

SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



It has been lovely to be back in school this week, although I think we can all agree it was unusual for the weather to be better during the holidays than in term time!

We have been very impressed with how positively the vast majority of our students have returned. Before half term, I wrote to you about our renewed focus on ties and mobile phones, and I am pleased to say that students have responded well. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations.

We have also been delighted by the response from parents, carers, and students to our invitation to suggest new House names. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 17th June, and the link to submit suggestions can be found here.

Finally, it was fantastic to see so many Year 10 parents and carers at the Information Evening on Tuesday. With less than a year until their GCSEs begin, it provided a valuable opportunity to discuss revision techniques, engagement, wellbeing, and next steps beyond SWR. We hope you found the evening useful, and we are grateful to those of you who braved the wet weather to attend.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Ruscoe

FOODBANK

The south cotswolds foodbank provides support to anyone unable to afford food in the south of the Cotswold District.

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The Stroud foodbank provides support to anyone unable to afford food in the Stroud District. [About](#) | [Stroud District Foodbank](#)

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If you feel you would benefit from support of the foodbank, please contact Dr Dillon, in confidence, who can support you with a referral. p.dillon@swr.gloucs.sch.uk

YOUNG RESEARCH ADVISORS GROUP

The National Children's Bureau is recruiting young people to join its Young Research Advisors (YRA) group. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop skills, influence national research, and have their voices heard.

Who can apply - Young people aged 11–18, Or up to 25 for those with a special educational need or disability (SEND), No previous experience is required – just an interest in research and a willingness to contribute

What the opportunity involves

Successful applicants will:

Attend around 6 online meetings per year
Receive training from NCB staff in research skills
Be paid for their participation

Have opportunities to take part in activities such as:
Presentations
Interview panels

How students can apply

Students can apply in one of two ways:

1. Complete an online application form
Apply via the Young Research Advisors form

2. Submit a video or audio application, explaining:
A bit about themselves

Why they would like to be a Young Research Advisor
Why young people should be involved in research

This should be emailed to jhinks@ncb.org.uk with the subject line: YRA application, including the student's name and contact details.

Deadline -Friday 12 June

SWR STARS

Lorena - for her fantastic Drama performance despite being unwell on the day of the exam. She showed real resilience.

Callum and Kara - for their great work revising Maths.

Noah - for progress made in English in the lead up to GCSEs - motivation, confidence and engaging in impactful revision. Great work, Noah!

Charlie - for his focused, extended practice for English revision, attending revision sessions and completing past papers.

Freddie - for his excellent work completing his spoken language assessments and getting organised with revision for the upcoming mocks.

Savannah and Rose - for handing out water to competitors and others associated with the Woolsack Races and kept going despite the high temperatures!

Nathaniel - for his great effort and engagement in History lessons!

Mila - for being nominated at Minchinhampton RFC U14s most improved player. Mila was also selected to play at Kingsholm stadium in the festival of rugby. She was also selected by her coaches to go for a trial in August for the southwest county trials.

Arthur - for being an exceptional young man who was extraordinarily helpful, mature and conscientious at the Woolsack Races handing out water immediately to runners passing the finishing line, going to get new supplies, keeping the bin full of water and ice topped up and generally being an all-round helpful chap, in a way that seemed beyond his years.

Ruby - for showing real resilience and a positive attitude.

Archie - for his significant progress in English - confident, accurate writing demonstration excellent attention to detail. Great work!

Ellen, Fenris and JJ - for representing the Stroud and Cotswold District in the County Athletics Competition tomorrow in Gloucester.

FUTURES DAY

We are excited to share plans for our upcoming Futures Day, a key part of our careers education programme designed to build aspiration, resilience and collaboration—all essential skills that prepare students for life beyond SWR.

Year 7 – Navigating the World of Digital Careers Year 7 will explore the fast-growing digital sector through sessions in games design—led by a highly successful SWR alumni—alongside cyber safety workshops delivered by Gloucestershire Police and hands-on coding activities.

Year 8 – “It’s a Disaster!” Year 8 will spend the day investigating careers within the emergency services. Activities include CPR training, disaster and emergency response, water safety, and a visit from a trainee paramedic. We are grateful for the support of SARA in delivering this experience.

Year 9 – Work Placement Day Year 9 students will be out on placement, gaining real-world insight into sectors including digital media and hospitality, or an industry led STEM workshop here at SWR.

Year 10 – Visit to SGS Year 10 will be visiting SGS College, where they will have the opportunity to explore courses and sign up for sessions that match their interests and future ambitions.

Parents of Year 9 and Year 10 students will receive further details shortly, so please keep an eye out for this information.

All students are expected to attend Futures Day. If you know your child becomes anxious about unfamiliar activities, please encourage them to speak with their tutor or with me so we can support them.

TERM 6 KEY DATES

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th June – Year 10 Geography Trip

Tuesday 12th June – Year 11 Celebration Day

Monday 15th - Friday 19th June – French Trip

Monday 15th – Friday 25th June – Year 10 Mocks

Friday 26th June – Inset Day – school closed to students

Tuesday 30th June – Futures Day

Wednesday 1st July – Sports Day

Sunday 5th July - Thursday 9th July - Iceland Trip

Wednesday 8th July – Year 6 Parent Information Evening

Thursday 9th July – Year 11 Prom

Monday 13th July – Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 14th July – Enrichment Day

Thursday 16th July – School Walk Day

Friday 17th July – End of the school year (half day)

WATER SAFETY



IT IS IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT THE RISKS WITH YOUR CHILD. OPEN WATER IS DANGEROUS, EVEN FOR STRONG SWIMMERS. COLD WATER SHOCK CAN AFFECT BREATHING INSTANTLY. THERE CAN ALWAYS BE HIDDEN HAZARDS SUCH AS RICKS AND DEBRIS UNDER THE SURFACE.

EVEN AS TEENAGERS BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT, THEY STILL NEED GUIDANCE. KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING AND WHO THEY ARE WITH WHEN NEAR WATER.



REMIND THEM THAT IT IS OK TO SAY NO. DISCOURAGE RISKY BEHAVIOURS AND HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE PRESSURE TO "SHOW OFF" CAN BE DANGEROUS.

WHEN CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES SUCH AS KAYAKING OR BOATING, ALWAYS WEAR A LIFE JACKET OR BUOYANCY AID.



MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY. CALL FOR HELP IMMEDIATELY BUT NEVER JUMP IN TO RESCUE SOMEONE. ENCOURAGE THEM TO HELP FROM THE SIDE USING AN OBJECT.

RESPECT WARNINGS AND SIGNS. STAY OUT OF RESTRICTED AREAS AND RESPECT SAFETY SIGNS. CHOOSE SUPERVISED LOCATIONS WHERE POSSIBLE.



REGULAR CONVERSATIONS HELP REINFORCE GOOD HABITS. CONFIDENCE AND AWARENESS CAN SAVE LIVES.



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A FAMILY FESTIVAL

FREE KID'S RIDES

CIRCUS FUN

BIG TOP

LIVE MUSIC

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FOOD STALLS

FAIRGROUND RIDES

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TETFEST FAMILY FESTIVAL

SAT 11 JULY, 2026

12:00pm – 12:00am

DONT MISS

FRIDAY NIGHT

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CRAZY
BINGO

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO PARTY

FRI 10 JULY, 2026

7:00pm – 12:00am

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