



# ONWARDS

South Wilts Grammar School Newsletter  
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## Retirement

I have decided to retire in August 2011 after 37 years in teaching. I have had a very enjoyable time at South Wilts and have seen many changes since 2003.

So much is achieved in any academic year from the fantastic exam results to the amazing sums raised for charity – over £9,000 last year, and the great improvements to the buildings. The range of activities that girls take part in, often run by staff, is huge and if you look at a year's worth of this Onwards newsletter you get a flavour of the successes, events and trips that take place. The school will undoubtedly continue to develop and grow in strength. (Mrs Stratton)



## Academy Status Update

The Governing Body have applied to convert South Wilts to an Academy and this has been approved, in principle, by the DfE. A consultation period with parents, staff, students and local schools was undertaken from 20th September to 18th October.

This included a parents' meeting, a staff meeting, student assemblies and a students' meeting. A sub group of the Governing Body met on 20th October to discuss the feedback. The final decision whether or not to convert to an Academy on 1st January 2011 will be taken by the Governing Body on 6<sup>th</sup> December. (Mrs Stratton)

## School Uniform

A reminder that all girls must wear winter kilts when they return to school in November. All skirts need to be just above the knee at the shortest. It is certainly clear that some skirts are too short or in many cases skirts are being wound up.

We do have some spare skirts and girls will be asked to wear the longer school skirts if theirs are indecent. One of the issues with the very short skirts is decency and girls need to ensure that they keep themselves safe walking to and from school. Winter coats must be in the school colours, grey, black, blue or green. For those who cycle to school we strongly advise fluorescent waistcoats to be worn on top of coats.

## Cars

Mixing cars and pedestrians on the drive is dangerous. Please remember only staff cars and deliveries are allowed on site. There is no parking for parents during school hours. Please be extra vigilant when dropping students off on Stratford Road or Hulse Road as it can be very busy.

## Cover Supervisors

We are looking to expand our pool of part-time cover supervisors who cover lessons while teachers are absent or away on inset. Experience of working in a school is an advantage, but not essential. For further details please contact Antonia Corp, HR Manager [ajc@swgs.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ajc@swgs.wilts.sch.uk), detailing your availability. You must be available at short notice on occasions and there are no minimum guaranteed hours of work. Salary Scale points 18-21 (£17,161-£19,126) term-time only, pro rata to an hourly rate. (Miss Corp)



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### Attendance Reminder

Please can I remind all parents that the school needs to receive a phone call before 9am on the day of absence (there is an answer phone service before 8.30am), if your daughter is absent without prior permission from the school. You must phone in every day of your daughter's absence. It is very important that I can account for each student on a daily basis for reasons of health and safety.

Any medical appointments also need to be advised before the day of the appointment, not after it has happened. Whenever possible it would be appreciated if absence requests could be made at least 10 days before the absence to give plenty of time for processing. Thank you for your cooperation. (Mrs Fuller, Attendance Officer)



We started the year by donating food to the Trussell Trust Foodbank for the harvest collection. At first the stage seemed quite bare with only one or two items, but by the time the Trussell Trust came to pick up the goods it was absolutely packed! Thank you to everyone who brought something in. You will have helped many families in the Salisbury area.

We then celebrated Jeans for Genes day. Jeans for Genes provides funding for the care and support of children with genetic disorders. They also help to fund research into genetics and the development of effective treatments and cures. Students paid £1 to wear jeans to school, and as a result raised over £700 for the charity! Well done girls.

Finally, the Year 7s were given the task of raising money for LEPROA, a charity that helps people affected by leprosy around the world. The girls made an astounding £1150 for the charity, and also had the chance to learn some line dancing in the process!

# LEPROA



We are looking forward to all the charity events coming up that are currently being planned by the tutor groups! Thanks to everyone for their contributions. (Mrs Chamberlain)



### Foneclub Recycling Mobile Phones for Schools

Foneclub is an initiative allowing your school to raise money by recycling mobile phones. We receive £2.50 for every handset regardless of age or condition.

