Schools Badminton Championships 2019-2020**

After successfully winning the district round before Christmas, the Year 9 team went to the Spectrum to play the county road.



The day offered an excellent opportunity for the students to put into practice the tactics they have been learning during co-curricular clubs. They played excellently throughout the day and showed great team spirit.

The team finished 3rd in the county.

Well done to Issy, Chloe, Lucy, Jess and Ki.



## DESIGN TECHNOLOGY



### Design of the Week:

This week's designs of the week are by Chloe and Tanisha in Year 9, they have designed some stunning jewellery using 2D

Design and the laser cutter in Design Technology. Their designs are both original and eye-catching.

Well done to all of Year 9 who have finished their own jewellery pieces this week.

### Practical days:

Last week was a very exciting time in the Design Technology department, students in our S6 and Year 11 classes started manufacturing their final outcomes for their NEA pieces.

All students were focussed and worked hard throughout their days in the workshop, making excellent progress towards completed outcomes. Well done to all students involved, we are excited to see how these pieces look on 14 February when it's the practical deadline.



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



## LIBRARY

### Book of the Week

This week's BotW is *'Written in History: Letters that Changed the World'* by Simon Sebag Montefiore, selected by Mrs Vidgen.

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*Written in History* celebrates the great letters of world history, creative culture and personal life.

Acclaimed historian Simon Sebag Montefiore selects over one hundred letters from ancient times to the 21st Century: some are noble and inspiring, some despicable and unsettling; some are exquisite works of literature, others brutal, coarse and frankly outrageous, or heart-breaking. The writers vary from Elizabeth I, Rameses the Great and Leonard Cohen to Emmeline Pankhurst, Mandela, Stalin, Michelangelo, Suleiman the Magnificent and unknown people in extraordinary circumstances - from love letters to calls for liberation, declarations of war to reflections on death.

In the colourful, accessible style of a master storyteller, Montefiore shows why these letters are essential reading: how they enlighten our past, enrich the way we live now - and illuminate tomorrow.

We have invited an award-winning author, Ally Sherrick to celebrate this year's World Book Day with us.

Ally writes about history, because, as she says:

"When I'm writing I can be living at anytime and anywhere in the world - which is what makes being a writer so much fun- although of course there's lots of hard work involved too."

Ally will visit on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of March and will run creative writing workshops with year 7 & 8 students.

**Bring some pocket money if you would like to get a signed book!**



We have all her books in the Library, so come and check them out!



### What's on in the Library

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

## ARTWORKS OF THE MONTH

One of our five Artworks of the Month, for January, selected by the Art & Design Dept staff. It is by **Chrissie (S6)**

Take a look at more of our students' artwork on the Art Dept website: [artdesignswps.org.uk](http://artdesignswps.org.uk)

