



# GCSE MUSIC RECITAL

On Thursday 7 October, our new cohort of GCSE musicians gathered together in the John Jenkins Hall to perform for a warm gathering of family and friends. This was a truly momentous occasion for many of our students as they had never before performed as a soloist in front of a live audience - and yet the spotlight didn't faze them! Everyone rose to the occasion, demonstrating with much finesse and sensitivity, their burgeoning musical abilities. The programme was excitingly diverse with such classics as Mozart's "Rondo alla

Turca" and the traditional song "Down by the Salley Gardens" brushing shoulders with several jazzy numbers, an etude by Louise Farrenc, and pop hits including "Ghost Town" and "Smells Like Teen Spirit." If this evening's concert is anything to go by, we will surely be treated to more musical wonders in the future! Congratulations to everyone involved!

To see our GCSE musicians playing live, please come to the Charity Orchestral Concert on 1 December 2021.



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## Looking Ahead

- Friday 15 October - End of Half Term.
- Monday 1 November - Term continues at the usual time.
- Monday 1 - Friday 5 November - Year 11 Mocks
- Tuesday 2 - Friday 5 November - Years 12 and 13 Geography Fieldtrip
- Tuesday 9 November - Oxbridge Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 10 November - EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS 1.05 p.m.

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Parking and waiting around the school

Parents are reminded to avoid parking or waiting in the vicinity of the school; each car on Link Lane or Mollison Drive slows down the journeys home for all those pupils who travel responsibly by bus.

The Hannibal Way gate is open for pupils for 15 minutes at the end of each day and this provides a much less stressful way to collect pupils by car!



# WELLBEING UPDATE

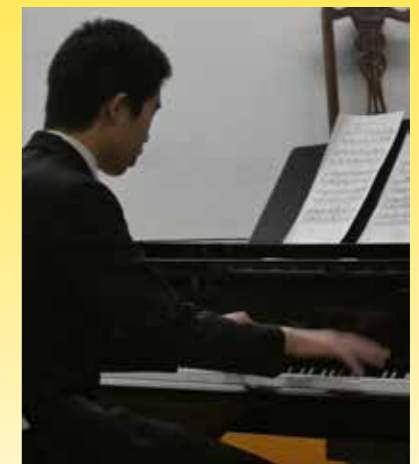
Life has slowly been getting back to normal and it would be easy to presume that this would make things easy and that many of the struggles we experienced over the last eighteen months had simply disappeared. But the reality is that things at times are still difficult and it is OK to admit that. But there are some things we can do to help as we go through this period of transition. Make sure you are getting back into helpful routines, such as a sensible and consistent bedtime. Sleep is very important in the regulation of our mood, having a healthy immune system and being prepared to learn every day. Make sure you are making time each day for doing something you enjoy and something which helps you relax. Downtime is just as important as hard-work. Get involved! Our co-curricular timetable is full of various clubs, societies and activities that you can get involved with. They will help you make friends and discover passions, and they will keep you healthy, both physically and mentally. Keep an eye out for notices in the announcements during morning registration

Geography Society is a place where anyone in the school can come to express their passion and interest for Geography. Presentations and documentaries are shown weekly on topics ranging from Quirky Borders to Animal Adaptations to the Bermuda Triangle (a topic on which we have just had a presentation recently). Avid Geographers all migrate to Room 24, where, on Tuesday lunchtimes, a plethora of Geography topics are discussed. Later on this term, we will be discussing topics from the peak of Mount Everest, to the dark mysterious tunnels of the London Underground. Geography Society is a place where students can indulge in both their lunch and the vast abundance of information presented to them.

Some lunchtimes, we watch documentaries by David Attenborough and Ade Adepitan and are immersed in the natural world as we join them on their exploits throughout the world. They discuss many prevailing topics in today's modern world and inspire us to take action to lessen the impacts of global crises such as climate change. We all learn something new whilst sharing our love for Geography with other Geographers through weekly quizzes at the end of each presentation. We are always looking for new students who are passionate about Geography to join our club and are looking forward to the many upcoming presentations in the new half-term. Remember to come to Geog. Soc on Tuesday lunchtimes in Room 24 to see the natural world in a whole new perspective!