A box will be at reception at South Wilts Grammar School for any phones sent into school. Let's get RAISING MONEY. (Laura Matlass 07733 360992)

### Speech day 2010

Thursday 16th September 2010 saw South Wilts Grammar School's 83<sup>rd</sup> annual Speech Day held in Salisbury Cathedral. To an audience of students, parents, staff, governors and invited dignitaries 190 students crossed the stage to receive prizes for outstanding achievement, commitment and community service in the previous year.

The evening commenced with beautiful singing by the Senior Choir, members of the Junior Choir and A Cappella performing 'The Sound of Silence' and 'Fly me to the Moon.' Mrs Stratton made her annual speech and reflected on the fantastic student achievements of the previous year. She commended and thanked students, staff and parents for their continued hard work. Mrs Stratton celebrated the outstanding achievements of the school: "The GCSE results were again brilliant with an astounding 84% of all grades at A and A\*... It keeps us in the top 10 grammar schools at GCSE."

Mrs Stratton introduced students who spoke movingly about their passion for languages, the school's vibrant new science club and the high profile sports leaders in the school. Congratulations should go to all the speakers for their brilliant speeches and their courage – it is not an easy thing to speak in front of 1500 people! Students in the audience were keeping their eyes firmly on their watches for the annual charity event to 'guess the length of Mrs Stratton's speech.'

The school were delighted to welcome back former student Katy Harmer as guest speaker for the evening. Having initially qualified as a nurse, Katy made a career move to script editing and now works for the BBC and independent film companies editing for programmes such as Silent Witness, Eastenders and Waterloo Road. The students were delighted and inspired to hear about her varied career, particularly the anecdotes about actors and famous TV sets such as Albert Square. Katy was surrounded by girls at the end of the evening asking for her autograph and for work experience opportunities!

Speech Day is a very special opportunity for the whole school to celebrate the achievements of the previous year, and we value the opportunity to share the evening with our parents and supporters. Our warmest thanks go to our generous prize sponsors and to the Friends of South Wilts who work tirelessly to raise money and donate many of the prizes awarded at Speech Day. Whether a prize winner, a performer in the choir, a helper or a spectator, Speech Day is a chance for us all to celebrate the achievements of the previous year as a community and to say a collective 'very well done'!

### Maths Enrichment Day

Seven schools came together for a maths enrichment day for year 11 to learn more about what is involved in A level maths and where maths can take us.

The talk on A level maths was really interesting, involving volunteers from the audience and a chance to win prizes, namely the indestructible ruler! It gave us a huge insight into what we would be studying and how each section of maths works, using examples.

We then listened to three speakers: a global observationist; a mature student studying engineering and a representative from Qinetiq, all showing very different places where maths could take us.

After lunch was a competition, between teams of mixed school groups (our group had 3 SWGS students, 2 Leweston students and 2 students from St Johns), and it took place in three parts, involving calculating and solving more visual puzzles, such as Chairs (a game in which the objective is to stack as many toy chairs as possible).

The winning team included Noorunisa Suhail and Jennifer Welsh (11B), and then from the 2 teams in second place, Rebecca Young (11B) Jessica Whatley (11B), Isobel Grant (11E), Amy Welch (11E), Hannah Brown (11N) and myself. (Sabrina Morice-Broom 11N)



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### Royal Society of Chemistry Competition

Sushmitha Jayaramachandran, Emma Beck, Ksenia Solovieva and Amy Sherburn all competed in the Royal Society of Chemistry competition 'Top of the bench'.

The competition was run at Portsmouth Grammar School and was attended



by students from schools across the southern counties. The four students had to work as a team completing Chemistry tasks designed to test their understanding, processing and practical skills.

The girls worked extremely well and were awarded the 'Safe working prize'. (Mr Hillier)



### Science Club

After a very successful time in 2009-2010, Science Club has again started. With over 50 students attending the Monday and Wednesday clubs it has already proved popular and the students have given very positive feedback. It was decided that for the opening week we would return to the classic of 'Walking on Custard'. Much fun (and unbelievable mess) ensued and we did indeed get every student to prove that walking on custard is possible! Despite torrential rain at the end of September, the paths outside Science still bear the Science Club hallmark of custard stains!

