



# A NEW START!

The start of the new academic year is always an exciting moment as we welcome new Wilsonians, who join a tradition dating back to 1615! Edward Wilson would be so proud of the diversity of our school: just as four hundred years ago, pupils from a broad range of backgrounds are being shaped into kind, hardworking and impressive young men.

We start this year with profound optimism and excitement. The school continues to be listed as one of the highest performing schools (including all independents) in the country and not just for academic reasons: a recent edition of The Spectator listed Wilson's as one of 'Four Notable Schools' in the UK, making

reference to our unique Year 7 instrumental programme, which continues to be a source of great pride.

As ever we were delighted with the academic outcomes this summer, reflecting the immense hard work of students and their teacher. Students were able to leave us to study a very wide range of courses in the UK and around the world. As we tell students often, one cannot expect to succeed all of the time, but when we do – let's celebrate! This we were able to do with our 2020 leavers in a belated, but very enjoyable reunion last Friday. We look forward to hearing about their achievements in the years to come.



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## Looking Ahead

- Monday 13 September - Y13 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Tuesday 14 September - Selective Eligibility Test - SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
- Wednesday 15 September - Y10 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 17 September - New Y7 Parents' Social Evening (7.00 p.m.)

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Welcome back

We are delighted to see pupils back in school, ready to enjoy new opportunities and experiences this year (more on the co-curricular plans next week!). We remind all parents and pupils that they must be considerate to local residents at drop-off and pick-up times, adhering to the new restrictions. We much prefer pupils to walk or use public transport and we strongly discourage parents from using Mollison Drive.





# GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION WINNERS

Over the summer holiday, we received some very exciting feedback from Warwick University as to why our two entrants, Clint Broadhead and Prabhas Vedagiri had won their Global Sustainable Development competition in their respective categories: essay and creative submissions.

For Clint's essay the judging panel said:

"In a compelling essay worthy of first place, the author explored the 'capitalist fixation around profits,' providing well-justified examples of how the ideology of corporations and governments have contributed to the unsustainability of our society. The author explained how they jeopardize planetary boundaries, as exemplified by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill or the fate of nations like Kiribati 'on their knees as victims of our high consumption.' The language is particularly gripping and emotive, drawing the reader in, with a hopeful concluding message regarding the 'ability of the people to wrestle our future away from the omnipotent corporations at the head of our means of production.'"

For Prabhas' collection of poetry, the judging panel said:

"the author has excellently incorporated a range of perspectives when discussing sustainability. There is a clear flow between the four poems, each with its own linked but separate message. The first poem 'Chaos' whimsically expresses the uncontrolled beauty of nature. The second poem contrastingly named 'Order' draws on personal observations of governance and politics globally and expresses a dark and powerful critique of leaders and our lifestyle. The third poem 'Lost' written from the perspective of an 'indigenous tribe member' discusses displacement and the destruction of their home. Finally, 'Ignored' presents a dystopian image of the environment in the heat of the climate crisis."

As a school we also received praise for having two students win in two different categories and Warwick are excited to see the submissions our Year 11 and 12 students enter for the competition this coming academic year.

To find out more information about the judging panel and the competition that Clint and Prabhas faced you can read the following two articles published by Warwick University: first is about the competition itself at [https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/gsdnews/gsd\\_competition\\_2021\\_winners/](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/gsdnews/gsd_competition_2021_winners/) and the second about the winners and runners up at <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/engagement/gsdcompetition/2021/>.



Pictured above: Clint and Prabhas.

## THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL MODEL UN CONFERENCE

This summer some of our students participated in the London International Model UN Conference and below is a write-up on it by Y13 student Neil (pictured):



The London International Model United Nations Conference is held annually with numerous international institutions proffering delegations to contribute to one of the most rewarding MUN experiences. Our delegates participated in the 'Connected Delegates Programme' - a weekly series of lessons and committee studies to further develop our knowledge regarding the workings of the UN and its constituent committees. Our delegation, being familiar with LIMUN's rules of procedure, were given the opportunity to hone their skills in applying these rules in conference situations which enriched their experience. In addition to this, our delegates received tailored guidance on how to structure speeches diplomatically and gained a more thorough understanding of what chairs look for when awarding prizes. Participating in the committee studies greatly informed our delegates in affirming their committee of specialisation in conferences as they understood the different jurisdictions and roles, of a range of UN committees. This training scheme has served as preparation for future conferences where we will strive to emulate the same successes that we achieved in the LSE YouthMUN Conference.





# CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE MUSICIANS!

If you're looking to start lessons on an instrument this term, there is still time to sign up! We have lots of different instruments on offer!

Piano	Mrs Ableman, Mr Ashworth, and Ms Dennis
Voice	Mr Hann and Mr Saklatvala
Oboe	Ms Dennis
Bassoon	Miss Allen
Flute	Mr Franks, Miss Driver, and Mr Mockford
Clarinet / Saxophone	Mr Sanders and Mr Cox
Violin	Ms Taylor
Cello	Mr Aslangul
Trumpet	Mr Marshall
Trombone/ French Horn	Mr Scaife
Percussion/ Drum kit	Mr French and Mr Kimber
Guitar	Mr Lawton, Mr Kockaya, and Mr Molyneux

Whether you're looking for something completely new or you're picking up something you've already tried before after a bit of a break, you will have a wonderfully enriching and productive experience with our talented teachers.

To sign up, all you need to do is visit the link below, download the agreement form and fill it in! Please then bring it to the Music Department as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can collect a paper copy of the form from the Music Office.

