



# NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS

This week, pupils in all year groups have reflected on the deeper meaning of the school's motto, which means "not for oneself but for all". These words obviously denote the importance of sharing, being selfless and looking out for others. But they also have a much deeper meaning: we value and trust others and we accept the profound value of their experiences, their attitudes, and their differences.

We are all more likely to feel happy, able to be ourselves, and reach our full potential if we can be in an environment where people of all different identities are valued for who they are, believing, accepting and valuing the life experiences that others have faced. Accordingly, we renewed our promise to ourselves never to be complacent about racism or homophobia, transphobia or hateful attitudes to women or to people who are disabled. That goes for teachers, pupils, parents and everybody who interacts with our buildings or our people. We must make certain that everybody can talk about

their experiences confident that they will be believed and supported.

Later this term, we will launch the new Charities Committee so that we establish a systematic and effective approach to charity fundraising in the school, honouring the legacy of Mrs Gill, our long-serving Head of Computing who died last year. There have been some great charity fundraising projects in recent months, but the committee will seek to make enduring links with particular charities and ensure that regular events become part of the school calendar.

We act most wisely when we base our beliefs and actions on the best of human nature in its full diversity, and when we reflect with compassion on the experiences of others. It is with this strength of purpose that we look ahead to another challenging and exciting year!



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## Looking Ahead

- Thursday 30 September - Year 7 Chess Tournament (3.30 - 5.30 p.m.)
- Thursday 30 September - Y8 Soloists' Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Saturday 2 October - Second Stage Entrance Exam.
- Monday 4 October - Y9 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 6 October - Y11 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 7 October - Y9 Music Recital (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 8 October - MUFTI Day.

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Report a Concern

Pupils have been reminded this week that they can use the "Report a Concern" link on the school website to alert the school to any incidents of bullying, racism, extremism, radicalisation, homophobia and sexism. Pupils can use the form to tell us if they are concerned about their welfare or that of another person.

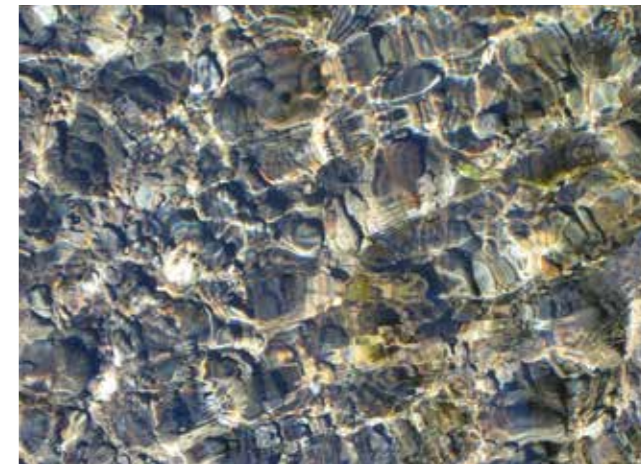


# ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY AMBASSADOR SCHEME

The Geography Department, through the RGS Ambassador scheme, welcomed back this week a former Wilsonian, George Worrall, currently studying Geography at Emmanuel College Cambridge. George spoke to our Year 11 and 12 students about the joys and importance of studying Geography at A Level and university respectively.

George captivated our Year 11 students with the breadth and depth of the subject of Geography, demonstrating not only its academic relevance but also the everyday applications of the content that they learn in the classroom. The Year 11 students were particularly fascinated about the reclamation of land from the South China Sea for military and economic purposes as well as the environmental implications of the melting permafrost in Siberia.

George spoke eloquently to our Year 12 students about the wide variety of learning and fieldwork opportunities that studying Geography as a university degree offers to them as well as deftly fielding questions about university/college life. The combination of academic and pastoral information was greatly appreciated by the Year 12 students as a first hand insight into the next stage of their academic journey. The Geography Department looks forward to working further with George in developing a continued enthusiasm for Geography amongst the students, as well as reading his dissertation on the geopolitics of outer space.



# GARDENING CLUB

Sunflowers!

Last term our gardening club grew some beautiful sunflowers in the area outside the sixth form centre. Most of the flowers bloomed in the school holidays, which made it a little difficult for our gardeners to see the very bright flowers, so Mrs Higgs kindly took the attached pictures. The students had looked after the seedlings very carefully, using ecologically friendly methods to remove pests, and tying them to bamboo canes to stop them toppling over.

We have also retained the seed heads and plan to use them next summer to plant more sunflowers! Gardening club will return in the spring of 2022.



