



# OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Students at Wilson's attain places at a range of universities and we are proud of them all. At this time of year, we are particularly pleased to congratulate students who have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge. This year thirty three students have been offered places in a wide variety of subjects including: Medicine, Law, Economics, History, Engineering, Geography and Modern and Medieval Languages. Two students have been offered choral scholarships, one at St John's College, Cambridge and one at New College, Oxford.

A successful Oxbridge application requires that a student demonstrate real dedication to his chosen subject, far beyond what is taught in lessons and over a long period of time. What is tested in the application process is the intellectual flexibility, curiosity and resilience of the candidate, not recall or answers learned by heart!

Can the candidate apply familiar knowledge in unfamiliar contexts? Does he enjoy the intellectual challenge of divergent questions? Does he demonstrate by his actions over time (rather than his words) real commitment to and love for the subject? As such you can't really 'prepare' for an application once you enter the Sixth Form, instead the student who is thirsty for knowledge and willing to test himself to his intellectual limits is one who will inevitably shine. Even then, the application process is highly competitive, with applicants from across the world. Not everyone can succeed.

Whether your son is in Year 7, Year 11 or somewhere in between, we would encourage him to develop areas of interest in the subject (or subjects) he loves, by throwing himself into wider reading. Not because of a future application to a possible university, but because it is fun and motivating for bright young people to do!



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## Links

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## Looking Ahead

- 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

### Early Mornings

For pupils who arrive early to school, the Dining Hall area is available from 7.45am to purchase food or drink. The playground is also supervised from 8am and the Library is open from 7.45am for quiet work or reading. As far as possible, we expect homework to be completed at home and it is only in exceptional circumstances that boys should be working at this time - much better just to chat with friends and relax before the day ahead!







# BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD DofE TRAINING

Over the past two weekends, the school has been home to a huge number of students going through the training for their upcoming Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions. Last weekend 120 Year 10 Bronze students and, the weekend before, 60 Year 11 Silver and 40 Sixth Form Gold students undertook two days of training. They learnt how to read a map, put up a tent and cook their meals. They were instructed in Expedition First Aid and were advised on suitable kit.

They also planned their Practice Expedition which will take place over Easter (Silver/Gold) or in May (Bronze).

Considering that barely any of the participants have done any DofE training before, due to Covid, the instructors were very impressed with how efficiently they all got on with the tasks at hand and I hope that they are looking forward to their expeditions!



Wilson's Update  
Non sibi sed omnibus

Pictured above: DofE Participants at work





# SUBBED vs DUBBED

In watching a new hit series from Netflix a few months ago, my attention was drawn to one of the biggest controversies among viewers of international television: subtitles versus dubbing. Happy to read and watch, I embraced the authenticity of the programme by switching on subtitles, watching the series as its makers intended. However, I was horrified to learn that others were watching in English! In watching the dubbed version, one becomes vulnerable to edited lines - the English version, after all, is not a direct translation of the South Korean original. One of the main joys from film can be found in appreciating its creators' intentions. Watching with subtitles embraces the culture of the programme, and ensures that its intended message is fully grasped. Watching it dubbed can skew its presentation, and mask some of the South Korean culture which is so central to its meaning. Besides this, the audio of dubbed television tends to be criminally out of time with the visuals, which is simply irritating!

Admittedly, subtitles are not always necessary. For example, Money Heist (15) is generally watched in English, despite its Spanish origins. This is understandable - the series is extremely action packed and dramatic, with a far greater entertainment purpose and much less meaning. It is therefore important to consider the nature of television before deciding how to watch it.

Subtitles are dismissed by many for various reasons. Some claim that television is intended for relaxation, which is ruined by the prospect of reading and strained focus. Others claim that tone cannot be understood in a different language, corrupting humour or emotion. Yet Parasite (15), the 2019 thriller, is renowned for its humour and tension and - though it may require some focus - one cannot fulfil the enjoyments of film without paying attention to it. So, although it is important to consider the nature of the programme, I would argue that subtitles are invariably the clear winner!



