



SUPPORTING PURLEY FOOD HUB



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The Wilsonian spirit of service has been in particular evidence in recent days with the annual collection for Purley Food Hub, a food bank supporting local families in need. Students and staff were invited to bring in donations of dried and long life foods and hygiene essentials, focusing particularly on those items the Food Hub are currently most in need of. More than 2,000 items were donated, with Southwark taking the lead as the House with highest number of donations overall. It was wonderful to see the tables in the foyer straining under the weight of so many generous contributions!

Members of the Charities Committee got to work loading up the school minibus and the items were delivered to Purley Food Hub this week. They have been in touch to say a big thank you to everyone who took part - "Thank you very much indeed to all at Wilson's for your generous donation to the Food Hub this week - we are most grateful and know our clients will be too". Further information about Purley Food Hub and additional ways to support their work can be found on their website: <https://www.purleyfoodhub.net/>

Non sibi sed omnibus in action!

Links

- [Next Week's Menus](#)
- [Absence Request Form](#)
- [Calendar](#)

Looking Ahead

- Monday 24 January - Year 11 Options Interviews with senior staff all week
- Wednesday 26 January - Flu Vaccination catch-up session (Years 7-11)
- Monday 31 January - House Music Week
- Monday 31 January - Year 12 Parents' Evening (4pm)
- Thursday 3 February - Intermediate Maths Challenge.
- Tuesday 8 - Thursday 10 February - Senior Production



Deputy Head's Reminder

Transport Hogging

As the weather slowly begins to improve this term, we will be encouraging more pupils to walk short distances (e.g. to Waddon or Wallington stations) rather than taking up space on the bus needed by those taking longer journeys! We will once again be using a striking 1944 wartime information film about the thoughtless use of public transport to promote this message.

Wilson's Update
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Y7 MUSICIANS MAKE AN IMPRESSION

Twenty-eight of our most accomplished musicians in Year 7 gave excellent performances during the Soloists' Evening in the John Jenkins' Hall on Thursday night. A very wide range of performances, from Mozart on the piano to Bernstein on the French horn and Britten on the violin to Deep Purple on the electric guitar, kept a cheerful and enthusiastic audience entertained throughout! Particular highlights included the two saxophone performances from Arlo and Philip, Shun's captivating Carulli on the acoustic guitar, and the very sensitive playing by so many performers on our newly-restored Bluthner Haessler piano.

The event allowed the students involved to showcase their talents on their principal instruments, but we look forward to seeing them all back on stage – along with every pupil in Year 7 – in the Showcases at the end of March. We would also encourage them all to sign up for House Music!



Pictured above: Year 7 Saxophone and Horn



Pictured above: Year 7 Soloists



Pictured above: Food Hub Collection



“About Us” POETRY COMPETITION

Last term, students from Y7-11 entered the “About Us” Poetry Competition, which encouraged young poets to consider the links which bind the universe together. Pupils really enjoyed thinking about the connection between poetry and science. Whilst we await the results of the competition, you may enjoy reading this inventive poem by Vedanth (7B) pictured right, which uses the image of a caterpillar to explore the process of transformation. Vedanth was inspired by the new poem “Roll Up! Roll Up!” by the Chicago poet Cheryl Moskowitz.



METAMORPHOSIS

The egg has hatched, it commences life,
The caterpillar, austere, plain.

A basic entity, no identity.

Ravenous, it feasts feverishly on leaves,
Still unable to assuage its hunger,
It digests itself, and hangs on a leaf,
Subconsciously weaving a cocoon, a chrysalis.

Metamorphosis does its magic, Now the caterpillar is alluring, not tragic; a butterfly.

Just like a butterfly, we too go through metamorphosis,
From child to adult; mentally and physically,
Mischievous to mature or innocent to cunning.

When time comes we too metamorphose, like a seed grows to create a rose.

Whether you change for the better or change for the worse,
Remember your roots, your childhood, your journey and hardwork,
Perpetuate your culture,
And like the butterfly who was once a caterpillar, glow from in and from out.

