SWR WEEKLY

Striving for Excellence Together



MEET THE GOVERNOR

RACHEL JOYCE-GIBBONS

As a parent of two children at Sir William Romney's School, I decided to apply to be a governor when I saw that the school was looking for governors without an education background. I have over 15 years' experience in agricultural finance and risk management, working with businesses all over the world.

My work involves helping organisations understand risk, make informed decisions and build stronger, more sustainable businesses. I hope to bring these skills and an independent perspective to support the school's continued development.

I am particularly interested in how education can prepare young people for a rapidly changing world, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to navigate the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Outside of work, I enjoy gardening, reading and crafting. I also enjoy performing and can occasionally be found on stage at the Cotswold Playhouse in Stroud.



I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. It has been wonderful to welcome students back to SWR this week and to see such a positive start to the new term.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students, who have begun their mock examinations. These assessments provide an invaluable opportunity for both staff and students to identify areas for further development while also recognising and celebrating the progress already made. They also help students become familiar with the routines and expectations of public examinations, including working in the hall environment and managing the demands of exam conditions. We have been very pleased with how students have approached the first week and look forward to seeing them continue their hard work next week.

This week has also seen a number of sporting fixtures take place. We have received excellent feedback from staff, not only about the effort, commitment and skill shown by our students during the matches, but also about the way they represented the school. They were fantastic ambassadors for SWR and should be very proud of themselves.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. If you are attending the fireworks display at SWR, organised by Tetbury Football Club, please consider visiting our fantastic PTFA stall and supporting the school.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr. Ruscoe

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

Congratulations to this week's SWR Stars -

Lyra - for her excellent work in science on data analysis

Freddie - for showing brilliant attitude to learning in English this week.

Riley - for his excellent work making electromagnets in science.

Zac - for his increase in confidence this week.

Dylan - for being selected for the U15s cricket zonal programme.

Kalila - for showing real resilience in English.

Malachi - for his effort in his English exam this week. He was respectful, polite and kind.

Elsie - for being Highly Commended in the local 'Young Writers Short Story Competition 2026'. We are so proud of you!!



GLOUCESTERSHIRE SEND SURVEY

Do you have a child or young person with SEND? Your experiences matter.

The Gloucestershire SEND and Inclusion Local Area Partnership is inviting parents, carers and young people aged 16-25 with SEND to complete the Annual SEND Survey 2026. The feedback gathered helps shape future SEND services across education, health and care in Gloucestershire.

Last year, hundreds of families shared their views, helping to influence improvements to local services. This is your opportunity to tell Gloucestershire what is working well and what could be better.

The link to the survey is **here.**

The surveys are open until Friday 4 December 2026.
Please take a few minutes to have your say and help improve support for children and young people with SEND across Gloucestershire.

MEDICATION REMINDER

Please note that it is not permitted for any student to carry medication (both overr 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.

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 dissapointment and ensure students can purchase food and drinks without difficulty.

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FUTURES DAY

WEDNESDAY 25TH 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

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

PTFA

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AGM

(Annual General Meeting)

FRIDAY

27nd NOVEMBER

@THE PRIORY

(In the snug)

7pm-9pm

ALL WELCOME