Welcome New Sixth Form

With the best GCSE results ever, we are especially proud to welcome back our year 11 into the Sixth Form. Achieving over 93% A-C in their GCSE, we hope this cohort will thrive in our increasingly successful Sixth Form and echo the pathways of our outgoing Year 13 who achieved 100% pass rate. Well done all!!

Welcome to Year 7!

On the 2nd September Swanshurst welcomed its first new intake of the year – our wonderful new year 7! The 300 girls, looking immaculate in their new uniforms, were quickly immersed in Swanshurst life, taking part in a brand new 4 week transition project based around the theme of ‘Space’. This is a new skills-based programme, to teach students the skills they need to become successful creative, independent, reflective and team learners, and will eventually jigsaw into the whole school’s Learning 4 Life and TRICS programme. No sooner had the year 7s found their feet they were whisked off to Bockleton for a 3 day residential learning how to work as a team, survive the mud and avoid a field of bullocks. The bravest of them also ventured to the top of a ten foot climbing wall.

Congratulations!

The best ever attendance figures last year! Please remember our target is 95% which means no more than 9 days off a year

Pakistan...

In a remarkable effort, the students of Swanshurst have really pulled together to raise money for the victims of the floods in Pakistan. A whole range of events, coordinated by Moona Butt, and ranging from a non - non uniform day to a concert by the extremely well known Asian guitarist, Faraz, have so far raised over £2000. We have another 2 months of events which will hopefully culminate in a Swanshurst’s Got Talent Show for parents and friends –we’ll keep you informed...

Welcome Swanshurst Chickens!

On 28th September Swanshurst welcomed another new intake – of chickens! Led by our very own Bear Grylls, Mr Griffiths took an intrepid team of explorers to the darkest depths of Coventry to liberate our previously captive battery chickens and offer them a new life of freedom – in Swanshurst’s Secret Garden. The chickens still look a bit desperate at the moment – a year in a battery farm has meant they have lost most of their feathers – but they are getting a lot of interest and TLC from the students and are beginning to reward us with our very own free range eggs!

...Black History Month...

A whole range of celebrations have been planned to celebrate Black History Month; Sistertree have been in to perform their version of Brecht’s ‘Good Person of Sechuan’, the library have been running a BHM quiz and 15 trainee teachers came in to history lessons to teach different aspects of Black History relating to Britain.
Keeping Students Safe 1

With high profile cases in the press, and a worrying increase in the number of students who are using Facebook without their parents’ permission, we have included a ‘keeping your daughter safe’ guide for you. Last year, we asked Barnados to come and run an internet safety session during a morning to really show parents the risks their daughters can be at having unmonitored access to the internet. We will be running this again next term and will let you know the dates.

Keeping Students Safe 2

The police have asked us to inform you that they will now have a much higher presence at pick up and drop of times and will give an ‘on the spot’ ticket to any drivers who stop on the roundabout, outside the school gates or on the school zigzags. Not only does this impede the traffic but there have been far too many near misses with students getting out of cars into the oncoming traffic. As always, the Billesley Pub has been extremely cooperative and allows parents to park there.

Thanks for your consideration.

Pitch Perfect

Congratulations to our choir who have been invited to sing in a national event at the Royal Albert Hall! Not content with this challenge, the choir recently sang at staff briefing and got all the staff up and dancing to an African Folk song to launch Black History Month.