

# SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



We had our final two Open Mornings this week and were delighted by the excellent turnout. The events have been extremely well attended, giving us a wonderful opportunity to showcase the experience and opportunities available to our students at SWR. A particular thank you goes to our Year 9 tour guides, who have received outstanding feedback from visitors throughout the week. They represented the school brilliantly and were a real credit to our community.

Next week is the final week before the half-term break. Please remember that Friday is an INSET Day, and the school will be closed to students. We also have our non-uniform day on Thursday, and students are encouraged to bring a donation for the food bank. Further information was shared in a letter earlier this week. House points will be awarded for all donations received. LB – can you add words about the non-uniform day on Wednesday?

We were also delighted by the strong attendance at the Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was encouraging to see so many families engaging with staff and supporting their children as they begin this important final year at SWR. We have been very pleased with the positive start Year 11 have made and look forward to supporting them through their mock examinations after half term.

Finally, I would like to personally thank everyone for the support and encouragement I received for the Lisbon Marathon. While I narrowly missed my goal of finishing in under four hours, I was pleased to achieve a personal best time of 4 hours and 8 minutes. More importantly, it was a privilege to run in memory of Amelie and to help raise funds for Abbie's Army. I am delighted we have now raised over £2,000 for this fantastic charity.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Ruscoe

## MEDICATION REMINDER

Please note that it is not permitted for any student to carry medication (both over the counter and/or prescribed) on their person whilst at school.

**The only exception this is students who are prescribed asthma inhalers or auto-immune injectors.**

If a student needs to take medication during school hours, this medication must be presented to the main office in a labelled container with all administration/dose information. The medication will then be administered by the first aid team.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school safe.

# HOME LANGUAGES

We are looking for confident speakers of the following languages to support with oral examinations here at SWR.

**Polish, Portuguese, Russian & Dutch**

If you speak any of these languages and would be willing to give up a few hours to support at a time that suits you, then please email

**Miss. Nicholls**

[snicholls@swr.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:snicholls@swr.gloucs.sch.uk) for more information.

# BAYEUX TAPESTRY

On Wednesday, Year 7 students took part in a nationwide 'Bayeux Tapestry Broadcast' live from the British Museum to commemorate 960 years since the Battle of Hastings took place, and to celebrate the arrival of the Bayeux Tapestry to Britain.

Students took part in a range of activities, unpicking features of the tapestry and considering how we piece together evidence both today and in 1066.

Our students were incredibly engaged and submitted over 40 questions to the British Museum, showing off their historical thinking and curiosity!

# CANTEEN ACCOUNTS

Please ensure that your child's canteen account is regularly topped up and has sufficient fund available for purchases.

As students are not permitted to use their mobile phones during the school day it is very difficult for them to contact home if their balance is low.

Keeping accounts topped up will help avoid any unnecessary disappointment and ensure students can purchase food and drinks without difficulty.

# SWR STARS

Each week Mr. Ruscoe meets with students who have been nominated by staff for showing our core values of Aspiration, Resilience and Collaboration.

We love celebrating achievements both in and out of school. If your child has accomplished something outside of school, we'd be delighted to hear about it - please share their success with us by emailing - [admin@swr.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@swr.gloucs.sch.uk)

Congratulations to this week's SWR Stars -

**Ruby** - for showing enthusiasm in Maths and independently providing a clear mathematical proof for an indices - fantastic work, Ruby!

**Tabitha and Elin** - for their wonderful 'affective' map made for Geography homework.

**Theo** - for demonstrating the SWR values. Thank you, Theo.

**Darcy** - for her superb aspiration shown in her Maths lessons this term. Also celebrating Darcy's collaboration towards the school community in ensuring the Year 8 wet rooms were ready for learning after a wet lunch this week.

**Alistair** - for demonstrating SWR values. Thank you, Alistair.

**Ella** - for working so hard in maths and always happy to help those around her. She makes sure they are just as successful as she has been.

**Jillienne** - for her brilliant cooking.

**Roxy** - for her incredible start to GCSE Art course. A very high standard of Art produced.

**Aimie** - for her excellent effort in GCSE maths and making great progress.

**Lily** - for always being really super helpful in Science.

**Ben** - for making such great progress in his NEA.



# SCRIBBLED SELF



Huge congratulations to our Scribbled Self writers who performed live on stage representing SWR at the Cheltenham Literature Festival on Sunday 11th October.

They are a truly talented group and we are very proud of them all.

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# FUTURES DAY

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

We're inviting parents, carers, former students and community members to share their experiences and help our Year 9 students explore GCSE options and future careers.

**We'd love to hear about:**

Your career journey and qualifications

The skills you use in your role

How school subjects link to your work

Your advice for young people.

**Every career has a story to tell! Whatever your industry, you could help students discover new opportunities and pathways to success!**

**Interested in taking part? Contact Mrs. Lynham –  
[t.lynham@swr.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:t.lynham@swr.gloucs.sch.uk)**

*Together, we can link today's learning to tomorrow's opportunities.*

SWR PTFA  
presents...

ON SALE <sup>Tickets</sup> NOW!

Prize for best  
dressed!

The SWR student  
**HALLOWEEN  
DISCO**

Raffle

**Wednesday 21st  
October**

Drinks

**6.30-8pm**

Snacks

**All year groups  
invited**

**£5 in advance via parent pay. £8 on the door**

Advance tickets available until 11.59pm Monday 19th October

**DJ JOSH ELLIOT**

**PTFA**  
SWR

**AGM**

(Annual General Meeting)

**FRIDAY**

**27nd NOVEMBER**

**@THE PRIORY**

(In the snug)

**7pm-9pm**

**ALL WELCOME**