Article by Tom, Year 13

## CHESS NEWS

### National Cup, First Round

Wilson's B beat Gordon School 6 - 0  
Wins for Varun (U6), Sahil (U6), Anuj (8D), Pratyush (10S), Eeshaan (L6) and Vedant (9G)

Wilson's D lost to Sutton GS A 1 - 5  
Draws for Aryaman (L6) and Arlo (7D)

### Briant Poulter Chess league

Wilson's A lost to Hampton A 1½ - 4½  
Win for Denis (8H)

## WIMBLEDON 2022!

We are delighted to announce that the following students from Years 9 and 10 who were nominated for Wimbledon trials have been successful and have been selected as ball boys for Wimbledon 2022:

Joshua A,  
Dennis D,  
Asa G,  
Ali K,  
Jae-min P,  
Diyath P,  
Bruno S,  
Ben S,  
Aditya T  
Tom W



The boys had been successful in Wilson's own trial sessions which took place earlier this term, when more than 30 students were narrowed down to 10 nominated students. Those students then attended the All England Lawn Tennis Club's selection trials where they had to compete for a place as a ball boy against students from numerous other schools. They all impressed the selectors on the day and all ten nominated students will therefore join Wilson's students in year 11 and above as ball boys at Wimbledon 2022.

Our congratulations go to all of them for the hard work they have put in already and our thanks go to the sixth form students who have given up their time to help run the weekly training sessions.

## YEAR 7 RUGBY

The U12A Rugby Team registered their first win of the season, with a dedicated and committed performance against Box Hill. On a bright but cold afternoon, every player stepped up their game and put together a mature and assured performance. The key focus was on completing the basics and eradicating the silly mistakes. A standout performance from Philip P set the standard, with excellent contributions in both attack and defence. Ryan Y was tenacious in the tackle and Howard B showed good game-experience, with slick hands and good link-up play. Despite a couple of lapses in concentration, there was a degree of maturity which meant the team in yellow ran out 25-10 winners. Well done to all the players who took part.



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## YEAR 8 POETRY

8S students enjoyed reading about Robert Desnos and his famous poem *L'Oiseau du Colorado* after learning about French cuisine. The students had fun creating their own poems following the same pattern used by Robert Desnos.

We are pleased to include the poem from Vignesh (pictured below.)

Bonne lecture!

*L'Oiseau du Colorado*  
Mange des frites et du poireau  
Du riz et du petit oignon  
Des saucisses et du champignon  
Des pâtes et du grand melon  
De l'orange et citron jaune

*L'Oiseau du Colorado*  
Mange du pain et du cabillaud  
De la viande et des nouilles  
Des carottes et de la citrouille  
Du jambon et du sanglier  
De la pizza et du gros gibier





# SPORTS NEWS

## Player Of The Week:

Ved (Yr 8) organised his back four with his usual authority and his handling was excellent to gain the U13As a clean sheet in their game against Salesian's. Zac (Yr 9) in his new role as sweeper for the U14Bs continued to lead by example as captain winning numerous headers and tackles. The U12Bs Rico (Yr 7) put in a man of the match performance to inspire them to a 2-1 win versus City Of London. Player of the week is Ege (Yr 7) who scored a hattrick for the U12As, one of the goals being a bullet header into the top corner.

## Team Of The Week:

The U12As played some outstanding football in their thrilling 3-3 draw with City Of London and at the same venue there were good wins for the U12Bs, U12Ds and U12Es. Mollison Drive was a fortress Saturday with all three teams winning and not conceding one goal. The U13Bs won 1-0, Bhranav (Yr 8) with the winning goal. The 1st XI beat Gordon's 3-0 with yet another clean sheet to follow up their Quarter Final Sutton Cup win over Glenthorne. Team of the week are the U13As who beat Salesian's 1-0 at home with a committed, hardworking team performance.



Pictured above: U12A Team of the Week



Pictured above: Ege, Player of the Week



Pictured above: Zac, U14B Team Captain

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## FOOTBALL RESULTS

### Wednesday 19 January Wilson's vs Glenthorne (Qtr Final, Sutton Cup)

1st XI won 2 - 0

### Wilson's vs ACS Cobham (Friendlies)

2nd XI drew 2 - 2

3rd XI won 7 - 2

5th XI won 6 - 0

### Friday 21 January Wilson's vs City of London (Friendlies)

U12A drew 3 - 3

U12B won 2 - 1

U12C lost 2 - 6

U12D won 4 - 3

U12E won 4 - 2

### Saturday 22 January Wilson's vs Gordon's (Friendly)

1st XI won 3 - 0

### Wilson's vs Salesian College (Friendlies)

U12A lost 0 - 3

U12B lost 2 - 1

U12D won 3 - 2

U13A won 1 - 0

U13B won 1 - 0

U14A won 4 - 3

## BADMINTON RESULTS

### Wilson's A/B vs Royal Grammar A

U.19 won 18 - 2