This year the Science club team will be led by Mr Lawrence, Mrs Wilkes and a new member of staff to SWGS, Mr Thorne. We again have called on the help of the Sixth Form and they have responded in force, with 22 helping out in the first few weeks. Without their help and enthusiasm Science Club would not be possible.

This term students have many activities to look forward to including 'Making Slime', 'Building Boomerangs' and investigating 'Water Bomb Trebuchets'. We will of course return to some of the old favourites from last year but we are keen to include as many new activities as possible.

Despite the high attendance there is still room for extra – The More the Merrier!

Science Club runs two groups (due to numbers) – One fortnightly on a Monday from 4-5pm and the other Wednesday from 4-5pm and is open to Yr7-9. (Mr Lawrence)



### Spectroscopy Tour at Southampton University

On Wednesday 15th September, Year 13 students from South Wilts and Bishops spent an afternoon in the Chemistry Department of Southampton University. We were given the unique opportunity to see first hand the practical chemistry which we have learned about in school. The afternoon involved tours of the chemistry department, where we saw NMR, Infrared and Mass spectrometry instruments in use. It was fascinating to learn about the uses of these machines, including the analysis of Formula 1 fuels and MRI scanning.

A problem solving exercise finished the day by testing our analysis skills. It also encouraged some friendly competition between Bishops and South Wilts!

As students with prospective careers where chemistry is relevant, we found this experience really beneficial and we would thoroughly recommend it to future A level chemistry students. (Amy Greaves and Jayne Goater, Year 13)

### Royal Veterinary College on Tour at SWGS

People travelled from as far away as Reading and Oxford to attend this exciting event. The evening was advertised nationally and over sixty guests were able to listen to information about several courses offered by the RVC and then try out a range of activities in the school laboratory. We were delighted to discover that an ex pupil was amongst the RVC students who ran the hands-on sessions. Several SWGS students took advantage of the chance to try their hand at bandaging, "gowning-up" and suturing.

The talk began with information about the university before moving on to specific courses and their requirements. Then we practised bandaging soft toys and tried on the outfit worn during operations; lastly we had a go at using the pressure sensor "pen". This involved a game where we had to identify the least dense object and was really fun but rather difficult and extremely frustrating. We really enjoyed the event and it gave us great insight into the University and its courses. (Lucy Pike 10E)



### Introducing Year 6 to Design & Technology

On six Tuesday mornings in October and November this year 18 boys and girls from Year 6 at Woodford Valley Primary School will be joining me to get some hands-on experience of Design & Technology.

I am always impressed by how quickly these young people pick up new skills and learn how to use new equipment and this year are no exception. Bubbling with enthusiasm they have already been measuring and sawing and using the Pillar Drill with careful confidence to create the basic mechanism for their 'Climbing Bug', and next they will design their own Bug body to attach to it.

After half term they will use CAD (Computer Aided Design) software to help design a personal Desk Tidy and then use CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture) to cut their vinyl decorations for it, which introduces them to the incredible potential for intricate, accurate work that the use of computerised equipment now offers.



These boys and girls are always a pleasure to work with and a credit to their class teacher Kate Doré (an ex SWGS student herself!).

These photos show them working on the early stages of their Climbing Bug. (Mr Scrivener)



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### The Rotary Club Young Chef Competition

Ella Reed (11A) won The Rotary Club Young Chef Competition for Salisbury. This was held at Wyvern College on 30th September 2010. She now goes on to the county finals in November (Mrs Mahoney)

On Thursday 30th October I took part in a Rotary Club Young chef competition. I was really worried about it, having never cooked my main course before and having no previous experience in cooking competitions. However, when I got there everyone was lovely and it was really easy to just relax and cook. I made marinated mackerel with couscous and for dessert a lemon meringue pie.