Article by Amey, Krish and Vivaan (9B2)

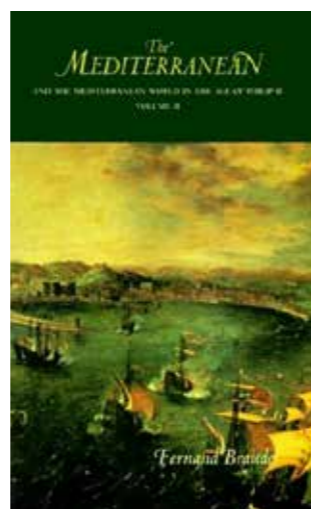
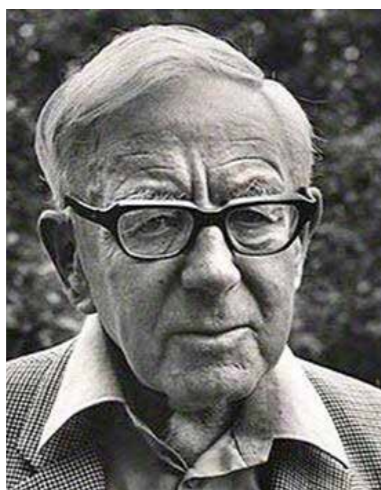
of what you can get involved in. Being able to unwind and have fun at lunchtime is important for feeling happy. Finally, ask for help if you need it. If you are finding it hard, that is perfectly normal, and there is a lot of support available at school. Form tutors, Heads of Year and Pupil Support Managers are always available to help and give advice. Students also have access to the school nurse, counsellor and Child Wellbeing Practitioner (who leads self-guided courses for anxiety and low mood) for more specialist support. And if you are not sure where to turn, Ms Banner runs Wellbeing drop-in everyday Friday morning before school in her office, and the Report a Concern Tool on the website will mean your concern gets to the right person. We want your life at school to be as full and enjoyable as possible, and ultimately want you to look back at your time at Wilson's with fond memories, regardless of the bizarre times we have been experiencing.



# PARTICIPATION - JOIN A CLUB

Running every Thursday at lunchtime, History Club sees budding historians from throughout the school and teachers of the department meet to listen to students and teachers present and to discuss their findings. Over twenty students regularly attend, from enthusiastic lower school students to GCSE and A-Level historians who enjoy exploring the events, people and schools of thought around and beyond the curriculum. Interestingly, discussions often focus either on themes which are distinct from what is taught in lessons or around what the practice of history actually is and how it should be approached. Such broad topics give students the opportunity to discuss, among themselves and then as a larger group, the different ideas about how the past should be interpreted by Historians. The talks delivered are often on special interests researched by students for both university preparation and for national competitions. Last year, the discussions ranged from the Unification of Germany to the paintings of the Dutch Golden Age, and to modern Japanese and Chinese political history. For the first meeting of the term, Ms Riddle delivered a talk on the French historian Fernand Braudel, and how his seminal work *The Mediterranean* and the Mediterranean world at the time of Philip II demonstrates the ways in which the assessment of history can be informed by the physical landscape and other aspects of geography. Students were invited to share their own thoughts on how this way of thinking applies to their GCSE and A Level courses. The following week, Mr Gore delivered a talk on the controversial historian A. J. P. Taylor, framing him as someone who would have been shaped by his political, familial, economic, and national background. This level of critical thinking is highly relevant to the coursework element of the A Level and was especially useful to sixth formers seeking a more informed, rounded understanding of Taylor's stance on the rise of authoritarian Nazism in Germany.

History Club is held every Thursday in Room 26 from 1.15pm.



## Wilson's Film Club

Wilson's Film Club is exclusively run by Year 13 students, who give up much of their time to do so. One of their projects this term will include launching a booklet with recommendations for film and TV viewing over the holidays and will feature reviews from students in different year groups, as well as some from teachers! Below is one of the short reviews which will be featured in the booklet.



### Penguin Bloom - review by Pavamaan (9S)

Penguin Bloom is a strong story about how a woman who loses the ability to move her legs loses hope but is inspired by a magpie (called 'Penguin') to not give up and continue to live life. It is an exceptional story and really gives a sense of courage and gives the moral about how even though there are setbacks in life, you must rise over them and continue to move on. It has quite an emotional feeling throughout the film and has some emotional scenes where the mother (who lost the ability to move her legs) is disheartened, and they are all wonderfully executed in order to give the audience a strong emotion and connect with the movie. It is a good method to use as it strengthens the understanding of the message by the audience and allows them to implement this into their lifestyle. I really enjoyed this movie as it was very engaging and would recommend it to anyone.

