



A Celebration of Excellence

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The Spring Term got off to a wonderful start with our first Prize Giving Ceremony for two years. Having been unable to celebrate the end of their time at Wilson's in the traditional ways, it was particularly special to welcome back members of the class of 2021 who left us for university at the end of last year. Together with our current prize winners, their families and our school governors and guests we were able to celebrate the many and varied successes of our students in 2020-21.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Baroness Hoey of Lylehill and Rathlin who had very kindly made her way from the House of Lords to Wallington for the evening's celebrations. She was delighted to see prizes awarded across such a wide range of areas and greeted each Prize winner warmly as they took to the stage. The evening began with form prizes for students who have demonstrated kindness and helped to bring the form closer together, working in various ways to improve the experience that their fellow students have at school. This was followed by subject prizes (for students who consistently demonstrate hard work and dedication to the subject, fully exploiting their natural talent and enthusiasm) and prizes for successful participation in e.g. the Duke of Edinburgh Award, drama, and debating, as well as for service to the school and resilience.

Many of the prizes have been endowed by old boys and former parents, and we were particularly delighted to be able to award this year for the first time the Kamaljit Gill Trophy for Charitable Service, in memory of our late and much missed colleague. Her family were able to join us for the evening to see the Trophy awarded. Anton and Theo in the Sixth Form treated us to accomplished musical performances and Aran, Monmoy, Syed, Adam and Atharva inspired us with reports of their endeavours with Outreach, Chess, the Charities Committee and the Templeton Scholarship project. It was a true celebration and set the tone for an exciting term ahead.



Links

[Next Week's Menus](#)

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Looking Ahead

- Monday 17 January - Year 10 Exams all week
- Monday 17 January - Higher Education Evening
- Thursday 20 January - Year 7 Soloist's Evening
- Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 January - Bronze D of E training weekend

Deputy Head's Reminder

Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

Our hearts have been warmed this week by a very thoughtful email from a former student (now at university) who started learning an instrument on the Year 7 scheme, who continues to play, and whose purchase of a new instrument has prompted him to donate his old one to the school for the benefit of another pupil. Not for oneself but for all, indeed!



Wilson's Update
Non sibi sed omnibus



FORM AWARDS FOR YEAR 12

In Monday's Year 12 Assembly, we were very pleased to present 10 Lower Sixth students with Form Awards. At the end of the Autumn Term, tutors were tasked with nominating just one student each for this award, based upon the following criteria:

- Who had shown real dedication to the SCS (Sports, Creativity and Service) programme
- Who had shown excellent diligence in their organisation for tutor sessions
- Who had shown excellent engagement with PSHE materials so far this year

Those nominated have acted as role models to others in their enthusiasm and good nature within the form. Congratulations goes to:

- Aayush in 12NC
- Muhammad in 12ADS
- Visnu in 12CEH
- Joe in 12PEG
- Nadeem in 12JER
- Josh in 12ZWC
- Pranav in 12CAR
- Rami in 12JSB
- Chris in 12AAW
- Arjun in 12RS



Year 10 Stock Market Competition

A key part of the GCSEplus curriculum for GCSE Business is to help students develop an understanding of the stock market and trading. Year 10 Business students have been given an introduction to the workings of the stock market and how to analyse company performance using websites such as Bloomberg. They were then set the challenge of investing in four companies from the FTSE 100 during the last half-term. With high levels of volatility in the market this was not

an easy decision for them to make. At the end of the trading period each Business class found out the best performer in their group. The overall investor champion across all Year 10 students was Vinay K. Class winners were Edmund L, Gautham M, Penuel O, Arnav P and Bharanie R. We hope all Business students have found this task interesting and may consider becoming potential investors in the future!

A Hobby of Mine

This week Mr Redmond (Physics) tells us about his exciting hobby.

What is your hobby?

Scuba Diving

How did you get into it?

