

SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



MAX

Max proudly represented SWR at the 2025 South West Schools Ski Championships held in Gloucester.

Competing in the highly competitive Year 9–10 category, Max secured an impressive 2nd place, and went on to finish 5th overall among all secondary school competitors — a remarkable achievement!



Next Thursday we will be holding our Open Evening, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and students to SWR. **Please remember that the school will close at 12.35pm, and buses (apart from Stagecoach) will collect students early.** If you have friends, family, or neighbours currently considering secondary schools for their children, please do encourage them to visit us. We are proud of our school and the success our students achieve, and it would be a pleasure to share this with them. Full details of both our Open Evening and Open Mornings can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

Following recent events at other local schools and colleges, I would also like to reassure you that the fire drill we held on Thursday was pre-planned and part of our regular safety procedures. I am pleased to share that we evacuated the entire school and had students lined up on the tennis courts ready for registers in just three minutes.

At SWR we prepare for two types of emergency: evacuation drills and lockdown drills. Lockdown is something we have been developing in response to incidents in schools across the country. While we hope never to need it, it is important that we are prepared. Last year we ran a walkthrough practice, and before the end of this term we will hold a full lockdown drill. We will ensure that both students and parents receive plenty of notice and guidance in advance, as we recognise this may feel unsettling for some.

This week in my assemblies I spoke about democracy and the importance of student voice in driving positive change at our school. I shared two powerful examples:

- At the start of the year, Connor, our Head Boy, approached me with feedback from students on some improvements for the canteen. I arranged for him to meet with the regional catering manager, and last week they had a very productive discussion. Connor was excellent—he presented his points clearly, listened carefully, and agreed on actions to move forward. He is a young leader with great potential and one to watch for the future.
- Last year we also received a letter about nose studs. The student wrote politely and persuasively, explaining how they could allow personal expression while still maintaining a neat and professional appearance. This prompted the Senior Leadership Team to reflect, and as you know, we changed the rules this September. After challenging nose studs for 20 years, it now feels the right decision—and it would not have happened without that thoughtful letter.

These examples highlight how valuable student voice is to SWR's culture. Listening to our students not only helps shape our school but also gives them a real sense of ownership and responsibility.

I hope you enjoy this week's edition of the SWR Weekly.

Mr Ruscoe



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SWR STARS

Congratulations to this week's SWR Stars!

Charlotte - for spotting the Library 'Bookopoly' game which has lead to a relaunch and several other students taking out books to play along.

Taylor - for all of their help in the Library at break and lunch. Lots of attention to detail to make sure that the organising is done well. Brilliant!

Roxi - for reading up on A-Level maths and gaining a level of understanding for it.

Max - for achieving 2nd place in the Year 9-Year 10 category and came fifth overall across all secondary competition.

Kady - for making Dutch Apple Cake outside of school because he missed his lesson.

Savannah - for her excellent attitude in Science.

Eddy - for excellent use of language when examining a challenging text and an overall great start to the year.

Lexie - for being one of 11 selected for the MCC South of England Cricket Team to play the North at Lord. They won the match with Lexie getting their opening batter out on the second over.

Caleb - for his positive approach to learning.

Isabella - for her consistently high attitude to learning.

Ben - for never giving up when they were working on harder GCSE maths questions.

Connor - for campaigning for better value for money in the canteen on behalf of all students.

Kian - for his excellent resilience and hard work in Maths. They never gave up when they were working on some harder GCSE Maths questions.

Mia - for her exceptional work on her Drama Portfolio.

Louise - for making the perfect Lemon Meringue Pie at home for her Great Grandma.



EDUCATIONAL VISITS FORMS

Please ensure all completed educational trip and visit forms are submitted to the main office as soon as possible.

Without these, students may not be able to take part in upcoming events.

PARENT PAY

Please ensure that ParentPay accounts are regularly topped up, as sufficient funds are required for students to access the canteen facilities.

OPEN EVENING - EARLY CLOSURE

We will be closing at 12:30 PM on Thursday, 25th September. We apologise for any inconvenience - thank you for your understanding!

KEY DATES

Thursday 25th September – Open Evening

Monday 29th September – Open Morning

Tuesday 30th September – Open Morning

Wednesday 1st October – Open Morning

Friday 3rd October – School Walk

Saturday 4th October – Open Morning

Thursday 9th October – School Information Evening

Wednesday 22nd October – Y11 Parents' Evening



3G PITCH APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

**PLASTIC STUDDED FOOTWEAR ONLY
(NO METAL STUDS)**



**DO NOT USE BLADES, DIMPLES OR FLAT
SOLED SHOES**



SHOES MUST BE CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION

PTFA

SWR

It was wonderful to see so many year 7 parents at the new starter's BBQ last week. We raised an amazing

£350

through our raffle and uniform sale. Thank you for buying raffle tickets and of course many thanks to the local businesses and residents for donating the prizes!

We would love to see as many people as possible at our PTFA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 30th at 7.30pm in The Priory snug. You can hear what we have been up to in the past year and also find out how you can get involved. Enjoy a drink from the bar, we will provide snacks.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding another school Disco in October. Watch this space for more info!



Useful Facebook pages to join...



Sir William Romney Parent Teacher Association (PTFA)

Sir William Romney School Uniform for sale/wanted



PTFA
SWR
Sir William Romney's PTFA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Tuesday 30th September

7.30pm

The Priory snug
(The end room with the sofas)



Parentkind
Member Association

The PTFA would like to say a BIG thank you to Alex Evans and all at LANGLEY DESIGN for the donation of 10 lovely benches for our school, and thank you to Natalie our PTFA chair for organising it!



SWR PTFA is a registered charity. Our number is 1183793

WALKING FOR AMELIE



FOR *Amelie*

Donate now for brain tumour research and hospice care

Every year up to 30 children in the UK are diagnosed with a Diffuse Midline Glioma (DMG). This is a brain cancer with no cure and very limited treatment options.

Amelie was one of those children. She died at just 15 this July.

Her family is doing a 1,200-mile trek from John O'Groats to Land's End in memory of Amelie. They want to raise awareness and funds for urgent research and outstanding end-of-life care for young people like her.

Donate today at <https://gvwhl.com/CXNWD>

Funds will be split between Abbie's Army, which is searching for a cure to DMG, and Acorns Children's Hospice, which provides care for children in the final weeks of life.

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BOOK YOUR PLACE!

OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 25TH
SEPTEMBER

OPEN MORNINGS - 29TH & 30TH
SEPTEMBER 1ST & 4TH OCTOBER