

Newsletter

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1 Year 11 Continue to Succeed

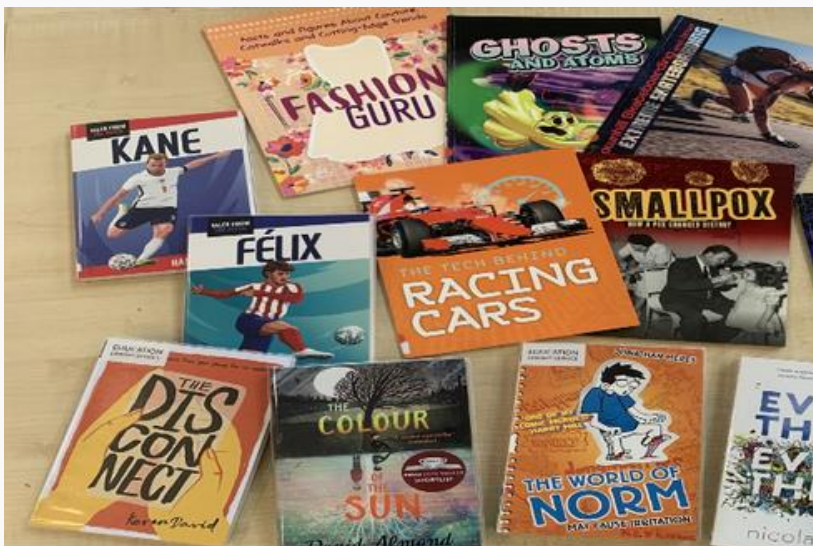
It has been a half term of hard work for the staff and students at SWS. Congratulations to our wonderful group of Year 11 students on completing this round of mock examinations.

Students made the most of additional intervention sessions and afterschool revision to achieve their very best.



Beyond the Pages...

Students relished the opportunity to turn their favourite reads into healthy competition during the launch of our accelerated reader programme.



Over this last term we have made it our priority to improve the students' reading skills through the use of Accelerated Reader. The students have engaged with the programme and are enjoying their reading sessions each week. The termly quiz points and word count competitions ensure that students are encouraged to read more and positively compete against each other.

Spring Cleaning had Year 8 Scheming...

Sir William Stanier students stand for sustainability.

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The Humanities faculty this term has been working on project-based learning. Students in Year 8 looked at how to be more eco-friendly and how we could make the school more sustainable.

These bug homes were designed to keep bugs safe; a place for shelter to help them in harsh conditions. The Humanities faculty is excited to see what our creative students come up with next term as their project.



Students have conducted surveys around the school looking at litter count, recycling and how eco-friendly staff are. Students also made some fantastic bug homes out of recycled materials that have been put up around the trees at school.



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Podium Finishes for Promising Athletes

Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics Tournament



Well done to all of the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Crewe and Nantwich sports hall athletics competition in January. There were some outstanding performances from all students in some very fast-paced races. Year 7 boys came 2nd; Year 7 girls came 3rd and Year 8 girls came 3rd

Well done to all students who took part and represented the school.

"Life is Like a Box of Chocolates"

Cheshire Schools' Cross Country Championships



Our very own cross country runners carried the torch for Crewe in the Cheshire Championships!

Congratulations to Willow-Grace and Oscar who were selected to represent South Cheshire in the Cheshire Schools' cross country championships at Knights Grange in Winsford in February.

What an amazing achievement to be chosen! Both did a fantastic run and Oscar came 30th out of a very strong field.

Attendance Points = Pizza Prizes

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All form groups wanted a slice of the action...



The highest attending form group in each year group for half term 3 received a lunchtime treat of Domino's pizza!

Congratulations to 7JTA, 8FMA, 9CCH, 10HAR and 11MHA.

Step Out 1 Succeed in the Kitchen...

We have had another positive term for the students in Step-Out 1. Students have enjoyed some fantastic food sessions with Mr Smissen, cooking a variety of dishes and desserts including Pizzas, Victoria Sponge cakes and shortbread biscuits with chocolate. A special mention for the chef of term, Ieuan Langford, who has consistently impressed Mr Smissen with his cooking ability and resilience. In addition to the excellent cooking sessions, we have introduced Forest School, where some students have enjoyed being with nature and learning life skills, including the safe ways to cut logs, carve sticks and safely build/manage fires.

The Most Important Meal of the Day!

Breakfast Club: start the day right!

Lots of our students are joining us daily from 7.45- 8.30am for a free breakfast and hot drink!



The Flavours of the Orient

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Tonight's takeaway decision just got easier than you think...

We started the term celebrating the Chinese Year of the Rabbit in style with a visit from chef Leon Tam. Year 8, 10 and 11 students really enjoyed learning how to make Sweet and Sour chicken with Leon. Other year groups also celebrated the Chinese New Year by making spring rolls, egg fried rice and Chicken Chow Mein. The Chinese dragon and lantern decorations in the Food rooms really



got students into the spirit of things.

Year 10 also enjoyed a visit to local food establishment Noodle Guru in the Market Hall. They tried a real range of cultural dishes and especially enjoyed opening their own fortune cookies.

We were fortunate to be one of a handful of schools who were visited by the Girly Fishmonger. Emma McKeating who visited the school to share her culinary skills and also discuss with students opportunities for employment. Emma brought in a range of fish for students to handle and she showed them how to fillet them. The students really embraced this opportunity and they were able to have a go themselves at cutting Octopus and filleting Mackerel, Gurnard, Herring, and other fish. We are grateful to be a part of the Fish Hero programme that set up this visit and are excited about other opportunities that we have planned with this initiative.

Cooking club has continued to be a very popular afterschool activity. Students in KS3 have enjoyed making scones, pizza, cookies and fruit salads amongst many other culinary delights.

Finally, for Valentine celebrations, Food students have been invited to bring in a donation to decorate teddy bear gingerbread. Money donated from these will go to the local charity Chance Changing Lives who do such wonderful work in our immediate community. We raised £55 from our Christmas biscuit decorating donations, which is a generous amount from our students and something that they should be very proud of.

Wishing you all a great half term break from Team Food – Mrs Randle, Miss Dzomba, Mrs Coombs and Mr Smissen.