



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 19 JANUARY 2018

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Important Dates	Week Commencing Monday 22nd January 2018 is <b>Week 1</b>
23 01 18	Head's Open Door 17.00 / Parent Council Meeting, 18.00 P3 'A Christmas Carol' Years 10 & 11, Main Hall (Miss Ullah)
25 01 18	Y9 Parent/Carer evening 1630-1900
01 02 18	Y8 Parent/Carer evening 1630-1900
02 02 18	Further Maths Workshop
06 02 18	Y7 Science Fair Presentation, 1600-1800 M Hall (Miss Schofield) Physics A Level Science LIVE trip, (Miss Roser)
07 02 18	Pupil Premium Scholars Club Graduation (Mr Wolfenden)
08 02 18	Year 9 Pathways Evening Y9 & 10 Girls' Rugby Festival, Aylesbury Rugby Club ( Miss Grigg)
09 02 18	School finishes at 3 pm. for Half Term
10 02 18	Holland Football Trip 10/02—14/02 / Holocaust Trip (Mr Hughes) 11/02

Headteacher: Christine McLintock



## Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for non teaching roles:

Cover Supervisors

Pastoral Managers

Learning Support Assistants

Please take a look on our website for more details of how to apply.



## Letters Home

Ltr Parents/Carers re Year 9 Parents' Evening, 25th January 2018

Clubs & Activities Leaflet, Spring Term 2018. Please click [here](#)

Letters were handed to Year 11 students re Year 11 Prom, Friday 6th July 2018. Please click [here](#)

## Policy Information

Sir William Ramsay School is consulting on its Admissions Policy for Year 7 entry in September 2019 due to some changes in the oversubscription criteria. A copy of the draft policy is available on the front page of the school's web-site [www.swr.school](http://www.swr.school)

Any comments should be emailed to [clerk@swr.school](mailto:clerk@swr.school) by Friday 26 January 2018.

## Absence Procedures - Reminder

### Absence

If your child is absent for any reason please contact the school before 10.00am. There are a variety of ways to ensure the school has been informed:

Telephone the school on 01494 815211, select option 1 and leave a clear message on the answerphone.

Email the Attendance and Welfare Officer: [valdred@swr.School](mailto:valdred@swr.School)

School Gateway, the smartphone app or web based portal available to all parents/carers

Whichever option you choose, clearly state your name, the pupil's name and Tutor Group, plus a brief reason for the absence. All late arrivals and reported absences will be updated to registers by 10.00am. If we have not received a message reporting the reason for absence by 10.00 am you will receive a text saying "<student name> has not registered at school today AM, <date>". Please respond to this by replying to the text message, ringing the absence line or sending an email, as outlined above. Your child will be expected to catch up with missed work upon their return.

If we do not receive a reason for your child's absence, the school will mark this on the register as unauthorised.

It is expected that student absence should be reported every day; this also applies to an absence for part of the day. Please follow this up with a note on their return.

### Dental/Medical appointments - advance notice

If you know in advance of your child's absence from school on specific days, (for dental/medical treatment or for domestic reasons), prior notice should be given to the Attendance and Welfare Officer.

### Leave of absence

If you wish to apply for leave of absence, this application should be made at least one month in advance directly to the Head on the appropriate form (which is available to download [here](#) or from the Attendance and Welfare Officer.) Please note that the granting of absence during term time is entirely at the discretion of the Head and is only made in exceptional circumstances.

### Contact

For further information or queries regarding any of the above or other attendance issues, please contact the Attendance and Welfare Officer via e-mail: [valdred@swr.school](mailto:valdred@swr.school)

**Mrs Aldred, Attendance & Welfare Officer**

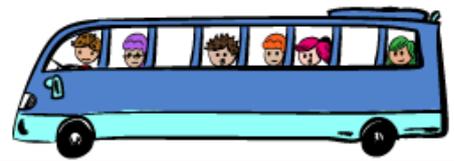
## Transport Issues

We are aware of the problems students had last week with the school and public buses. This affected the arrival times of many of our students.

In these recent situations, when students have arrived en masse, no late marks were registered, as these events have been out of students' control; this includes students travelling by car affected by the heavy traffic and road closures.

We appreciate when parents have kept us informed about the delays and the alternative arrangements that have been made.

In the event of these unforeseen situations recurring, we ask that all parents have contingency travel arrangements in place, to ensure students still manage to arrive at school, i.e. funds available to cover substitute buses or taxis.

