



Parent Communications

Date: 6 March 2020

Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

This week my son Fergus will go to school dressed as Winston Churchill. We're prepared; suit, hat, chocolate cigar. He will have a Terry Deary Horrible History book under his arm. Yes it's World Book Day. Hopefully nobody will quiz him too much about the fact that he mostly watches Horrible Histories on TV, rather than read the books, but it's year 2 and frankly I'm grateful it's educational and the whole Horrible Histories franchise is just brilliant, no matter how you consume it.

On this occasion, I'd say we're ready, but we have had the odd stressful morning trying to transform Fergus into an astronaut, a great fire of London victim, a penguin (why?) or robot. Needless to say, he thinks it's great and I'm sure it makes for a great atmosphere in the school.

We're not dressing up this Thursday. Sorry to some of you, and indeed -you're welcome- to the rest, but we will be reading. Reading is a big deal, particularly for secondary age children. The benefits are well known to us; it improves vocabulary, it develops writing, it improves knowledge overall. Teenagers who read for fun are better able to clarify their career goals and understand the consequences of risky behaviour. In an age where our children are bombarded with carefully curated, unrealistic digital lives, the novel might just be the best place to learn what it really is to be human. Through reading and engaging in somebody else's story we learn to listen. For the adolescent brain it develops empathy and means we send kinder people out into the world. So, even if you're not dressing up like you're heading to Hogwarts this week, there is no reason not to treat yourself to a 'good read'.

Best wishes

Kieran

Key Dates

Date and Time	Year group	Event	Notes
Monday 9 March - Friday 13 March	Year 13	Mock Exams	
Thursday 12 March 4.30pm-7.30pm	Year 8	Parents' Evening	https://srwa.parentseveningsystem.co.uk
Thursday 19 March	Year 11	Food Tech Practical Exam	

Trips and Events

Date and Time	Audience	Event	Location
Friday 13 March 9.30am-1.00pm	Year 12	UCAS Conference Trip	Brighton Centre. Please book tickets here.
Monday 16-Friday 20 March	Year 12	Geography Fieldwork Trip	Portland, Dorset
Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March 7.00pm	Students/Parents/ Carers/Families/ Public	Dance Showcase 2020	SRWA Alan Strong Theatre Booking Link
Friday 20 March 1.00pm	Local Business and Year 10	Careers Lunch	SRWA Alan Strong Theatre

Fixtures and Results

Fixtures

- 9 March - Year 7 Rugby at Angmering, SRWA vs Angmering and Shoreham Academy
- 10 March - Year 7 and 8 Netball League, Steyning
- 11 March - Year 7 Girls' Basketball League, Shoreham Academy
- 11 March - Year 10 Championship Football at Steyning, SRWA vs Steyning B
- 12 March - Year 11 Championship Football at Littlehampton, SRWA vs Littlehampton Academy
- 17 March - Year 7 and 8 Netball League, Steyning
- 18 March - Year 7 Girls' Basketball League, Shoreham Academy
- 18 March - Year 10 Championship Football at home vs Durrington High School
- 19 March - Year 7 Vase Netball Tournament, Davison School

Results

- The year 9 boys basketball team lost in the County Cup final by 8 points against St Andrews They will be playing St Andrews again for the League Cup Final at Worthing Leisure Centre
- The result for the year 10 football match on 26 February was SRWA 2 - 2 Chatsmore
- On Wednesday 26 February our year 8 netball team beat Shoreham Academy B team 16 - 6
- Our year 7 girls' basketball team came 6th overall in the District Basketball Tournament

Successes and Congratulations

Excellence Awards (Awarded w/c 24.2.20)

Georgina Thwaites - For excellence in English and making incredible progress in the Accelerated Reader lessons.

Jason Ford, Honey Beveridge, Ryan Keegan, Astin Morris, Harley Bonnell, Ruby Towner, Abbey Jordan and Alisha Terry - Fantastic Educake score this term in Chemistry, well done.

Samuel Tanner, Harry Beeston and Emily Sones - Outstanding mock exam results in Business Studies.

Lauren Alford - For consistent excellence in English - consistently lifts the learning of others and always pushes herself to achieve her very best.

Benjamin Costello - Awarded in English for his diligent approach, embracing challenge by working hard to achieve excellence.

Pip Wakeford - Awarded for always embodying calm, she is thoughtful and skilled, readily sharing her work with others to benefit the whole class' learning.

Excellence Awards (Awarded w/c 2.3.20)

Theo Cunningham - Awarded in Biology

Amy Shimell and Billy Todman - R is for Resilience, we would like to congratulate both students on being able to overcome a challenging situation and still be in school.

