



# Parent Communications Bulletin

Date: 15 November 2019

## Message from the Principal



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first of what will be a fortnightly email, highlighting what's going on at the Academy. We will use this format to help centralise communication and signpost key dates for your diary. I will continue to offer a Principal's drop-in for the coming year but please note the evening has changed from Tuesdays to Thursdays, 4.00-6.00pm. If you would like to book a time, please contact my PA, Rita Offen at [roffen@srwa.co.uk](mailto:roffen@srwa.co.uk).

We have just had a week of assemblies preparing our students for Remembrance Sunday led by our Curriculum Director Josh Andain. The assemblies have helped our students to reflect upon the sacrifice of those who have gone before us and also to think about some of the most challenging lessons of our past. I found the assemblies very moving and thought provoking. The presentation also spoke about the importance of democracy and political stability and I'm sure you will carry on these conversations over the coming weeks at home.

I'm also really excited to share that Mrs Corrigan, our Assistant Principal Maths, as part of her role as a Maths Mastery Expert, is currently in Shanghai for two weeks taking part in a teacher exchange. As part of the exchange, SRWA will host a group of teachers from Shanghai from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March next year.

We have also won an award recently for our work with Careers and thank you to all of you who support our careers lunches. They are an excellent way of bringing the community together, allowing us to link our students and their studies to the real world opportunities out there.

And finally just a quick note to say that I'm especially pleased that our new year 7s are settling in well. If there is anything worrying you that can't be resolved at the Chapter level please do feel free to come and see me. I would welcome the feedback.

All the best,

Kieran Scanlon  
Principal

## Key Dates

Date and Time	Year group	Event	Notes
Tuesday 19 November 2019	<b>Years 9 and 10</b>	Skills for Life Day 'Health and Wellbeing'	Normal timetable collapsed for the day
Thursday 28 November 2019 4.30pm-7.30pm	<b>Year 11</b>	Parents Evening	<a href="https://srwa.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/">https://srwa.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</a>
Friday 29 November 2019	<b>Years 7-10 and Sixth Form</b>	Inset Day	Year 11 in school for Aspire Day (see below)
Friday 29 November 2019 08:50-12:30	<b>Year 11</b>	Aspire Day	
Friday 20 December 2019 Dismissed at 12:45	<b>All year groups</b>	Last day of term	Students dismissed at 12:45

## Trips and Events

Date and Time	Year group	Event	Location
Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 December 2019 7.00pm	All year groups	Christmas Production of <i>Great Expectations</i> ( <a href="#">Tickets here</a> )	SRWA Theatre

## Fixtures & Results

### Fixtures

- 18 November - Year 7 Basketball, at home, SRWA v St Andrews/Worthing High
- 19 November - U14 Girls' Football League, at Angmering
- 20 November - Year 9 Girls' Netball League, at Steyning
- 20 November - ABL Basketball, at home, SRWA v King Henry School
- 21 November - U16 Girls' Football League, at Littlehampton
- 25 November - Year 7 Basketball, at Bohunt, SRWA v Durrington/Bohunt
- 26 November - U14 Girls' Football League, at Angmering
- 27 November - Year 9 Girls' Netball League, at Steyning
- 27 November - ABL Basketball, at Holy Trinity School, Crawley
- 28 November - Year 8 Basketball, at Shoreham Academy
- 28 November - U16 Girls Football league, at Littlehampton

### Results

- 12 November - Girls' under 14's Football Team beat Towers 8-0. Goals: Honey - 3, Millie - 2, Keira - 1, Beth - 1 and Olivia - 1. Amazing result. Well done!
- Year 7 Girls' Basketball League: We unfortunately lost to Chatsmore 16-2 in the first game of the season. The girls definitely improved throughout the match to see us draw the 3rd quarter and win the final quarter. A special well done goes to May Balmer who scored SRWA's only basket and was also nominated as the MVP by the Chatsmore girls.
- Year 8 Netball Tournament: An amazing effort from the girls on a chilly November evening saw the girls win 5 out of their 6 matches to go through to the semi finals. Superb shooting from Maddie Pittard and Lillie Standen led to wins against Steyning, Shoreham, Towers and Davison seeing them into a playoff against Steyning 'A' team where we unfortunately lost 6-3. The SRWA team were also Lauren Godley, Charlotte Gray, Millie Evans, Eloise Johnson, Lily

Booker-Oliver and Brooke Franklin who all played exceptionally well as a team to help see us achieve this result.

