

# A SUPERB 1<sup>st</sup> XI SEASON SO FAR!

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With victories against Gordons, Brentwood, KCS Wimbledon, Glenthorne and Bede's so far this term, this is definitely shaping into a vintage season for the 1st XI. Football has been at the heart of life at Wilson's for generations and the school still runs more than 20 teams from U12 to U18 level, playing over 400 matches in total per season. No other state school in the country plays more fixtures. Read on for George's report on the latest victory against Royal Russell – the 21st win in the last 24 games and a great fillip for the upcoming cup games, including Surrey Schools semi-finals on 30th March!

## Wilson's 1st XI 5 vs 1 Royal Russell

On Saturday, Wilson's 1st XI turned up to face Royal Russell, a match characterized by long-standing rivalry, with a history of great competitiveness and quality. After taking a well-deserved break over half-term our team was ready to get back to our winning ways and restore our momentum. Shortly after the game began, George (Year 13) produced a superb cross from a throw down the line by Mathew (Year 11), and Freddie (Year 11) ensured the ball found its way into the back of the net. Tom (Year 13) showed his class, scoring two goals. He produced some magic in the first, weaving in and out of the opposition and releasing a thunderous strike which bounced past the keeper. Joel (Year 13) found his way on to the scoresheet, exhibiting the aerial threat we possess in the corner department. However, despite the best efforts of reliable Centre-back Clint (Year 13), Wilson's was unfortunately unable to keep a clean sheet and an unavoidable goal was conceded. Special mention must be made to debutants Sam (Year 11) and Stuart (Year 12), who scored a great back post header showing a degree of clinical scoring ability, apart from two successive open goal misses earlier in the game. Dmitri (Year 13) was unable to get on the scoresheet on this occasion despite having fifteen attempts on goal!



Pictured above: U12A vs Dunstan's College

## Other Football News

### Player Of The Week:

Sam (Year 9) has had a superb season since moving to centre forward for the U14Bs; he scored another two goals Saturday, the second being a 'goal of the season' contender. Stuart (Year 12) had a memorable 1st XI debut, making countless interceptions and working tirelessly; he was rewarded with a debut goal with a back post header. Aaron (Year 7), who was outstanding at right back for the U12As, wins player of the week. He was defensively excellent against two very good players.

### Team Of The Week:

Despite losing 3-2 the U13As put in one of their best performances for the school under Mr Oluwu. The whole squad were outstanding and only lost thanks to an incredible overhead kick goal. It was a successful week for our Year 7s with the A's, C's, D's, E's, and F's all winning against Dunstan College. Team of the week are the U14Bs who did a memorable double over Royal Russell. Mr Straw was proud of the whole squad for their determination and togetherness in securing the win.



Pictured above: U14B Team of the Week vs Royal Russell

## Links

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## Looking Ahead

- Monday 7 March - Friday 11 March - Sixth Form Exams Week
- Thursday 10 March - Y8 Parents' Evening
- Monday 14 March – Founder's Day Service for Year 7
- Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March – Year 7 Showcases (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 25 March - MUFTI Day
- Thursday 31 March – Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Supporting pupils during current world events

Thank you to all those who have donated to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal this week.

We are very grateful to the team at Sutton Wellbeing Services (part of Sutton CAMHS) for the advice and guidance that they have prepared about supporting young people during these uncertain times. We are keenly aware that the current crisis in Ukraine will resonate in very disparate ways across our community of pupils and their families. If you have any particular concerns, please bring these to the attention of your son's Head of Year.







# DISSECTION CLUB

This term we have been fortunate enough to have a new addition to Wilson's line up of co-curricular activities: Dissection Club. The club focuses on dissecting and investigating a plethora of organs, from head to toe. After a brief but detailed explanation of the anatomy and functions of the organ, kitting ourselves out with gloves and aprons, we begin the dissection itself. Students normally share an organ between four and are able to freely and thoroughly explore their specimen.