When they announced the winners I didn't think there was any chance I would win. Everyone else's looked so amazing! But somehow I managed to do it and won a set of cooking utensils and a place to the next round which is in November. (Ella Reed 11A)



### Visit to 'A Voyage Round My Father' at Salisbury Playhouse

The winners of the Year 8 drama competition, held in the last week of the summer term, were lucky enough to be offered the prize of tickets to see 'A Voyage Round My Father' at Salisbury Playhouse on 8th September.

We all thoroughly enjoyed the luxury of sitting in the best seats in the house and watching John Mortimer's thoughtful, funny and moving autobiographical play.

Thanks go to Mark Powell and the Playhouse for inspiring the girls in the workshops that preceded the drama competition, and for providing such a wonderful prize. (Mrs Coundley)



### English Lunchtime and After School Clubs:

<b>English Speaking Union</b>	Year 10 +	Mr Harrison	O10	Tuesday lunch-time	Once a week	12.15pm - 12.50pm
<b>Junior Writing Club</b>	Years 7-9	Mrs Coundley	O8	Monday Lunch-time	Once a week	12.00-12.30pm
<b>6th form Writing Club</b>	6th Form	Mrs Coundley	O8	Monday Lunch-time	Once every 3 weeks	12.00pm-12.30pm
<b>Book Club</b>	6th Form	Mrs Latyon	SWGS / BWS alternate	Wednesday after school	3 or 4 times a term	4.15pm - 5pm
<b>Book Club</b>	Year 7	Miss Owen Mr Dew Mrs Wood (Librarian)	LRC	Wednesday Lunchtime	Once a week	12.30pm-12.55pm

**Congratulations**

Well done to all those who were successful in individual Associated Board Music exams. The following girls passed Grade 8 recently: Mary Andrew – Viola with Distinction, Sarah Beckett – Singing with Distinction, Charlotte Hart – Violin with Merit, Catherine Ludlam – flute with Merit, Rachel Maxey – Piano with Merit, Christabell Pidduck – Violin with Merit.

Mary Price has taken up her place at Trinity College, Cambridge where she was awarded a Choral Scholarship and is very much enjoying singing in the prestigious College Choir. (Mrs Poppleton)

**A Cappella Eucharist**

A Cappella has very much enjoyed preparing to sing Eucharist in Salisbury Cathedral on 18th October. The choir is singing Mozart's *Missa Brevis in Bb* mass setting and the anthem *Strengthen ye the weak hands* by Harris which was written for St. Luke's Day.

We remain very grateful to the men who join us to sing such beautiful and challenging repertoire and to Mr Fay for playing the organ.

**Speech Day**

The Senior Choir and Year 8 members of Junior Choir worked very hard in order to perform at Speech Day. They sang *The Sound of Silence* and *Fly Me to the Moon* with great fervour and confidence and should be congratulated on reaching such a high standard within so few days of the beginning of term. (Mrs Poppleton)

**A Cappella Workshop**

The A Cappella Trust sponsored a workshop in September taken by Ben Parry, Head of the Junior Department of the Royal Academy of Music and an eminent singer, choral conductor and arranger.

This proved to be an immensely happy evening where everyone learned a great deal, had a wonderful time and sang beautifully.

As well as working on a range of our current repertoire the choir enjoyed singing one of Ben's own compositions which we hope to include in the Carol Service this year. (Mrs Poppleton)



**Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra Trip to China 20th - 31st October**

Several girls will be taking part in the WSYO trip to China over the half-term break, giving them the opportunity to play music by British composers in a variety of venues in Nanhai and Hong Kong and to meet students in their school and home environment. The trip will be a very exciting and worthwhile cultural exchange as well as a thrilling musical venture.

**Forthcoming Music Events**

**November**

**23rd** 7.00pm, Main Hall, School Concert to include a variety of music performed by choirs and instrumental groups. Ticket letter will follow in November.

