



MUSICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Twenty-five Year 8 pupils gave accomplished performances during our first live Soloists' Evening of the year on Thursday. With so many excellent performances it is hard to pick out particular highlights, but Joshua's performance of Eugene Bozza's *Aria* for Alto Saxophone was outstanding, as was Alex's lively rendering of Helen Hopekirk's *Air* for piano, as well as stylish performances of Haydn and Telemann on the piano by Bobur and Egemen. We enjoyed a series of fine guitar performances, culminating in Mark's Gigue from Bach's Lute Suite in A minor, BWV 997, while Vignesh continues to give transfixing performances of Sri Tyagarajah's compositions for voice.

At this time of year, as our senior students look to the future (with two students in Year 13 pursuing Oxbridge choral scholarships this year), we take enormous pleasure in observing the talent that thrives in younger year groups and this Year 8 group proves no exception! With Year 9 Musicians' Evening next week and GCSE and A level recitals following next half term, there is much thrilling solo music-making yet to come this term.

We are also delighted that over 250 pupils are once again involved in school musical ensembles, with rehearsals for Senior Orchestra, Senior Strings, Wind Bands, Choirs, and several smaller ensembles now underway. The Charity Orchestral Concert will take place on Wednesday, 1 December, with tickets available soon after half term. The Carol Service will be held, as usual, in Croydon Minster on Monday, 13 December.

Meanwhile, work is already underway on our new £2.5m Music School, which will provide a large recital room, three new music classrooms and nine new music practice rooms – as well as a new fitness suite for use by boys and staff. In addition, refurbishment of existing spaces will provide us with four new sports changing rooms as well as offering us the opportunity to re-model some of our existing changing facilities. We are currently appealing to benefactors to assist us in fitting-out our new facilities. If you would like to sponsor a piece of fitness or music equipment please speak with the Director of Development via the School Office.



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- [Absence Request Form](#)
- [Calendar](#)

Looking Ahead

- 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

Be safe, be seen!

In the winter months, pupils can wear a smart, dark, plain coat or jacket over the blazer to and from school (not instead of a blazer). Many pupils also wear a reflective band on their jackets or put reflective stickers on their bags. Even a small patch of reflective material can help drivers to see us from very far away.





RUGBY NEWS

U15A Rugby Team back with a bang!

On Tuesday 21 September, the Year 10 Rugby Team welcomed local rivals Wallington County Grammar School to Mollison Drive for their first competitive rugby fixture since March of last year. Having had a couple of training sessions in Games afternoons, the squad was primed and ready for the challenge that lay ahead. How they rose to that challenge will live long in the memory. In a fiercely physical battle, both teams exchanged early passages of possession and looked assured with ball in hand, despite the long match-day layoff. Without the ball, tackles were abrasive and nobody shirked their responsibility. Going into half time, the away team led 12-10 and the tension was palpable.

The half team talk consisted of one simple message, "Attack and defend as a team; not as individuals". On another unusually warm day for the time of year, the ball carrier needed at least two or three options when approaching contact, with fatigue sure to be a factor as the match wore on. The defensive line had to be a cohesive unit. "Shoulder, arms, leg drive" was the mantra in the tackle, something the team didn't stop doing all afternoon. The breakthrough came with the always impressive Michael (10C), with an enviable combination of strength and speed, slicing through the blue defence

and scoring a double in no time. Sam (10S) was beginning to show a greater understanding of the game, reading when to run and when better to offload. Ravindu (10H) was back to his bulldozing best, taking at least four players to stop him and putting in some bone-thundering tackles. Captain Toba (10B) was orchestrating at scrum-half, a pivotal position and one he is really growing into. More assured performances from Poorwa (10B), Demilade (10G) and Hersh (10D) kept the team ticking along but Player of the Match was awarded to Abhinav (10S), someone who has really worked hard over the last three seasons. The hard-work is now paying dividends and from first whistle to last, Abhinav proved he is more than worthy of his place, showing particular composure when being faced by two oncoming WCGS tacklers.

The match finished Wilson's 37-12 WCGS. What a way to start the season and well done to all the players who took part.

CHESS FIXTURES RESULTS

Ivan Gromov Online Schools League

Wilson's A lost to KCS Wimbledon
2.5 - 3.5
Wins for Raghav (9H) and Varun (U6), draw for Henry (11D)

Wilson's B lost to Eton College A
2 - 4
Win for Idhant (9G), draws for Anuj (8D) and Pratyush (10S)



Pictured above: U15A rugby vs. Wallington County Grammar School.



SOUTHAMPTON MATHS CHALLENGE

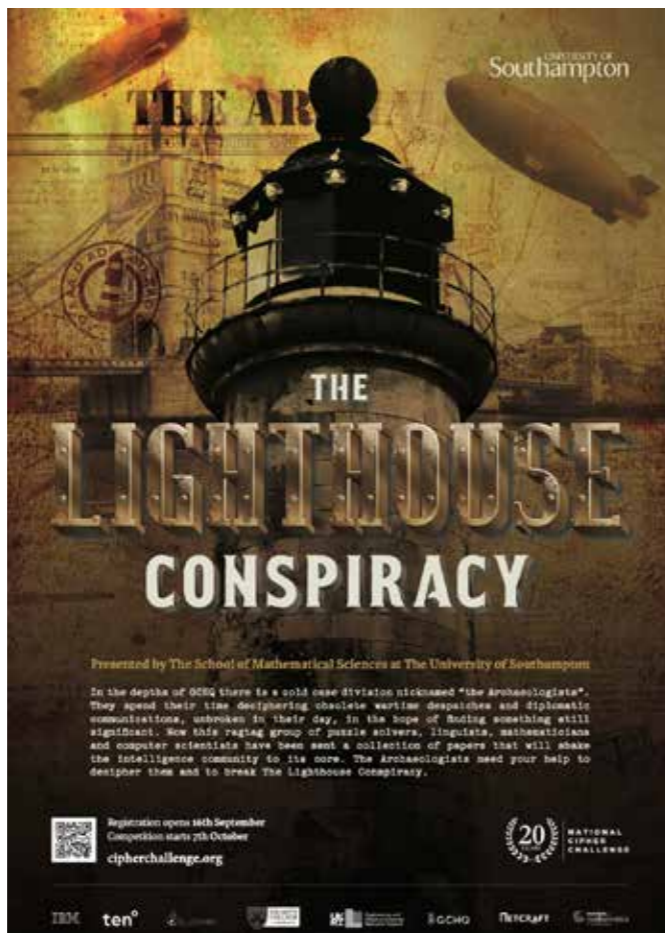
Congratulations to all those students who participated in and were successful at, the Southampton University Maths Challenge. They were all invited to an online presentation evening last term and received their certificates last week.

