

Enrichment Week

Students and staff have enjoyed another fantastic week of extra-curricular trips, visits and activities during our enrichment week. Many students participated in locally based activities from fishing and bushcraft to wellbeing and improving our outside space. Other students enjoyed unforgettable residential visits to Normandy, South of France and the Battlefields in Belgium and France. All local and residential activities genuinely reflect what is important, that we offer a fully rounded curriculum that helps students further develop their resilience, independence, collaboration and confidence. Here's to next year, we cannot wait!

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Despite a very long coach drive to the south of France, students had an amazing time at Rockley. With Mr Dorber, Mr Blackwood, Miss Findlay, Miss Gatley and Mrs Staples, students took part in a wide variety of activities, beach games and the wonderful sunshine. Mr Dorber has already whispered that he might like to return in the future.....



Y7 Normandy Trip

Y7 students visited Normandy and enjoyed an exciting variety of activities from visiting cemeteries and spending time on the beaches. It was perfect opportunity for students to also sample French culture and practise their speaking skills. Thank you to Mrs Gillham, Mr Dillon, Mrs Brown and Mrs Bendle for allowing students this wonderful opportunity.



Activities Closer to Home

Whether students were visiting West Midlands Safari Park, Swindon Town or relaxing on a wellbeing day, there was something for everyone throughout Enrichment Week. Thank you to students and staff who have really worked hard to improve how the Quad looks and also our Horticulture area.



Y9 Battlefields Trip

Mr Bell, Mrs Truscott-Jones and Mr Nelson accompanied Y9 students to visit the WWI Battlefields surrounding the Somme. Students visited Vimy Ridge, Newfoundland Park and the largest British cemetery called Tyne Cot. Congratulation to both Ty and Emily who were selected to represent SWR at the 90th Anniversary of the Last Post at the Menin Gate, a once in a lifetime opportunity. Following two days of visiting historical sites and memorials, students relaxed by visiting the beautiful city of Bruges and sampling the chocolates!



Enrichment Week Photography

Congratulations to Lottie Jones who had her photo of 'Autumn Acers' chosen for display by the Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year Competition. A stunning image of striking colours!

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we have many talented photographers here at SWR. A selection of photos has recently been sent to the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Photo Competition. Good luck to all those who submitted entries. Keep your eyes open for forthcoming competitions but most importantly, continue enjoying taking the photos and make the most of the wonderful summer ahead.



Dr C Pullin

Fond Farewell

It's that time of the year that we bid farewell to a number of staff who have been part of our SWR community:

- Miss Baldwin (PE)
- Mr Dart (English)
- Mrs Copcutt (Science)
- Mr Blackwood (Maths)
- Mrs Bolitho (Science Technician)

Thank you to all staff for their enthusiasm and commitment and we wish them the very best for the future.

A very special mention to **Mr Godwin** who is retiring after nearly 32 years of teaching at SWR. On behalf of all students and staff (past and present), we would like to wish him a well deserved retirement and thank him for all the years of service to our community.

Music Exam Success



Congratulations to music students for enjoying great success in their singing exams. Year 7 students Rebecca Randall and Scarlett Usher achieved a grade 1 (merit) and grade 2 (merit) musical singing exams in their respective singing exams. Similarly, Year 9 students Ella Francis-Webb and Kerry Myers achieved a grade 3 (merit) and grade 4 (pass) in their exams. A special mention to Mrs Gibson for passing her clarinet exam too!



Proms in the Park

What a night! Our second Proms in the Park was an event not to be missed and was bigger than ever. The audience enjoyed stunning vocal and musical performances from our talented Key Stage 3 and 4 students. Thank you to Avening and St.Mary's School for joining our Y7 students in making the finale so special. A special mention must also go to the Nailsworth Silver Band for performing at our Proms and, of course, Mr Dillon for organising and working with our talented students. A perfect way to end a very busy year.



Social Spaces Launch Day

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have joined our Social Spaces project to improve the social spaces of the school for the benefit of all our students. Selected students worked alongside a team from the National Composites Centre during our launch day to develop their creative vision for the canteen, horticulture and external communal areas. We have long way to go and a lot of fundraising and planning ahead of us, but we are confident we can achieve our goals with support from our local community. More information about how you can get involved will be released in September but please contact us on the address below if you would like to know more or get involved.

socialspaces@swr.gloucs.sch.uk



Start of the new term

Please remember that only **Year 7** and **Year 10** return to school on **Tuesday 4th September**. All other year groups return on **Wednesday 5th September**.

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House News

The final term of the academic year ends with many students celebrating successes in the most recent Inter House Competitions.

Working together in house teams, the Inter House Quiz was won this time by Pegasus in Years 7, 10 and 11, and Orion in Years 8 and 9. All groups receive a bag of chocolates to share.

Individual competition winners include Lola Hilliker for Andromeda, who was awarded an Andromeda House Star and a £5 voucher for winning the Photography Competition. She submitted a stunning entry that represented social and historical diversity for the 'Society' themed challenge.

Katie Wright and Hope Jones for Pegasus, Paris Hunter for Orion and Freddie Newman for Andromeda were awarded for their winning pizza designs by being given the opportunity to create, make and then eat their pizzas with friends and staff. Delicious, and by far the tastiest competition to date! House stars all round!

And Sam Normington was awarded a Pegasus House Star and a £5 voucher for his winning entry in the 'Design a Computer Game' Competition. He created an interactive and very engaging game that Mr Duke apparently enjoyed!

Congratulations to all!

And, finally, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mr Godwin who is retiring this year. He has been Head of House at SWR for an amazing 25 years! Over these times, despite the changing of houses, Mr Godwin has ALWAYS led and inspired the students in the green coloured house. So it's farewell, thank you and very best wishes from us all here at SWR, especially from those students in Orion. And we hope Mr Godwin will wear with pride his very own Orion House Star, engraved with 'The Ultimate House Star 1993-2018'.

We are delighted to announce that Mr Duke will become our new Head of Orion, he has a hard act to follow but we all wish him and Orion the very best of luck for next year's house competitions!

Dr Pullin
Head of Pegasus



Dates for the diary...

Thursday 23rd August	GCSE results day (9:30-12:00)
Tuesday 4th September	Y7 & Y10 start of term (Induction Day)
Wednesday 5th September	All years return to school
Wednesday 12th September	Y7 BBQ (6:30-8:30pm)
Wednesday 19th September	School photographs
Friday 5th October	School Walk
Thursday 27th September	Open Evening
Tuesday 2nd October	Open Morning (9:15-11:00)
Tuesday 2nd October	Y7 Information Evening (6:15-7:30pm)
Thursday 4th October	Open Morning (9:15-11:00)
Wednesday 10th October	Y8 & Y9 Information Evening (6:15-7:30pm)
Monday 15th October	Y11 careers interviews begin
Friday 19th October	End of Term