**December**

**14th** 7.30pm, Salisbury Cathedral, School Carol Service.

**January**

**22nd** 7.30pm, St. Martin's Church, A Cappella and invited orchestra perform Handel's *Messiah*.

**March**

**15th** 7.00pm, Main Hall, School Instrumental Groups Concert

**May**

**7th** 7.30pm, St. Mark's Church, Joint Choral Concert, SWGS Senior Choir and BWS Choir

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### AEGON Schools Tennis Competition

The U13 squad (Anna Rolfe, Hebe Osmond, Izzy Dickson & Caitlin Hogan-Lloyd) represented Wiltshire to play against King Edward VI School from Southampton on September 22nd.

The team gave their all but were eventually defeated 2 sets to 4. Well done for making it as far as the regional round. (Miss Salen)



### Cross Country

The cross country season has once again started with high flying performances both in the local area and in the National Cup competition. We are still waiting for final results from the Amesbury race, however South Wilts was very well represented in all age groups.

Our junior team came 2nd and intermediate team came 1st in the National Cup competition at Stonehenge Monument on Thursday 7th October, both progressing through to the next round at Leweston School on Saturday 13th November. (Miss Salen)

### Netball / Hockey

U14 & U16 netball squads both played very well at the Salisbury Area Schools Competition. The U14 team placed 3rd, and the U16 team came 1st so will now progress through to the Wiltshire round representing Salisbury in November.



Well done to all Year 7 netballers and hockey players who participated in the Netball Day at Salisbury High and the Hockey Day at the Wilton Road Astro turf pitch. The girls all worked hard to improve their skills during the morning coaching sessions and enjoyed putting them into action during the tournaments in the afternoon. Many thanks to my fantastic Sports Leaders who ran the drills and tournament for the hockey day so superbly – I could not have done it without you all!

U19 Area Netball Tournament at Wootton Bassett Wednesday 13th October – the squad put in a series of superb performances in the first round to ease into the Cup competition knockout stage. Here they beat Warminster convincingly to progress to the semi-finals and a tough match against New College Swindon.

Despite a valiant effort South Wilts were defeated 4-8, but it should be noted that New College went on to win the tournament and have done so in many previous years. This is the furthest that the U19 squad has ever reached in this County-wide tournament so the girls should feel extremely proud of their achievement. (Miss Salen)



Year 7 A team V Godolphin 10 - 8 SWGS won

Year 7 B team V Godolphin 8 - 1 SWGS won

Both teams played well together especially considering they have not trained together for long. Sarah Brown and Amy Webster made a solid combination in the A team circle and were fed some great balls by Hannah Pickup. Helen Forrest was voted Player of the Match by Godolphin for the A team and Matilda Bryant was the equivalent for the Bs.

In defence for the B team, Phoebe Wing and Lucy Higson made some great interceptions but SWGS need to work on using the space down the court to stretch the opposition. Well done to all who played. (Mrs Hole)

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### Senior Stonar Inter Schools One Day Event

For the first time ever, SWGS Equestrian Club members competed on both days in every class of this event. (Dressage, Showjumping, Cross Country). Eleven girls washed, plaited and prepared their ponies/horses in readiness.

Class 1 and 2: Emma Blackburn and Jessica Partridge presented good dressage tests. Emma went on to a double clear but unfortunately Jessica did not finish the cross country.

Class 3 saw the SWGS team (Harriet Allen, Tabitha Rothwell, Rosanna Grant and Emily Kalik) and individuals Annie Fredericks and Jessica Wheeler. The team had a solid start with each girl and horse presenting a good test. In showjumping, Harriet and Emily both went clear; Rosanna unfortunately had 2 poles down and Tabby a stop. In cross country, Harriet and Emily had fantastic clear rounds making the task look easy and sailing over the finish line. Rosanna jumped well but Eddie thought he was hunting and forgot to concentrate on the course. Tabby decided that it was neither her nor Marvin's day and withdrew. Annie rode a lovely dressage test and showjump round but came unstuck across country and Jessica, who was on her new mount, did very well with only a couple of stops.

