



SWR Weekly

Striving for Excellence Together

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The SWR Weekly will regularly keep you updated on news from the school. I hope you find this useful to keep in touch with what is going on at our wonderful school.

We have had a great first week back at school even if predictably a heat wave arrives just as we come back from our holidays. The students (and staff) have coped with the hot weather very well and we are hoping for cooler conditions next week.

New Staff

In my first official week, I have been made to feel very welcome at SWR by students, staff and parents/carers. I am not the only new member of staff as we welcome eight others to SWR at the start of the academic year. Their names and roles are listed below and we wish them all a very happy, long and successful career with us at SWR.

Mr Aplin	Teaching Assistant
Miss Cable	Teacher of Drama
Miss Cooper	Safeguarding Officer
Miss Corcoran	Teaching Assistant
Mr Cridge	Teacher of English

Mrs Jepps	Assistant Headteacher and SENCO
Mrs Tall	Leader of Learning (Science/PE)
Miss Wilson	Teacher of English

Toilets

You wouldn't expect the toilets to be an exciting part of our return to school but ours have had a significant investment over the summer holidays. I am sure you agree from the photographs below that they are much improved and look very impressive. I know many of you were keen for these to be improved and I delighted that we now have these facilities. I would like to thank our site manager Toby Bell and his team for their hard working coordinating the project over August. Students have been very positive about the change and I know they will make sure they stay in this superb condition.



New rules

I realise that my letter earlier in the week was very much focussed on consequences and our new or adapted rules. I hope you appreciate the need for us to be clear on our expectations particularly at the start of a school year. The students have responded incredibly well, and the students have worn their uniform smartly and with pride. They have also adapted to not having their mobile phones during the school day. We have had a very small number confiscated so far.

Late to school

As you are aware, we are issuing 20-minute detentions for students who arrive late to school. However, if there is a genuine reason for the student being late to school, please let us know with a note or phone us. We will cancel the detention if we have heard from you and it is a genuine reason.

SWR Stars

Every week I intend to meet students nominated by the staff, who have demonstrated our values of aspiration, collaboration and resilience during the week. Normally, this would involve a hot chocolate but for obvious reasons we decided to go for an ice lolly today. Well done to SWR Stars for today.

Year 7	Bailey M	Great start to Year 7
	Arthur S	Most House points in Year 7 this week.
	Sana A	Kind and helpful to everyone this week and also helping Miss Nicholls feel so welcome when she didn't know anyone at the St Mary's BBQ.
Year 8	Rhys M	Exceptional uniform and incredible attitude to learning, getting involved in class discussions and wanting to learn.
	Millie B-B	Started the school year wearing a medical boot, being resilient, not complaining and making a great start to the year.
Year 9	Lola P	Positive start to the academic year and being a great buddy to a new Year 9 student
	Keir L	Always being ready to learn, having impeccable uniform and meeting every expectation during Strong Start.

Year 10	Cassi F	Positive attitudes towards starting their GCSE study in KS4
	Sahara M	Great start to Year 10
Year 11	Theo J	Raised £300 during the summer holidays by walking the Cotswold Way
	Sid C	Great start to Year 11

Open Evening and Mornings

We are very excited to show off our wonderful school at our Open Evening 21st September starting at 6pm. If you know friends, neighbors or family who have children in Year 6, we would really appreciate your support by encouraging them to come to the evening.

We also have Open mornings on the 25th and 26th September and again links can be found on our website via the link below.

This is for Year 6 parents/carers only.

Further information on both events can be found on our website and social media.

Meet the Headteacher

We have had a great response to the "Meet the Headteacher" event on Tuesday 19th September at 6pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet me in person and I can talk you through our vision for the future of Sir William Romney. To reserve your space please click on this [link](#).

Please get in touch if you have any questions or feedback.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the Tour of Britain coming through Tetbury on Saturday.

Will Ruscoe

