



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Sports Day	Wednesday 21st June
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 22nd June
GCSE Exams Finish	Tuesday 20th June
Year 10 Mock Exams	Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd June
Ardeche Trip	Thursday 29th June to Friday 7th July
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July
Activities (Years 7-9)	Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July
Year 6 Induction	Tues. 11th to Thurs. 13th July (Parents evening 6.30pm Wed. 12th July)
Celebration Assemblies	Wednesday 19th July (more details to follow)

### Tesco Bags of Help Scheme - shopping at Tesco in Tetbury - your help needed

Our recent application to the above scheme has been successful and we are delighted that our Horticulture students and the school in general will benefit. The project will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take during May and June. We are guaranteed at least £1,000, but let's see how much we can get. It's now down to us and the local community.

So, when you're shopping in Tesco Tetbury during May and June make sure you put your token in the correct slot to help our Horticulture kids!

### Payment Reminders for Trips

- Ardeche – please ensure outstanding balance is paid as soon as possible. Completed medical and code of conduct forms and Passports & EHI C Cards should be handed into the main office
- Year 7 Normandy – please ensure outstanding balance is paid as soon as possible. Completed medical and code of conduct forms and EHIC Card should be handed into the main office
- Y8 PGL Isle of Wight – please ensure outstanding balance is paid as soon as possible. Completed medical and code of conduct forms to be handed into the main office
- Year 9 Battlefields – please ensure outstanding balance is paid as soon as possible and EHIC Card should be handed into the main office

Checkout this website for EHIC cards: <https://www.gov.uk/european-health-insurance-card>

If you require additional copies of the medical and code of conduct forms please contact the email address below, stating your son/daughter's name and the trip. Payments can be made via cheque or online using the SIMS Agora online payment system. If you require a new activation code please contact the main office or email [s.jones@swr.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:s.jones@swr.gloucs.sch.uk)

## SIMS Intouch (digital communication system)

To cut down on excessive paperwork, the school endeavours to send as much information via the SIMS Intouch system. Our Newsletter is also available on the school website at [www.swr.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.swr.gloucs.sch.uk) under the dropdown tab 'News'.

Could we remind you to please keep us up to date with your email, telephone and postal address information so that you are receiving all relevant information.

## Battlefields Trip - Parent Information Evening

Parents are invited to an Information Evening to be held on Thursday 15th June at 6pm, which will be held in the Library.

## Music News

Will's a winner! Congratulations to Year 10 musician Will Jones who won the Cotswolds final for his category (brass) at Wycliffe School. He did exceptionally well to beat players older than him. We are all very proud of Will!

Passing their music exam earlier this year was Rhiannon Brown in Year 7—Grade 7 Flute (Merit). A fantastic achievement—well done!

Maisie Geers - Grade 6 Musical Theatre Distinction - London College of Music. Congratulations Maisie.

## Rowing

In mid-March four teams attended the County finals with over 10 other local schools. We are pleased to announce SWR came top three in each discipline:

- ↔ Year 10 Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> place (actually finishing miles ahead of anybody else), with Charlotte Rushton winning the individual event
- ↔ Year 10 Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- ↔ Year 8 Boys – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with Adam Brammeld gaining an individual Bronze medal
- ↔ Year 8 girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Congratulations to the following students: Josh Blake, Adam Brammeld, Arthur Bury, Klara Fletcher, Shiyun Holmes, Alice Insull, Lottie Jones, Jayden Lewis, Billy Montague, Harry Pegler, Luke Ravenhill, Charlotte Rushton, Matilda Simonin, Janie Syrett, Phoebe Townsend, Jac Woodward. And additional thanks to Mr Blackwood who assists by taking them to and from these events in our school minibus, encouraging them enthusiastically at every opportunity.