My neighbour got me into it as he is a very keen diver and would commonly share stories and pictures of his diving holidays. I had always enjoyed swimming so this seems an ideal hobby to get into. I went along to his club and did a taster session. I enjoyed that so much I joined right away and started learning to dive.

What do you enjoy about it?

When you're out on a dive it is a very calming experience as it is far removed from the norms of everyday and thus can be very relaxing. Exploring wrecks and reefs can be very exciting as you are never sure as to what you will find.

What would you say to someone who wanted to try it?

The easiest way of getting into diving is through a club as they can train you and then you have a group of people to go diving with afterwards. Look to see if there is a local scuba or BSAC club in your area. Most clubs will offer a try dive which involves trying on the kit and swimming around a pool to see if you enjoy it before having to commit anything.





UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing.

The Bebras challenges are made of a set of short problems called Bebras tasks and are delivered online. The tasks are fun, engaging and based on problems that Computer Scientists often meet and enjoy solving. The tasks can be solved without prior knowledge but instead require logical thinking.

The aim is to solve as many as you can in the allotted time, 40 minutes. Unlike many other competitions, this is suitable for students of all abilities.

The competition runs for different year groups, as below, and this year the school entered into all categories, a total of over 500 students.

- Elite: Years 12 & 13
- Seniors: Years 10 & 11
- Intermediates: Years 8 & 9
- Juniors: Years 6 & 7

In the Elite group the school entered 32 students. "Best in School" went to Tharun in Year 12 with 184 points. An additional 5 students achieved "Gold Award Certificates", signifying that they were in the top 10% nationally. Collectively, the students were 14 points above the national average. In the Seniors category, 47 students competed and "Best in School" went jointly to Tom and Raheem in Year 10. A further 10 students achieved the "Gold Award Certificate" and this group were 35 points above the national average. Additional congratulations to Tom who also achieved joint Best in School

last year in the intermediate category.

In the Intermediate group the school entered 239 candidates. "Best in School" was awarded to Bhranav(8D) who achieved a score of 189 points. In addition, 125 were also awarded the "Gold Award Certificate". Collectively, the students were 44 points above the national average.

In the Juniors group there were 86 students entered. There was a very strong showing and "Best in School" was awarded to Jion(7C), Fraser(7C), Nikhil(7G) and Rounak(7H), all of whom scored the maximum of 200 points! This group of students were over 50 points above national average, a fantastic effort all round.

All the students that were in the top 10% nationally, and received their Gold Award, will now be invited to the next stage of the competition, the Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC) which takes place in February next year.

Congratulations to all students that participated this year and best of luck to those that will be competing in the OUCC!



Brahnav Y8



Fraser Y7



Jion Y7



Rounak Y7



Nikhil Y7



Raheem Y10



Tom Y10



Tharun Y12





SPORTS NEWS

Player OfThe Week:

Ellis (Yr 13) gained his fifth clean sheet in eight games with a superb all round performance in wet conditions for the 1st XI on Saturday. In the same game Dmitri (1st XI) scored two great goals to take his tally to twenty-three goals for the season. The players of the week are Seeralan (Yr 10) and Philo (Yr 11) who both scored goal of the season contenders with rocket strikes into the top corners.

Team OfThe Week:

In a quiet first week back the 1st XI continued their fantastic form beating Teknika and Brentwood. In the last seventeen games they have won fifteen, drawn one and only lost one game, that was on penalties. Team of the week are the 3rd XI who despite missing key players played some superb attacking football in drawing with Brentwood 3-3. They couldn't quite hold on for the win, but they continue to improve every game.

Pictured:

1. Ellis Y13 Player of the week
2. 3rd Xi Team of the week



Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

[Sports Fixtures](#)

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 5 January

Wilson's vs Teknika Football Academy (Friendlies)
 31st XI won 2 - 1

Saturday 8 January

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

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

Wilson's vs Alleyn's (Friendlies)

U13A	lost	3 - 0
U15A	lost	3 - 1