## Book Recommendations

Mr Lynch recommends 'How to Stop Time' by Matt Haig. Tom Hazard has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-year-old, but owing to a rare condition, he's been alive for centuries. From Elizabethan England to Jazz-Age Paris, from New York to the South Seas, Tom has seen a lot, and now craves an ordinary life. It's a life he once had, long-since buried but buried secrets have a habit of catching up with you and nobody can outrun their own past. Always changing his identity to stay alive, Tom has the perfect cover - working as a history teacher at a London comprehensive. Here he can teach the kids about wars and witch hunts as if he'd never witnessed them first-hand. He can try to tame the past that is fast catching up with him. The only thing Tom must not do is fall in love. How to Stop Time is a wild and bittersweet story about losing and finding yourself, about the certainty of change and about the lifetimes it can take to really learn how to live. Soon to be a major motion picture starring Benedict Cumberbatch.



## Further Book Recommendations

Mr Burton has been reading 'Outraged' by Ashley 'Dotty' Charles. A candid exploration of the state of outrage in our culture, and how we can channel it back into the fights that matter. Ours is a society where many exploit the outrage of others in order to gain power - and we all too quickly take the bait.



But by shouting about everything, we are in fact creating a world where outrage is without consequence. There is still much to be outraged by in our final frontier, but in order to enact change and become more effective online, we must learn to channel our responses. This is the essential guide to living through the age of outrage. He says it's 'An easy to read, humorous look at how easily we can be wound up to be outraged by social media and a reminder of the importance of keeping our powder dry for the things that should truly outrage us.'

## What a swim!

Over the summer holiday Miss Fairbrother, who is an avid swimmer, achieved something quite remarkable. She swam 44 miles, the distance across The English Channel and back which was the equivalent of 2500 lengths. She has (so far) raised a huge £1540 in support of Diabetes UK. This has put her in the top 10 fundraisers in the UK!

If you would like to donate and have not yet been able to, please use the following link: <https://swim22.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/megan253>.



# PARTICIPATION - JOIN A CLUB

## Staff Football

When it comes to participation, staff like to get involved too and once a week a group of us like to get together to play mixed football on the Astros. There is a huge range of skill and everyone is welcome, but we would all agree that we have an enormous amount of fun. For that hour we get a chance to forget how busy we might be, forget about the pile of marking that is waiting for us, and get to socialise with our workmates while getting to know each other in a more relaxed and fun way. Last year we were unable to play because of Covid restrictions and it has been fantastic to get back into this routine again on the pitch. Although the final score isn't the most important aspect (maybe that depends on who you ask!) last week a hat trick from Mr Walters and two goals and an assist from Miss Horton are surely worth a mention! The PFA are thanked for making a donation which allowed the team to purchase new bibs and balls.



## Walk of the Week

Walking became a passion for many of during the pandemic and over the various lockdowns. Every week in the newsletter we shall recommend a local walk, but with half term coming up, here are a few to whet your whistle. Mr Cole recommends two beautiful walks.

### Woldingham Countryside Walk

Explore hidden valleys, chalk downland and varied woodlands on this 5 mile scenic route. Allow at least 3 hours to enjoy the full route, while several shortcuts give you options for shorter walks. The route is marked by signposts and waymarks bearing the walk symbol. Full details and maps can be found here <https://mk0surreyhillsnfif4k.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Woldingham-leaflet.pdf>

### Shabden and Upper Gatton Parks Circular Walk

The walk starts south of Chipstead at the car park behind Elmore Pond and Chipstead Meads Recreation Ground. Walking here is a true adventure! If you want a day out that will exercise your mind as well as your legs, then this is the walk for you. Every turn, it seems, reveals glorious views across picturesque valleys. Woodland and meadow are plentiful, as are bird song and the buzz of insects. You won't find yourself completely cut off from civilisation though, there's a pub en route. Full details and maps can be found here [https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20197/walking/15/shabden\\_and\\_upper\\_gatton\\_parks\\_circular\\_walk](https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20197/walking/15/shabden_and_upper_gatton_parks_circular_walk)

### Mr Sturt has been enjoying walks around the London LOOP.

This circular Walk London route consists of 24 sections between Erith station and Purfleet. Taking the London LOOP is a great way to get to know London better. Made up of 24, mostly flat or gently sloping sections, its combination of beautiful open spaces like Hainault Forest Country Park and Bushy Park, historic buildings (Hall Place and Black Jack's Lock & Mill), makes this an enjoyable walk. What's more, you can access each of the 24 walks via public transport. Up to date map information can be found here <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/loop-walk>



Miss Horton recommends the App 'AllTrails'. Simply search which area you would like to walk in, and the App suggests many walks which can be filtered based on distance, difficulty, elevation, and even by what sights you would like to take in on the way. The App then gives you directions on how to get there and allows you to navigate your walk on a clear map. All the walks recommended here can be found in AllTrails.