<https://wilsonsmusic.wixsite.com/index/peripatetic-music>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Ms Burton, Director of Music.



# YEAR 7 MUSIC PROGRAMME

On Wednesday this week, our new cohort of Year 7 students were inducted into our music programme. As part of the Year 7 Music curriculum, every student receives musical tuition in one of the following: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, orchestral percussions, or voice. Our instrumental teachers demonstrated the workings of their instruments, how they make the sounds they do and the kind of music best suited to the instrument, dazzling our students with their expertise and musicality. Meanwhile, our voice teacher, Mr Hann, took the students through an important rite of passage at Wilson's: a solo singing audition! In the coming week, our students will receive their first lessons. We wish them all the very best of luck for the exciting journey that is about to begin!



# WILSON'S CHESS FESTIVAL

Wilson's Chess Festival went very smoothly with students assisting in setting up the venue and tidying away at the end. The chess was played to a high standard with no serious disputes to resolve.

Congratulations go to the winners and runners up:

### Section Alekhine

- 1st Sahil Kohli (5.5/7)
- 2nd = Pratyush Manchandia and Adam Ali (5/7)
- 3rd= David Yuan, Idhant Lodha and Koushikk Ayyappan (4.5/7)

### Section Botvinnik

- 1st Dekrish Ganesamoorthy (7/8)
- 2nd= Advik Jain, Shubh Khare and Gautham Subramanian (6/8)
- 5th Tanishk Bahl (5/8)

You can find results at <https://ecflms.org.uk/lms/node/59146/home> by clicking on July Festival A (or B).

Revised (or first ratings for some) can be found on the ECF website.



Wilson's Update  
Non sibi sed omnibus



# FOOTBALL NEWS

## Player Of The Week.



Pictured above: Kwesi (left) and Matthew (right)

Zayn (Yr 11) covered every blade of grass in a man of the match performance for the U16As and in the other U16 game Caleb (Yr 11) was instrumental in their win. Dhillon (Yr 12) continued his good from the summer with two fine goals for the U17s. Matthew (Yr 11) scored on his 1st XI competitive debut with a composed finish and player of the week comes from the 1st XI with Kwesi (Yr 13) putting in a complete performance. He finished the game with two assists and two goals, one being an early goal of the season contender.

## Team Of The Week:

It was a good opening weekend with the 1st XI, U17As, U16As and U16Bs all registering comprehensive wins. The U17As played some excellent attacking football while the 1st XI and U16As got the always important clean sheet. Team of the week are the 5th XI (pictured below) who won 4-0 with a promising team display.



## Wilson's 1st XI 4 Vs 0 Tonbridge

After an intense pre-season at Mollison Drive, the first eleven arrived on Saturday morning in high anticipation of their first run out of the season. Always a tough opening opposition, Tonbridge started the game on the front foot by asserting themselves as the physically dominant side. Goalkeeper Ellis (Yr 13) was tested early on but proved impermeable as ever while allowing his side to grow into the game.

It was not long before Wilson's had managed to manoeuvre the ball around an aggressive press to the feet of Kwesi (Yr 13) on the left flank, who beat his man effortlessly before squaring the ball to newly converted centre forward Tom (Yr 13). Facing an empty net, the captain was greeted by Kwesi's tidy run with an easy tap in. 1-0 Wilson's. The rest of the opening half lacked quality in both final thirds, with a hard-fought battle unfolding between midfielders Clint, Tobi, George (all Yr 13) and their Tonbridge counterparts. However, credit remains with the Wilsons defensive duo of Jasper (Yr 13) and Harry (Yr 11), who continued to prove themselves as a reliable pair. Despite some good performances, the boys went in at the break with the knowledge that far more would be needed to see them gain their first win of the season.

After a typically inspiring half time team talk from Mr Wells, Wilson's came out a new side in the second half. Winning more second balls in the opening five minutes than the entirety of the first half, it was inevitable that the Tonbridge defence would soon come under pressure. And that it did, as it was not long into the latter forty-five that Kwesi had got himself on the scoresheet with a calmly slotted finish after finding himself one on one with the keeper. 2-0 Wilsons. Only a matter of minutes later, an intelligent Joel (Yr 13) pass saw Kwesi add to his own fun with an audacious thirty yard shot on goal, which the keeper could only watch as it sailed into the back of the net. 3-0 Wilson's, with an early goal of the season contender. With the deal sealed, debutant Mathew (Yr 11) couldn't help but add himself to the score sheet in the dying moments of the game, latching on to a precise Kwesi through ball and keeping his composure to kill the game. 4-0 Wilsons.

A scrappy game against a physical and sharp Tonbridge side, but a win nonetheless to kick start the first eleven's season. Special mention to Freddie (Yr 11), Jindu (Yr 12), Hari (Yr 12), Harry (Yr 11) and Matthew (Yr 11) for all making their full season debuts for the 1s.

Match Report: 1st XI Captain Tom (Yr 13)

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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# FOOTBALL RESULTS

It has been two years since we were able to play Tonbridge in our usual season opener, so it was fantastic to see the boys playing again. It was a promising opening fixture with good wins for four out of the five teams. A big well done to all the boys, it was a fantastic effort to get over 70 boys playing football before school has started and they were praised by the opposition for not only their performance but also their sporting behaviour.

## Saturday 4 September, 2021 Wilson's vs. Tonbridge

1st XI	won	4 - 0
2nd XI	lost	1 - 2
3rd XI	won	4 - 2
4th XI	won	3 - 0
5th XI	won	4 - 0