One of the students who took part (Dekrishh - 8C), had the following to say:

"I really enjoyed doing the Southampton Maths Challenge as it made me think about the fun questions. Additionally, there was lots of time to think about the questions meaning I could answer them to the best of my abilities.

I also enjoyed the Zoom meeting about the very interesting topic of a million-pound question. It was fun to think about this question and to learn more about how no-one to this day has solved it."

Anyone wishing to enter the Cipher Challenge (also run by Southampton University) must register before 7 October.



Pictured above: Year 7 - 9 prizewinners.
Pictured below: Participants with their certificates.



LEARNING POLISH

Article by Mr Lawson, Head of Classics

The most difficult part of the recent lockdowns for me was being unable to go travelling in far-off places. Many of the staff, students and parents have heard my stories of meeting wonderful people and getting to sleep in amazing places. I have decided the time has come to visit Poland and it is going to get my full attention for a while during half-term.

I'll be flying into Krakow and then walking to Katowice and Jasna Gora. I will need to learn some Polish words. Very likely Krakow will present no problems in speaking English, but as soon as I take the road on foot to the west, English will become less and less widely-spoken. For that reason, I am learning Polish. Not only is this the polite thing to do, it will also mean I can find food, water, shelter and conversation.

Time and again you may hear people tell you that you can rely on English. Don't. It doesn't matter whether you are any good or not – if you try the local language, you will get a much better reception. I have found this everywhere I have walked. The conversations I will be able to have by the roadside may be

basic, but they will be genuine. After just a few hours on google translate, I can say good day, how are you? Hello, please, thank you, sorry sir, no excuse sir! And lots of other things. I have bought a phrase book and this is useful on the train home every day. I have also started going into Polish delicatessen shops in Croydon to seek "Polskie piernicki prozse". I get what I want and a whole load of laughs. I have even been to a Polish restaurant in Streatham, where I did eventually get what I wanted, including what seems Poland's national dish – pierogi. If you are in one of my classes you will remember the lovely ginger bread with cherry jam you got during your last test.

Language learning is a joy. Travelling without a script even more so. Putting the two together is what makes life worthwhile.

Finally, I have a favour to ask anyone who knows some Polish. Please come and try speaking a few words to me. Be gentle, as I am very much a beginner. Even a minute or so a day helps build my skills and knowledge.



FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Christopher (Yr 11) had a busy week for the 3rd XI. He put the team first as captain, to step in for injured goalkeeper Max against Alleyn's, and then played to his usual high standard as centre forward against Bede's. Ishaan (Yr 11) was the hero for the 6th XI scoring a fantastic goal in their good draw versus Alleyn's. Tharren (Yr 9) has been consistently good in goals for the U14Cs and has excelled off the pitch as well. He has got the team organised, always encouraging and been an excellent captain. Player of the week is Conor (Yr 11) who dictated the game, showed some great touches, and had three assists for the 5th XI on Saturday.

Team Of The Week:

The 1st XI put in one of the most impressive displays in recent times with a fantastic 2-1 win against one of the strongest school teams in the country, Bede's. The 3rd XI continued their good start to the season with a win and a draw against two strong teams away. It was a good week for all the U13 teams as they came back unbeaten from the long trip to Forest school. Team of the week are the 5th XI who played some fantastic attacking football to beat Bede's 6-4, the goals coming from Hriday 2, Christian 2 and Luka 2 (all Yr 11).

Pictured below: 5th XI Team of the Week



Pictured above: U12A vs Riddlesdown

Pictured below: Ishaan, 6th XI Goalscorer



Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 21 September

Wilson's vs Forest School (Friendlies)

U13A	drew	2 - 2
U13B	won	5 - 1
U13C	won	3 - 1

Wednesday 22 September

Wilson's vs Alleyn's (Friendlies)

1st XI	lost	0 - 1
2nd XI	lost	1 - 4
3rd XI	won	2 - 1
4th XI	drew	2 - 2
5th XI	lost	0 - 6
6th XI	drew	1 - 1

Wilson's vs Trinity (Friendlies)

U12A	lost	0 - 7
U12B	lost	2 - 5
U12C	lost	1 - 3
U12D	drew	3 - 3

Thursday 23 September

Wilson's vs Southborough (Ntl Cup)

U15A	lost	2 - 3 (on penalties)
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Friday 24 September

Wilson's vs Riddlesdown (Ntl Cup)

U12A	lost	2 - 5 (AET)
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Saturday 25 September

Wilson's vs Bede's (Friendlies)

1st XI	won	2 - 1
2nd XI	lost	0 - 10
3rd XI	drew	1 - 1
4th XI	lost	2 - 8
5th XI	won	6 - 4
U15A	drew	2 - 2