## Successes and Congratulations 🏆

### Excellence Awards (Awarded w/c 4 November)

Lilli Greenfield - Well done for showing self regulation

Elliott Cannon - Amazing geography homework

Louis Gunn - Amazing geography homework

Elizabeth Ayling - Excellent dedication to studies in biology

Armani Burdon - Amazing effort in science

Ruby Whelan - Amazing piece of geography homework

Joshua Day - Amazing piece of geography homework

Ruby Wilds - For being amazing in art

Lewis Cook - Award 1: An outstanding student helper. Award 2: Always present with a good attitude, selflessly engages in extra duties, incredibly polite and enthusiastic

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### Excellence Awards (Awarded w/c 11 November)

Jack White - In English for an excellent assessment

Meghann Brattle - In maths for consistent positive contribution in lessons

Max Goodwin - Incorporating his excellent history knowledge into his English lesson

**Attendance Reward Breakfast (Awarded w/c 11 November):** Tutor Group M3 (Mrs Caumartin)

## Reminder - Arbor App

All our home-school communication is now digital. To avoid missing anything please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app. You can quickly and easily access information about attendance, behaviour and sign trip consents while on the go.

Full Arbor info on school website [here](#). App store link [here](#). Google Play link [here](#).

## Reminder - Year 11 Aspire Day

On Friday 29 November, Year 11 will have a day dedicated to supporting them in the run up to their GCSEs. We will be giving students advice and support on revision, dealing with stress, study skills and organisation. They will also have the opportunity to meet with local business people to discuss careers. Students should arrive at school at the normal time in home clothes.

## Spotlight on...English

This week in English two teams were entered for the Rotary Youth Speaks competition. The Junior team, Eric, Madison and Owen, debated 'Should homework be banned?' and the Senior team 'Should private schools be banned?'. Competition was stiff against Sion and Chatsmore Schools. Both teams performed exceptionally well and we were delighted that the Senior team - Rosie, George and Harry, beat Sion by one mark and came away with the cup!

## Careers

- We are delighted to announce that we have won a Careers Excellence Award for our work with our local enterprise advisor Kathy Crane from Prosperon Networks.

- Just before half term 25 employers came in for our Careers Lunch. They met with 58 year 8 students to talk about their own career paths and the choices they made along the way.
- Year 11 careers interviews will be starting next week.
- We now have 40 Year 8s taking part in the Making Choices programme run by the University of Sussex.

Date	Year group	Event	Location
November - December 2019	Year 11	One to one careers interviews	SRWA
Tuesday 19 November 2019	Year 8	Making Choices Trip	The University of Sussex at Falmer

## Safeguarding

Students have been having assemblies about Child Criminal Exploitation to educate them about the risks and how to keep themselves safe. Whilst this is rare, it is important for all students and parents to be aware of the signs of CCE and know what to do to keep themselves safe from it. We would urge all parents to talk to their children about the assembly they had this week and perhaps visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/> for more information.

## SEND

To help us make sure we're providing the best standard of education for your children, we'd like to know how you and your child feel about The Sir Robert Woodard Academy's provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disability.

This will help us to:

- Find out what we're doing well and where we could do better
- Make sure we're meeting the needs of you and your children

If you and your child receive an email in the near future with a google form questionnaire, please do take the time to fill this out. The questionnaires are adapted for parents and children.

- The West Sussex Local Offer helps you find information about local services, support and events for children and young people aged 0-25 years who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND): <https://westsussex.local-offer.org/>

## Sixth Form

- Year 11s: Don't forget to apply to W6 sixth form. Interviews will start after your mocks. You can [apply here](#).
- University applications deadline - students should have completed their personal statement, and their online application for university at [ucas.com](https://ucas.com). Applications are now being submitted by the sixth form team.
- Year 12 Work Experience - students should be signing in to Canvas and finding their placements.
- Please see [these degree apprenticeships](#) that are available to start in September 2020, closing date is January.
- We are delighted to announce that our new [Chelsea Football Academy](#) will launch next September for sixth formers. Year 11s will need to apply to W6 for the opportunity to try out and join the programme.