# WELLBEING

Wilson's is very lucky to have two new prefects this year; Alex with responsibility for the environment, and Daniel with responsibility for wellbeing and participation in the school. Both are passionate about their new roles and are keen for you to join them and become involved.

Alex, Environment Prefect.

Everyone cares about the environment and wishes the world to be rid of the selfish, damaging acts which occur globally every day. However, it is the actions that we can do in our local communities that are the best starting points from which to tackle these universal issues. As the new environmental prefect for Wilson's, I plan to raise awareness about environmental problems that can be solved, both inside and outside school. Creating a productive and proactive attitude towards tackling environmental issues is a fantastic way to establish a long-lasting atmosphere of enthusiasm regarding environmental change. This would help the future students to continue making further improvements within the school and the local community.

At Wilson's there is already a Gardening club and Wildlife Club to promote the reintegration of native species of plants and animals into our community. This is a brilliant initiative and one which is gaining popularity throughout the UK. The Knepp wilding project in West Sussex has succeeded in rewilding a 3,500 acre estate, and it has yielded amazing outcomes, such as observing 5 species of owls, one of the rarest bats in Europe and a host of other examples not seen in the UK for decades. I urge anyone who is interested to get involved in both the gardening and the rewilding so that our school can experience some of its effects on our site.

After attending a talk by Tania Flasck, a Director and Chair in the UK's water sector, I realised that water usage is another area which we could raise more awareness about. Simple things like checking that toilets are not leaking, turning off taps and not showering for too long can save astronomical amounts of water. It is estimated that around two billion litres of water are used for showers in the UK per day! In terms of the school's water usage, it is possible to ask for a 'Smarter Business Visit' from Thames Water, where they come to the school to help identify and reduce water wastage – all for free. This would be a great, cost effective way of saving money and water and I will be looking into this to try and get it organised.

This is not a one man job so I will be needing the help of all those excited about making positive strides in our community (which should be everyone!), so do get in touch with me if you have any ideas or suggestions. Remember that it is the frequent, little lifestyle shifts that create a greater overall impact. No change is too small.



**Alex, Y13, Environment Prefect**



**Daniel, Y13, Wellbeing and Participation Prefect**

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My name is Daniel, and I'll be serving as the new Wellbeing and Participation Prefect this academic year. My brain is positively buzzing with ideas about wellbeing, and I'm very excited to share them and hopefully put them into action! I hope to spread awareness as well, by talking to younger years about their wellbeing and sprucing up some display boards around the school with club information to encourage participation. Most importantly, I want to make my predecessor proud and bring this role to life in a (fingers crossed) lockdown-free year!

# WILSON'S SENIOR PRODUCTION 2021 LIVES ON!

One of the unfortunate consequences of a third lockdown, for the Drama Department, was the cancelling of the live performance of the Senior Production Chekhov's 'The Seagull'. Rehearsals started in earnest back in October 2020 with many familiar faces of the drama scene at Wilson's looking forward to their last show at the school before departing for University. And what a show it was set to be! The company were so compelled by the story that in the end Mr Kavanagh threw out the translation they were using and adapted the play himself, making the show a world premiere for Wilson's. Alas, Covid struck once more and the play's live incarnation had to wait. However, all was not lost. A sound booth was set up in the Drama Studio and over four weeks the cast recorded the audiobook of the play which, after a summer holiday's worth of time for editing, is now available to hear for free on the school website. It's not the same as live theatre but it's a worthy compromise in continually trying times for the Arts. Enjoy!

Wilson's Senior Production  
THE SEAGULL  
By Anton Chekhov  
A New Adaptation by Ben Kavanagh  
Follow this link to listen:  
<https://www.wilsons.school/curriculum/dept/drama/seagull/>



# RUGBY IS BACK IN GOLD AND BLACK

Last week saw the return of competitive rugby fixtures for the first time in well over a year, with the 1st XV and U14A teams taking the field against Caterham and Wallington County Grammar School respectively.

First up were the 1st XV, a combination of predominantly sixth form students, with a few Year 11s included in the match day squad. Caterham were the visitors, always very well-drilled and with a plethora of rugby playing scholars to select from. What ensued was a fiercely physical and competitive contest. Despite having not played contact rugby throughout the last eighteen months, players from both teams were showing they had lost nothing in sheer grit and determination, in both attack and defence...!! With numerous debuts on the Wilson's side, it was great to see the team gel and begin to put the ball through the hands with confidence and quality. Led by captain Callum (Year 13), the pack were equally as dominant as their opposition, with the now 'veterans' Pablo, Aditya and Sam (Year 13s) backed up by the mercurial Jackson at fly half (also Year 13), there was good go-forward ball which allowed the back line some opportunities to attack. What was most impressive was the defensive side of the game. Arthuschan and Jin Woo (Year 13) in the centres were pillars of granite, with a 'thou shall not pass' mentality. Tackle of the day was awarded to Akila (Year 13), playing at full back and the last line of defence who put his body on the line to stop the marauding Caterham prop. However, Player of the Match was Wilson's prop Sam, a ball-carrying bulldozer who made big yardage every time he had the ball. A real example to the rest of the team. Despite a narrow loss, the victory was the manner in which the match was played and the positives that every individual and the team can take moving forward. Onto The Cedars next week.

