



### 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.

#### **The use of racial language**

This week I spoke to all students about the deeply offensive "N-word". Unfortunately, we have had a report that students may use this word in a way that suggests they don't understand the history or meaning of this racial slur and that it represents hundreds of years of racism and discrimination.

We recognise that students may come across this term because it is used in some rap and grime music. Some Black artists have chosen to reclaim the word from its original offence and given it new meaning and use it to show togetherness and unity against the discrimination they have experienced. I appreciate that for a young person this may be confusing and that hearing the word used by others may make some believe it is acceptable to use. During the assembly we explored the history of the term and why it should never be used. This is a complex issue and to explore this discussion this article is a good starting point [link](#).

I wanted to take this opportunity with students this week to be very clear that at Sir William Romney's School, this word is never acceptable and should not be used by any person. If the word is used in any context, then I will use our most serious sanctions.

I appreciate that the vast majority of our students would never use this word in any context but I felt it was important to share this message with you as well.

#### **Sponsor Money**

I was delighted to meet Arthur this week in Year 7 who raised £89 from the sponsored walk. We later heard that he had been topped by Cerys who has raised £120. I will be meeting Cerys next week for a photo.



If you have any more sponsorship money, please bring it into school before half term. All money raised will be going to Cancer Research.

### SWR Stars

It was lovely to meet another group of SWR Stars today. All have demonstrated our core values of Aspiration, Collaboration and Resilience.

Name	Tutor	Reason
Arthur S	7	Sponsored walk top fundraiser.
Harley H	7	Bringing his group together in Music. Harley made sure everyone's voice and ideas were heard, and ensured they were focussed on the task.
Liam C	8	For being super resilient and aspirational in music and for being great on Reception Duty.
Mungo F	8	Attendance now back to 100% - no BP this week. Proactive with HW access.
Lottie M	9	For gaining 8th place in her European competition.
Imogen H	9	For always being ready at strong start and being equipped for school.
Phoebe C	10	For having an amazing start to GCSE studies
Caelyn W	10	For having an amazing start to GCSE studies
Daisy G	11	For making an excellent start to Year 11 in regard to attendance
Ottie S	11	For making an excellent start to Year 11 in regard to attendance
Josie L	11	For making an excellent start to Year 11 in regard to attendance

### Year 11 Information Evening

We had a great evening on Thursday with Year 11 parents/carers sharing information about the year ahead and how we can all support the students to have a fantastic year. If you were unable to attend, the resources have been uploaded onto Classcharts.

### St Mary's Year 6 Visit

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 from St Mary's this week after they were unable to attend our Open Mornings because they were on a residential trip. They experienced a DT and Music lesson at SWR and enjoyed a lunch from our canteen.

We look forward to seeing the students join us as members of SWR next year.



### Success in Portugal

I was delighted to meet and congratulate Lottie in Year 9 who came 8th out of 27 in the 13-14 age category of a tumbling competition in Portugal. Lottie puts such dedication into her sport and spends many hours a week travelling for her training. Congratulations on the successful tournament.