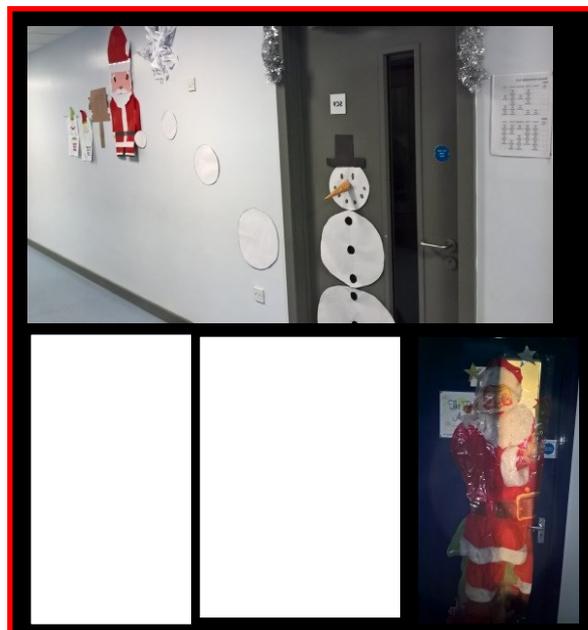


“Always winter but never Christmas”

So goes the line from C. S. Lewis' 'The Chronicles of Narnia', and in an attempt to bring some festivities into the final parts of the pre-Christmas half term, SWR runs a Christmas Door competition.

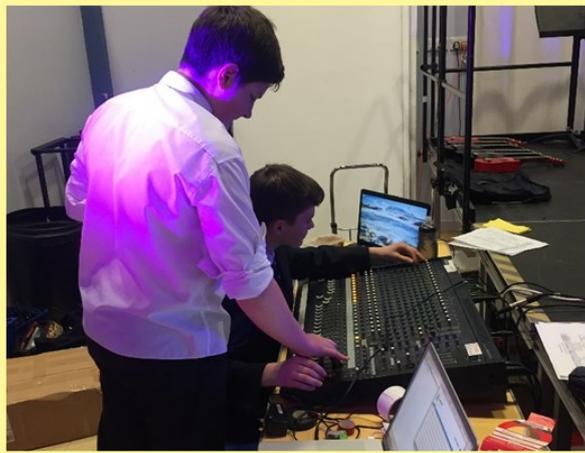
Form groups are challenged to decorate their door to somehow celebrate or showcase the festival of Christmas from somewhere around the world. This year a number of form groups decorated in a flurry of activity during the last two days of term – there was a slight rules change to keep in line with fire safety regulations. The winning form, who decorated not only their door but parts of the corridor as well, chosen by the Headteacher and Sixth Form Head Boy & Head Girl, was 9RS.

Previous winners include years 7 and 8 and next year Miss Ullah and Mr Lowe look forwards to a winning entry from year 10-13. Happy-belated-Christmas from SWR where it is, briefly, Christmas sometimes.



**News from Performing Arts**

**Pictures of Starry Starry night and the SWR Christmas Party which took place at the end of last term.**



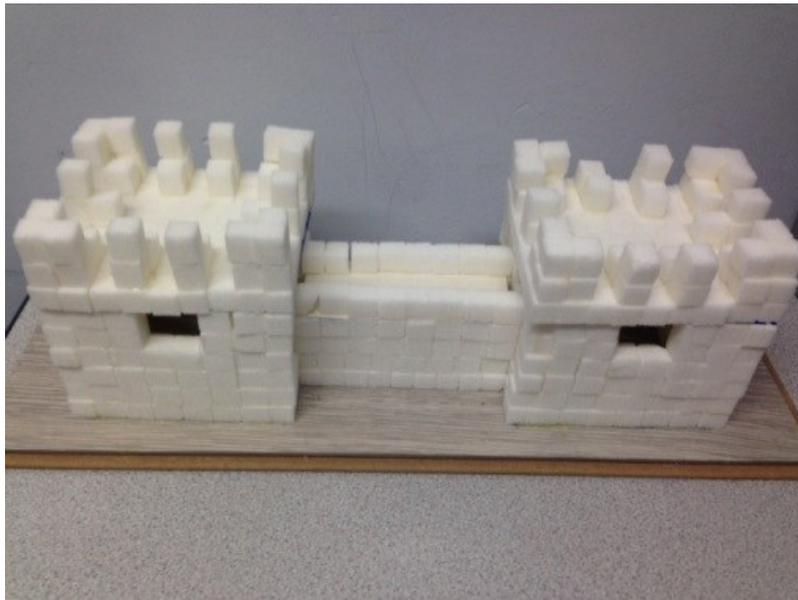
## **HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWS—YEAR 7—CASTLES**

### **Castles**

Year 7 students have been learning about the changes that took place in castle design during the medieval period and how their use has transformed them from defensive structures to luxurious buildings.

