



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 5TH MAY 2017

Notice to parents - Please note that due to the distraction that is being caused during lesson time the use of spinners by students is now prohibited. If students are seen to have the fidget toys on them the spinner will be confiscated and returned at the discretion of class teachers. Please talk to your sons/daughters about this and ask them to refrain from bringing them into school at all. Thank you for your support with this.

REMINDER FROM MATRON

A number of SWR students have a severe allergy to nuts and as a result can have a life threatening reaction. Recently, there have been incidences of severe anaphylaxis where students have had to receive emergency treatment by paramedics and as a result were taken to hospital.

Anaphylactic shock can occur within seconds of exposure to a nut allergen.

We are requesting that no food containing nuts is sent into school.

This includes: Peanut paste Nutella Peanut cooking oil etc.

Students are encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating and avoid sharing any food with others. We would ask parents/carers to be appreciative of this and to support us in maintaining a nut free environment.

Thank you, Matron



Important Dates

Friday 12 May : 08.00 - 17.45hrs Y9 Model United Nations Conference, Aylesbury (We regret the date error in our last newsletter—please accept our apologies for any confusion this caused).

Letters home

Letter Y11 parents/carers re Beauty Therapy Practical Assessment. Please click [here](#)

Letter, page 2 herewith, re Music Department Funding

News from our Media Department

On Tuesday last we were lucky enough to have a visit from Google Expeditions with over 500 pupils experiencing virtual reality learning. Throughout the day students were transported to a wide variety of locations throughout the world such as, Brazil where PE students took a tour of the World Cup Stadium and also a sneak peek into the Favelas. English students went up to the Base Camp of Mount Everest and into the deep waters of the Barrier Reef, linking them to analytical writing. Geography experienced the Waterfalls of Iceland and the magic of the Aurora, even viewing them from Space. Media students went inside the Tardis, having a virtual tour of a working TV set. Sir William Ramsay students were extremely lucky to experience Google Expeditions; we were the only school in Buckinghamshire to be selected. Google Expeditions finishes the programme in early May to take the software over to schools in Asia. This was a truly memorable experience for all involved with wonderful learning opportunities.

Mrs Leach. Head of Media



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Sir William Ramsay School

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To: All Sir William Ramsay School Parents & Carers



03 May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As a Music Department at Sir William Ramsay School we would firstly like to thank you for your support with our subject, especially with attending any of our concerts this school year. We have had some fantastic moments already and, in addition to that, raised some significant funding that has allowed us to maintain a certain level of resources as well as adding some additional value and enrichment to our department. Something that we have been able to do is start to improve our Music Technology resources in the way of Apple Macs, MIDI keyboards and software. The repairing of damaged equipment has also been possible, as well as the addition of a new piano and the tuning of some old instruments.

Unfortunately, with education cuts being what they are, we have to rely heavily on money we can raise ourselves. Sadly, the money we raise only goes so far and the events we hold only raise so much. So it is with great hope and sincerity that we invite you to assist us with enriching the department further still and help to give our students here an outstanding musical and technological experience that will provide them with even more skills, knowledge and passion in this subject and hopefully others.

Our aim this summer term is to try to raise between £5,000 and £10,000 through donations, sponsorship and public crowd funding. This money will hopefully enable us to acquire 7-10 new Apple Macs, software and keyboards, a small recording studio set-up, including hardware, software and microphones as well as making improvements in our class instruments such as percussion, guitars, drum kits, woodwind and brass instruments. As well as approaching our parents and carers we will be talking to music and non-music companies about sponsorship through funding or equipment and finally appealing to an online domain through social media to try to gather additional support for the cause.

As you can imagine there is a large target to hit, which will be no mean feat, but with your help we should be ecstatic to get even close and be able to give our students, your sons and daughters, a department that can compete with others in the country and with an experience that can really excite, enrich and broaden their education.

We are not only looking for donations but are keen to find out if there are any families out there with musical instruments of any kind lying around, unused and obsolete, that may be generously donated or sold to us at a charitable price.

Thank you for your time and thank you so much for any support you can give us; it would mean the world to us to provide the students with something special.

Please would you complete and return the reply slip overleaf if you would like to respond to our request and do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

A Maxwell

Mr A Maxwell
Teacher of Music

Reply Slip

To: Mr A Maxwell, Teacher of Music

Re: Music Department Enrichment and Equipment

✕ I have made a donation of £..... Via ParentPay

✕ I would like to donate the following piece of musical equipment

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Name of Parent/Carer _____

NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Please find below the dates for after school revision:

Dates for drop in for GCSE Year 11 students - All to take place in G block – 3pm to 4pm

Mrs Garrett and Miss Ullah - *Every Tuesday after Easter until the exams*

Yr 11 GCSE Art and Photography final exams

After the exams the Year 11 students will work back into their coursework which is worth 60% of their final grade.

This final deadline for this will be Friday 12th May. The students will hand their coursework in in their last lesson that week.

The Year 13 Photography and Art students final date for their coursework submission will be 3pm on Friday 26th May

PARENT COUNCIL INFORMATION

The Parent Council section is now live. It is located under the parent tab.

This is the link <http://www.swr.bucks.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=66>

The email address for parent council is parentcouncil@swr.bucks.sch.uk