The Great British Bake Off - Junior Bake off

Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down have recently opened applications for the 6th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2020, but applications close on Sunday 5 April 2020.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk.

A promotional graphic for the Junior Bake Off competition. The background is a light yellow. At the top, the words "JUNIOR BAKE OFF" are written in large, bold, red capital letters. Below this, in smaller teal capital letters, it says "...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S BEST YOUNG BAKERS AGED 9 - 15". Underneath that, the website address "WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK" is written in bold blue capital letters. To the left of the bottom text is a colorful illustration of a festival tent in a field with trees and flowers under a sun. To the right of the illustration, the text "APPLICATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2020" is written in red capital letters. Below this, in smaller blue text, it says "Enquiries: applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk".

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Year 11 Exam Success

Please [follow this link](#) for a wealth of links that will allow students and parents to access information and resources to support in the revision process leading up to final exams.

Year 11 Prom

For all information about this year's Year 11 Prom and to buy a Prom ticket and merchandise, please follow [this link](#).

Spotlight on...Friends of SRWA (the PTA)

Friends of SRWA is run for the benefit of all students. Our aim is to support, encourage and engage with all students, fellow parents and carers and staff to help enhance the learning and social experience our children receive whilst at the Academy by organising and running social events for all to be involved in.

In the pipeline so far we have an 80's aerobics night, Beat the Teacher quiz night and a Murder Mystery. We are also currently sorting through the mountains of lost property that has accumulated over the years and will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale.

We welcome any suggestions and would love (and honestly need) any offers of help and assistance, ideas and donations to make this a success for the sole purpose of benefiting our children. From muscle power to help set up/put down at an event, using contacts to request a donation of a prize, marketing skills, encouraging your child to take part, or attending events. You don't have to come to meetings, just show your support in the best way you can.

As parents you can have a direct influence on the experience your child has whilst at school. We understand that everyone's life is busy, we all have different pressures in our lives, but we all share the same objective - the importance of the education and enrichment of our children.

If you feel you have something to offer - no matter how small - please do not hesitate to contact us at friends@srwa.co.uk or join us at one of our meetings, details of which will be publicised by the school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Lost property sorting Thursday 26 March @ 7pm

Event planning meeting Tuesday 21 April @ 7pm

Even if you make a commitment to attend and support our events, you'll be helping make SRWA even better.

Katy Beadell
Chair
Friends of SRWA

Students' Newspaper Launch - The Woodard Voice

Introducing [the very first edition](#) of The Woodard Voice - our school newspaper written and produced entirely by students! The after school Newspaper Club has worked tirelessly over the past few months to produce THE definitive student newspaper. Copies of The Woodard Voice can be found in tutor rooms across SRWA.

Special thanks to students - Molly, George and Jess for all their hard work. Thanks also to Mr McGonigle for running the Newspaper Club.

Careers

At SRWA we offer a broad range of opportunities for students to find out about the world of work and what skills are needed for the modern workplace.

On 20 March, we have our [next Careers Lunch](#) in which a selection of business people will visit the Academy and will be joined by some of our year 10 students who will be able to ask them about their jobs, their career journey and the skills they think are needed in the world of work. You can find full details of our careers programme on [our website](#).

Education Development Trust

Explore trends and information about jobs in the local area with labour market Information and other key information from our [local enterprise partners](#).

Year 12 Students Interested in Medicine

BrightIdeas is a programme for current year 12 students interested in studying medicine. Please see [this flyer](#) for all the details on criteria and how to apply.

Job Opportunities for Year 13

Click here for [Worthing job centre update](#) and here for more [jobs spotted](#).

University of Sussex Year 10 Summer School 2020

Applications for the University of Sussex Year 10 Summer School are now open! Newly developed for 2020, this Summer School allows students to step into the shoes of a university student, with their 'University in a Week' experience. Eligible students should apply via [this application form](#).

SEND

Adverse Childhood Experiences Course

Safe in Sussex are running free Adverse Childhood Experiences courses. Dates and venues for the courses for next term are on the leaflet [here](#). There is a maximum number of places on each course, so please ensure you secure a place as soon as possible. You can contact Safe in Sussex direct or the Academy's Inclusion Manager, Mr Stott.

Events for Parent/Carers of Children with SEND

Disability Family Fun Days at Splashpoint, Worthing on 4 April - [Leaflet here](#)

Updated Extra Curricular Leaflet

Click [here](#) to view.

Parentview

We would very much appreciate it if all SRWA parents would take a few minutes to log in to [this Ofsted parent feedback site](#) to give your views on our school. Many thanks.

Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!