The U14As made the short journey to Wallington Boys on Thursday, in weather that was more akin to the height of the cricket season than that of the rugby term. The sun shone and it was as if it signified the light after so many dark months of cancelled fixtures.

The way the away team started was like they had never had any time off, racing into a five tries to one lead by half time.... dreamland! Ethan was speed personified, showing a clean pair of heels to numerous flailing defenders. Captain Dylan was calling the shots, proving that playing for a club outside of school really can advance a player's skill set. Zack was at his industrious best, driving the team up the pitch and handling the ball with more composure than in previous seasons. Eliram at scrum half was as tenacious as ever, really stepping up to the physical challenge. The message at the break was not to be complacent, as it was clear WCGS were going to come

back strong in the second half. Some scrappy handling errors and a lack of fitness began to show. No matter how many Joe Wicks workouts you do in your bedroom, there is no substitute for match fitness and that is what was lacking as the match drew on. The home team had an abundance of fresh legs on the side lines and they were able to cope with the sweltering heat better than those in black and gold. The match finished in a defeat, by 45-30. There is definitely potential in this team but more time in the training paddock is required.

Overall, a great first week of rugby and start to the competitive season.



Pictured above and below:  
U14A Rugby vs. WCGS



# FOOTBALL NEWS

A tough week for our football teams as we faced our most difficult block of the season against the strongest footballing school in the country Hampton. The boys faced tough games but never stopped trying and working hard.

### Player Of The Week:

Jadon (Yr 12) was excellent in centre midfield for the 2nd XI, winning tackles and showing composure on the ball. Asa (Yr 10) put in a complete centre forward performance for the U15As, holding the ball up well and always looking dangerous. Player of the week is 4th XI inspirational captain Lewis (Yr 12), he led his side superbly to two fantastic wins

### Team Of The Week:

In a difficult week we have two teams of the week! The 4th XI put in a courageous performance to beat Hampton 1-0, all the side showed fantastic spirit to gain a famous win and clean sheet. The U15As put in one of their best performances for the school playing some breath-taking attacking football to beat Hampton 4-1. Well done both squads.

Pictured below: Lewis, Player of the Week



Pictured above: 2nd XI vs. John Fisher

Pictured below: U15A Team of the Week



## Wilson's Chess Successes

UK Chess Challenge is a very popular chess tournament which has tens of thousands of entrants. This year two of our pupils have played so well that they have reached the 'Terafinal', featuring only 60 players from the whole country, aged from 5 to 18. Both our players are in Year 8: Shlok (8B) and Denis (8H). We congratulate them both on this considerable achievement and wish them well as they prepare to play at Blenheim Palace in the October Terafinal.

Chess continues to be very popular with many pupils at Wilson's with over 100 students participating in the Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime chess clubs, now organised by year group. The Year 7 chess tournament taking place on Thursday 30 September already has 47 entrants, but there is space for more. If you are interested please speak to Dr Cooper.

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)  
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## FOOTBALL RESULTS

### Wednesday 15 September

#### Wilson's vs John Fisher

2nd XI lost 1 - 2

#### Wilson's vs Trinity

5th XI lost 3 - 4

### Thursday 16 September

#### Wilson's vs Whitgift (Ntl Cup)

U14A lost 0 - 6

#### Wilson's vs Trinity (Friendlies)

U15B lost 0 - 6

U14B lost 0 - 7

U14C lost 2 - 5

### Saturday 18 September

#### Wilson's vs Hampton (Friendlies)

U14A lost 0 - 2

U14B lost 0 - 6

U14C lost 1 - 5

U14D lost 0 - 12

U15A won 4 - 1

U15B lost 0 - 9

U15C lost 0 - 11

U15D lost 0 - 8

U16A lost 0 - 6

U16B lost 0 - 6

U16C lost 1 - 11

4th XI won 1 - 0

2nd XI lost 0 - 7

1st XI lost 0 - 3