Lunchtime and After School Clubs			
Monday	Wind ensemble (all brass and woodwind players welcome)	Music	1.35pm
Wednesday	Clay Club SWR Singers	AR2 Music	3.25-4.45pm
Thursday	Debating Club	Library	1.30pm

## Fundraising updates

Readathon - £286.13 (following World Book Day) and Red Nose Day - £576.15

You should be very proud - parents, staff and students, so far this year you have donated over £3,500 to charity.



## Geography Bonanza – taking learning beyond the classroom!

A busy term for the Geography Department. We ended our Easter holidays with a fantastic field trip to Shropshire with our year 10 GCSE students. Over the course of four days we covered so many aspects of Geography and I think the river study along the Carding Mill Valley was a highlight for most. Our trip was packed to the brim with geographical fieldwork – with 2 specific focus questions, firstly ‘To what extent has Birmingham’s connectivity improved as a result of the regeneration?’, and secondly ‘What factors influence flooding in the Carding Mill Valley?’. To investigate these questions we undertook environmental quality surveys, questionnaires and annotated photos in the bustling city of Birmingham, as well as a river survey and field sketches along the upper course of the Carding Mill Valley. Despite long days and working well into the evenings the students attitude for learning was commendable. It was also fantastic to witness the students applying what they had learnt in the classroom to vibrant landscapes as well as watch students grow in confidence and enjoy time away with their peers. There will certainly be many memories made – ranging from the fancy dress competition in the evening to one poor young lady taking on token dip bottom first into the river.



### FGR – More than just a football team – Year 7 enquiry

The focus question was ‘Is the move of FGR and it’s Eco Park from Nailsworth to Eastington good for everyone?’ We started at the New Lawn finding out more about the club. We had an opportunity to hear from David Drew about the plans for the Eco Park, a tour of the stadium to explore its eco credentials, an interview with Sam Russell the goal keeper and exploration of some mammoth maps to cement the location of the proposed site. Whilst all this was happening a group of fantastic SWR chefs were cooking up a vegan storm for us all to try. The vegan food was certainly a success and despite a few cautious nibbles to start, the empty plates at the end would suggest a plague of locusts had swept through! We then took our enquiry to Eastington to explore what it has to offer, especially in terms of transport. We met an ecologist who talked us through the environmental impact of the new build. Once refuelled we took to the streets of Stonehouse and Nailsworth to questionnaire the public about their thoughts. In particular we focussed on the positive and negatives impacts the club has on its current location and, if it moves, the closest town (Stonehouse). Students certainly rose to the challenge – and a number of members of the public approached us to pass on their praise. The day was documented in the local press and Lana Walsh and Phoebe Forrest made a radio appearance on Radio Gloucestershire. Initial findings show that whilst parking and traffic congestion are an issue in Nailsworth, most locals will be sorry to see their local club leave. Whilst in Stonehouse, they would be happy to receive the club and eco park, especially for the job and business opportunities it will create, however they also have concerns around traffic, especially on the A419. This has proved to be a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved in a local enquiry project and identify the conflicts involved in such a move, recognising that with any new site there will be benefits as well as problems and it is important to weigh these up before we can come to our own opinion.



It has been a great term to work with students as they geographically explore environments far away in Shropshire and closer to home.

## SWR's Debating Society



In early April our SWR students became bronze medal winners at the Youth Sport Trust Debating Competition at Cheltenham College. The three girls who represented the school – Lucie Dannemann-Scott, Talulah Walker and Ellie Wingfield – were a credit to SWR and received very positive feedback from the judges and some lovely comments from the other schools. They were also the youngest students there!

The competition came from Thomas Keble School and Balcarras, we were debating that the Men's Paralympic Football team were 'a team which could define 'greatness.'

Huge congratulations to our three star debaters! Look out for more competitions from debating society coming up next month. We meet every Thursday at 1.30pm in the Library.

## PTFA News



### PTFA 100 Club 2014-2015

I would like to support SWR School by joining the SWR PTFA 100 club  
I enclose payment of £12 cash/cheque (made payable to SWR 100 Club)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tutor Group \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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