Like Heraclitus’s prospection, change is the only constant in life, a universal connection.

BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Fourteen Wilson’s students took part in Round 1 of the British Physics Olympiad. This competition was sat by 2300 of the brightest Physicists in the country. All 14 Wilsonians achieved at least a Bronze 1 (details below), putting them in the top 50% of the very strong selection of students to sit the paper.

Eight of our students were in the 170 nationwide to achieve a Top Gold, meaning they qualify for Round 2 of the competition, which will select a small squad to represent Britain in the International Physics Olympiad. No more than one student in a year group has achieved this really impressive feat previously.

Student Results

Name	Award
Marc	Top Gold
Siobann	Top Gold
Dulain	Top Gold
Tathushan	Top Gold
Adi	Top Gold
Joseph	Top Gold
Makar	Top Gold
Boyu	Top Gold
Drew	Gold
Aaron	Gold
Sanuka	Silver
Anton	Silver
Kiyan	Silver
Ansh	Bronze I

The next stage is an extremely challenging 3 hour exam which they will be sitting in the next few weeks. Our congratulations to them on their achievements so far and best wishes for the examination to come.



CHESS RESULTS

Briant Poulter (Surrey Schools) Chess league

Wilson’s B beat Sutton Grammar School A
3½ - 2½
Wins for Rahul (10G), Anuj (8D) and Pratyush (10S)

Wilson’s C beat Sutton Grammar School C
12 - 0

2 Wins for Adam (U6), Vedant (9G), Josh (8S), David (U6), Ian (L6) and Aryaman (L6)

Ivan Gromov Online Schools Chess League

Wilson’s B beat Wilson’s A
4½ - 1½

Wins for Ronik (8H), Ben (11H), Shourya (8D), Eeshaan (L6) and Ugas (L6)



Pictured above: Rahul and Pratyush



Pictured above: Anuj





SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

It was goal crazy this week with 147 goals scored in all games. Aarav (Yr 7) grabbed his first hattrick for the school with three excellent goals for the U12Es. Two players managed four goals in one game with Jonathan (Yr 9) and Roshan (Yr 8) hitting the net four times for the U14As and U13Cs respectively. Euan (Yr 10) scored a vital goal for the U15Cs and showed fantastic commitment to travel to Brentwood to help the C team. Player of the week is Kirushan (Yr 8). He scored a stunning five goals for the U13Cs in their fine win.

Team Of The Week:

The U14Bs and U15Cs worked hard as a team to get good away draws against the always strong Brentwood teams. The U12Cs and U13Cs played some excellent attacking football to gain two convincing wins versus St John's. Team of the week are the U12Es who got their first win of the season versus Brentwood. A good all-round team display full of enthusiasm.



Pictured above: U14B after their draw with Brentwood



Pictured above: U12E Team of the Week



Pictured above: Aarav with a hattrick for the U12Es.



Pictured above: Kirushan, Player of the Week

Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

[Sports Fixtures](#)

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 4 January

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

U13A	lost	0 - 5
U13B	lost	0 - 1
U13C	lost	0 - 8

Saturday 8 January

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

U14A	won	6 - 1
U14B	drew	2 - 2
U14C	lost	0 - 4
U15C	drew	1 - 1
U16B	lost	0 - 5

Wilson's vs St. John's (Friendlies)

U12A	lost	2 - 5
U12B	won	4 - 2
U12C	won	9 - 1
U13A	lost	0 - 1
U13B	lost	2 - 5
U13C	won	9 - 0

Wednesday 12 January

Wilson's vs KCS (Friendlies)

1st XI	won	4 - 1
2nd XI	lost	1 - 7
3rd XI	lost	0 - 3
4th XI	won	2 - 1
5th XI	lost	3 - 4

Thursday 13 January

Wilson's vs Hayes (Friendly)

U14A	lost	2 - 4
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Friday 14 January

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

U12A	drew	3 - 3
U12B	lost	2 - 5
U12C	lost	1 - 2
U12D	lost	5 - 6
U12E	won	5 - 1