Class 4: Lily-Mae Richardson and Stephanie Sherborne competed. The dressage test was tough with a medium trot, halt and loops. Steph rode very well and gained a good score. Lily-Mae's horse had already spotted the show jumps and cross country course and she did well to contain his excitement. In the showjumping the girls jumped well and only had a stop each across country.

All girls and ponies returned home safe and sound. Miss Scaife and I very much enjoyed watching and supporting our school riders. Thank you to all parents who ferried, held, washed and got up early to bring SWGS pupils and ponies to Stonar. (Mrs Holland)



**Emma Blackburn**



**Emily Kalik, Rosanna Grant & Harriet Allen**

### Pony Club National Intermediate Championships

Lily-Mae Richardson qualified for the Pony Club National Intermediate Championships in Show jumping and Eventing. Lilly-Mae and her pony came 10th in Show jumping and 9th in the Eventing.

Alicia Sherborne qualified for the Pony Club National Showjumping Open Championships.

Jess Wheeler came 4th at the Pony Club Eventing Championships.

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### National Schools Equestrian Association - South West Dressage Qualifier

On the first frosty morning in October, SWGS dressage team headed to Millfield School, Somerset for the NSEA regional qualifier. Four girls from Year 7 to 13, riding 2 Prelims and 2 Novices, made up the team. Bethany Puzio Year 7, Alice Pearse Year 10, Abi Pownall-Gray Year 11 and Tabitha Rothwell Year 12 had a very early start (as did ponies and parents!) for 9 am warm up classes. Alice and Irish Millennium went first - they presented an excellent test and were placed 1st in the Novice warm-up. Abi rode Pocahuntas beautifully and Bethany rode Brinmark Royal Windsor with a big smile in the Prelim warm-up and the girls were placed 3rd and 2nd respectively. After such a good start what more could the day bring?

Bethany our youngest rider was our first team member up and she presented an enthusiastic test earning her a place in the top third. Abi then followed and again presented a beautiful and elegant test. She won the class with an outstanding 83.18%, the highest mark of the day. Prelims over, it was now the Novices' turn to take to the arena. With precision and accuracy Alice completed her test. Tabitha rode Marvin with a strong leg and lots of impulsion; both girls finished on solid scores.

By 2.30pm we were all done and ponies were munching from hay nets. Then it was sit and wait, sit and wait and sit and wait for the other 16 teams to compete and watch the scores go up. We were in the lead by just under 1%!

At 4.50pm the event organiser called order and announced the results in reverse order. 6th Millfield A, 5th Bryanston, 4th Wells Cathedral, and **1st South Wilts Grammar School**. We are now off to the National Finals on Sat 4th Dec at Addington Equestrian, Buckingham. Well done. (Mrs Holland)



### Internet and Mobile Phone Safety

Internet and mobile phone safety is always a concern. Parents and teachers need to be vigilant in reminding young people that these are issues to be taken seriously.

Most young people underestimate the dangers on the web.

Most young people release far more personal information than is safe.

Many parents are unaware of what their children have viewed or whom they have contacted while online.

Many young people feel that they are in control of chat-room conversations with strangers when the reality is often quite different.

Many teenagers use their mobiles to send inappropriate messages or personal contact information, only to regret it later.

If you require any more information on any of these topics there are some great websites which offer advice and support to parents. These are:

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet-int.org/kia/parents/> (Ms Thorpe)

### Discount Priced Software for Students

If you are considering purchasing any software packages in the near future, then consider the following two online sites which offer legitimate, low-cost software from several well-known software companies, including Microsoft and Adobe.

**RM Basement** - <http://www.rm.com/shops/thebasement>

**Software 4 Students** - <http://www.software4students.co.uk>

If you decide to order then check the specification requirements of the PC carefully. These offers provide a good way of buying industry standard software at heavily discounted prices.