# FOOTBALL NEWS

## Player Of The Week:

Ryan (Yr 10) was outstanding yet again for the U15Bs against Stanley Park, he made many top saves and led the back four with his usual authority. Roman (Yr 12) scored two instinctive goals from inside the box to give the 4th XI a good 2-2 draw away to Freeman's 2nd XI. Clint and George (both Yr 13) continued their good form for the 1st XI with two mature performances against Blenheim. Player of the week is Kwesi who completed an outstanding half term of football with four goals in one half of football for the 1st XI. In the six games this half term Kwesi's impressive form has returned ten goals and six assists.



## Team Of The Week:

Despite losing their games the U15Bs and 3rd XI acquitted themselves extremely well playing up a level. Two teams earn the reward of team of the week for going goal crazy. On a small pitch and despite going 1-0 down the 5th XI scored some excellent goals in their win. The 1st XI were relentless in their national cup game against Blenheim. Some superb attacking play led to Emmanuel (Yr 13), Dmitri (Yr 13) and Kwesi getting hat-tricks while the other was an unstoppable strike from Year 11 Freddie.

Pictured above: - Kwesi, Player of the Week  
Pictured below left: Dmitri - hat-trick for the 1st XI  
Pictured below right: Freddie, 1st XI goalscorer



# RUGBY NEWS

## 1st XV Rugby

Last Wednesday the 1st XV Rugby Team took on Dunottar, giving a physically strong and outright committed performance. Whilst the first half performance lacked the accuracy needed at this level, it lacked nothing in endeavour. Some lapses in defence and in fairness, some excellent play by the opposition meant four tries were conceded. However, the effort and sheer determination of the team, with some fleet of foot by centre Jin Woo did lead to the team's first try of the season. The second half was a closer affair with more possession by Wilson's. Whilst there were no more tries, the home team also kept the opposition to nil, a real result and proof the defensive structure is there when they all work in unison.

Whilst the match ended in a 26-5 loss, many positives were taken from it. The team are preparing for their first trip on the road, away against Tiffin School. Good luck to all involved.

# ATHLETICS

## English Schools Athletics Cross Country Cup

On Tuesday 12 October a team of Junior and Intermediate athletes travelled to Stoke Park in Guildford for the ESAA Cross Country Competition which is open to schools across Surrey and acts as a qualifier for the regional finals. In the Junior event (2.4km), a team of Year 8 runners made up of Josh Y-W, Gautam P, Ethan J and Leon D took part. Josh led the way amongst the Wilson's quartet with Gautam closely following and Leon just behind. Ethan showed great strength and determination to sprint to the finish line. The boys finished in 18th, 19th, 20th and 22nd places, a great team effort..!!

The Inter Boys team consisted of two Year 9 students and three Year 10. From the outset, Alex L (9C) was ruthless, setting a tempo Mo Farah would have been proud of. He maintained the tempo looking even stronger as the 4km course drew to a close, finishing in a very well-deserved 1st place..! Next to cross the line was Bruno S (10C) in 13th overall, followed right behind by Josh A (9C) and Thuisijanthe E (10G) in 17th. The final Wilson's runner home was Thomas H (10G) in 24th.

An excellent team performance and we wait to see if it was enough to gain a place in the next round.



Pictured above - Alex (Year 9)

# Co-curricular and Sports Links

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

**Monday 4 October**  
**Wilson's vs Stanley Park (Friendly)**  
U15B           lost     2 - 4

**Wednesday 6 October**  
**Wilson's vs Blenheim (National Cup)**  
1st XI           won     11 - 0  
**Wilson's vs London Freeman's (Friendlies)**  
3rd XI           lost     0 - 1  
4th XI           drew    2 - 2  
5th XI           won     10 - 1

**Friday 8 October**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton (Friendlies)**  
U12A           lost     1 - 5  
U12B           lost     1 - 5  
U12C  
U12D           lost     2 - 7

# CHESS RESULTS

## Ivan Gromov Online Schools League

**Wilson's A beat Brentwood     5 - 1**  
Wins for Shivam (9H), Denis (8H), Raghav (9H), Rahul (10G) and Josh (8S)

**Wilson's B lost to Altrincham   2 - 4**  
Win for Shourya (8D), and draws for Anuj (8D) and Vedant (9G)

## Wilson's Chess Festival

Entries are now closed with over 100 entries received. So we will not be able to accept any entries on the day. Only those who applied by Wednesday 13 October will be able to play. If you are unsure of anything, please email Dr Cooper at nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk.