Year 7 were asked to make a castle and produce a leaflet that highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of their design.

There were a great number of exceptionally made castles as seen below and from individuals such as Jessica Pullen, George Middlemass and Vassos Menicou.



## News from MFL

### This month's focus is:

- Year 7:** En el Instituto (Giving opinions about school subjects, telling the time and describing their school)
- Year 8:** De Compras (Describing clothes and talking about their school uniform. All pupils will be performing in a clothes show where they will be designing their own clothing and performing in the target language)
- Year 9:** Mi vida en el insti (We will be starting this new topic on Life at School after completing the current assessment)
- Year 10:** Mi gente (Making arrangements to go out, describing people and talking about social networks)
- Year 11:** De Costumbre (talking about food, ordering in a restaurant and describing Spanish festivals)

### Year 10 and Year 11 Spanish Revision Guides

If any pupils in Year 10 or 11 would still like a Spanish revision guide ("New GCSE Spanish AQA Complete Revision and Practice (with CD and online edition) – Grade 9-1 course") we will be putting in another order. Please find all details on ParentPay. All payments to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> January. Those pupils who have paid for theirs please come and collect your guides from Miss Sanmartin in the Languages Office.

### Decembers Linguists of the month were:

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| <b>Year 7</b>  | Alex Meaden     | Completing extension tasks in class and scoring top marks in grammar test.     |
| <b>Year 8</b>  | Farah Ali Anwar | Consistent good work, aiming to use a range of tenses in all her work.         |
| <b>Year 9</b>  | Grace Bayliss   | 100% effort in class and homework completing extension and challenge materials |
| <b>Year 10</b> | Kuba Pleszek    | 100% effort in class   |
| <b>Year 11</b> | Zahraa Katlan   | Excellent listening and reading mock results.                                  |

### Miss Sanmartin, Head of Modern Languages

## Year 9 News

Just a reminder of the important dates **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** is Parents evening and **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** is Options evening. The final deadline for options is **9<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.

All subjects are currently presenting short assemblies to students so that they are aware of their choices for the upcoming options. The options booklet will be available at parents evening for you to take home.

In PHSE lessons we have outside specialists coming in to do a session with every group over the next few weeks about careers and future plans.

If you have anything that you wish to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs Henwood (Academic Leader)**

## **Year 10 news**

We would like to congratulate the following students who have achieved the top 11 conduct points for year 10.

Mihai Chiriac - 215

Nathan Thomas- 210

Scarlett Bond - 205

Hajara Ahmed - 195

Megan Birch - 190

Alex Millgen - 185

Maira Akhtar - 180

Hamaad Ur-Rehman - 180

Georgia Hughes - 175

Caitlin Meech - 165

Sophie Thomas - 165

We would also like to thank everyone who attended the parents evening on Thursday 11th January. The evening ran smoothly with many conversations about how to support students and praise for how well students have been in lessons. There was a lot of positivity around the evening and we are very pleased with the positive comments we have received. We have been impressed with the attitude of the year 10s as they work towards their GCSEs.

Miss Sparks and Mrs Thomas

## **Sixth Form Update**

### **Sixth Form Games**

Every Tuesday lunch time, the PE department are running a club for Sixth Form students only where they can go and let off steam, get fit and healthy and have fun, all at the same time. Students can choose between indoor football, badminton, benchball, basketball and volleyball. This is a club for them so can be designed to fit with exactly what it is they need. We are really hoping that our students will make the most of this opportunity, especially with mock exams and coursework deadlines approaching.

### **Study Privilege**

Year 13 students who are on or above target in their Sixth form subjects will be coming home with letters this week offering them the chance to take some of their study periods at home. This is a reward for all of their hard work and an opportunity to be independent in preparation for their future pathways that they will embark on when they leave us this year. Students who are not currently on target, have the opportunity to work hard and make progress in order to be offered this privilege too.

### **Next stop University!**

Congratulations to all of our University applicants who worked so hard to get their applications sent off in time for the deadline this week. Our Year 13 tutors have worked tirelessly to support these students and the strength of the personal statements and references is a huge credit to them. Max Charles and Siva Raghuraman have already made their firm choices after being inundated with offers almost immediately after we sent their applications off so a big congratulations to both of you. Max is intending to read Business at Nottingham Trent University and Siva plans to study Media and Communications at University of West London.