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### Sixth Form Entry September 2011

#### Joint Open Evening

Wednesday 17th November 2010

SWGS between 6.00-8.00 pm  
BWS Between 5.00-7.00pm



An information evening for all prospective students and parents providing the opportunity to talk to Heads of Department, Teachers and current students about the subjects on offer. (Mrs Phelps)

### Post 16 Evening

Thursday 11th November 2010 at 7pm - An opportunity for Year 11 students and their parents to find out about life in the Sixth Form at SWGS.

Short presentations will be given by senior members of staff as well as our careers adviser. (Mrs Phelps)

### Parent Support Advisor (Funded by Wiltshire)

Chris Lister is the Parent Support Advisor for South Wilts and other schools in the Salisbury area. She can offer help and support to parents about any concerns - for you or your children during their time at school.

For confidential and objective advice on any aspect of parenting for school-age children, please call Chris on: 07595 217569.



### Support for Absent Students

Mrs Passam, the Pastoral Support Assistant, is happy to arrange support and work for absent students once they feel well enough to undertake it. She will contact absentees after 4 days' absence, but if your daughter is in need of any work before this time please contact her at school, either by e mail at [jmp@swgs.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:jmp@swgs.wilts.sch.uk) or by phone on 01722 343754. If your daughter returns to school after an extended period of absence Mrs Passam will meet with her to see if any additional support is needed.

Mrs Passam is always available between the hours of 8.15am to 3.30pm to help with queries relating to student welfare and she will either deal with them directly herself or pass them on to the relevant person. (Mrs Stammers)

### PE Kit & Lost property

Please ensure that every item of your daughter's PE kit (including trainers) is named. We receive many calls from parents regarding lost PE kit and named PE kit can be returned promptly to students via a note in the register.

The Lost Property Room (at the back of the Canteen) is open Monday/Wednesday/Friday at 12.30pm if students wish to enquire about items. For any Lost Property queries, please contact Mrs Taylor.

If your daughter doesn't have a PE locker, there are still some lockers available. A second locker would help to ensure that their PE kit is kept secure. Keys for spare lockers are available from Reception with a deposit for £5, refundable at the end of the school year. (Mrs Passam)

### Important Dates:

9th & 12th November	-	Sixth Form Open Afternoon 2.30 - 3.30pm
11th November	-	Post 16 Evening 7pm
17th November	-	Sixth Form Open Evening 6 - 8pm
24th November	-	Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening

# News from Friends of SWGS

October 2010

*A note from Sarah*

## • INVITATION TO OUR AGM

To be held on Monday  
15th November at  
7.00pm in the new  
Dining Hall.

- Our Committee Meeting will follow the AGM.
- All are welcome to attend

## Forthcoming Events:

- *Sat Dec 4th*  
*Book Sale in*  
*Salisbury Market*
- *Launch of*  
*'Sponsor A Book'*  
*Scheme - details sent*  
*by parentmail in*  
*October.*

**Friends  
Committee**

**Sarah Snell**  
*Chair*

**Clare Sutton**  
*Vice Chair*

**Nicola Dunning**  
*Secretary*

**Alison Hall**  
*Treasurer*

## Refurbished Computer Rooms

Before our meeting in September, the Committee were shown round the refurbished computer rooms. We were very impressed with the results. The two rooms are light, spacious and very well equipped as seen below.

We raised £25,000 for this to be achieved - well done to all!



## Old Mobile Phone Collection

We are continuing to collect mobile phones. They can be dropped off at Reception. We hope to raise more this year so please support us.

**SEND IN ANY OLD MOBILE  
PHONES .**

## AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR

The Friends' cake stall raised over £60 and £220 was raised for the Caring 4 Kids Stars Appeal. So thank you to everyone who gave up their time to man the cake stall and also thanks to the 'cake bakers'.



Drawing the Raffle

## 'SPONSOR A BOOK' LAUNCH

We have just launched a new fundraising scheme. You may purchase a bookplate dedication for £5 as a lasting reminder of your daughters' education and life at SWGS. Application forms were sent out via parentmail this week. There is a choice of type of book which may be chosen for the bookplate which will be fixed in the front of one of the many books available in the Learning Resources Centre.