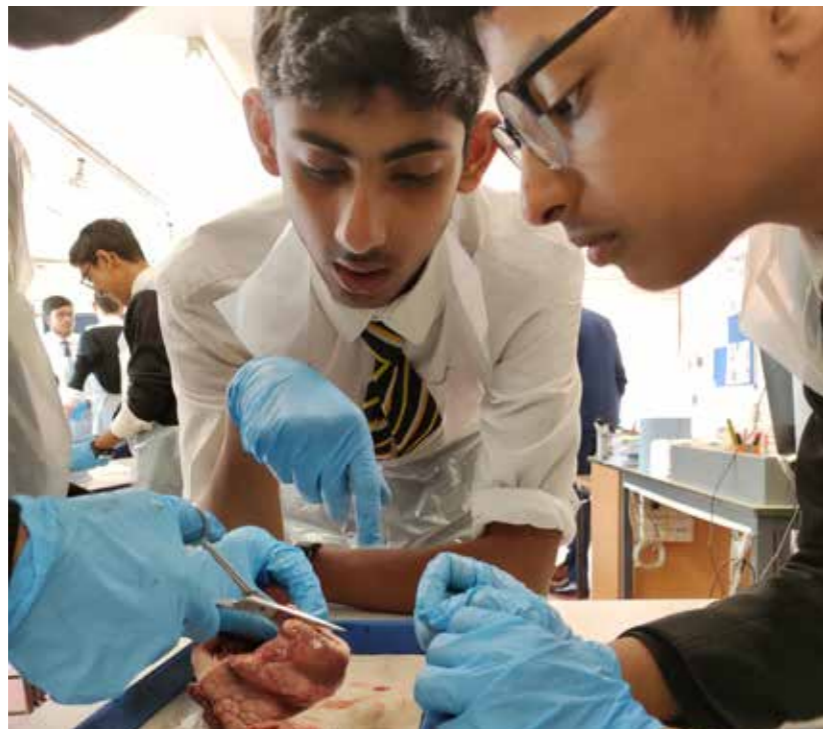
We started the club so that we could deepen our understanding and knowledge of biology overall but also to extend beyond the textbooks. Being able to see what we see in books or have learnt about in lessons, right in front of us has been really beneficial to our learning, especially since it is an opportunity

that may not be often possible in normal classes. Hopefully, it provides everyone with not only an entertaining time, but an insight to the somewhat gory experiences for those who are considering a career in medicinal fields.

A special thanks to Miss Park for supervising the general safety of everyone who comes and Mrs Higgs for providing everyone the organs and equipment to dissect every week.

This term has been very successful so far, dissecting both the heart and the kidney as well as the eye next week, and so we hope to see many of you in S5 in following Friday lunchtimes.

Article by Shyam (9B2) and Sachin (9H).



## POETRY BY HEART

Congratulations to all our entrants into the inaugural Wilson's School Poetry By Heart Competition!

Mrs Fletcher and Mr Cole very much enjoyed listening to all students' recitals. Pupils from years 7-12 selected and learned poems from classic and modern writers, and performed these this week in our school heat. Vedanth (7B) gave a highly entertaining reading of "You Are Old, Father William" by Lewis Carroll; Joshua (8S) gave a moving reading of "Sea Fever" by John Masefield; Pavamaan (9S2) chose the topical and wry "What If?" by Benjamin Zephaniah – a response to "If" by Rudyard Kipling, the Wilson's school poem.

All our competitors should be congratulated for their confidence and commitment in learning and performing challenging poems to an audience of their peers. Students listened carefully and kindly to their peers' performances and enjoyed a stimulating and uplifting lunch hour.

Special congratulations must go to our category winners: Classic, 11-13 was won by Vignesh (8S), reciting "The Witch" by Mary Elizabeth Coleridge; Freestyle, 11-13 was won by Aaron (7B), reciting "Harriet Tubman" by Eloise Greenfield and Classic, 14-15, was won by Ryan (11D), reciting "Envy" by Adelaide Anne Procter.

Selected students will now go forward to the national competition to win a chance to perform on stage at the Globe Theatre. Every student has also won points for their house for taking part in the first ever Wilson's Poetry Recital competition!



Wilson's Update  
Non sibi sed omnibus





# SATRO PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Both teams have made it through to the final!

On Thursday, 24 February, two teams of students from Year 9 and 10 ventured to St Philomena's School to take part in the SATRO Problem Solving Competition heats. The competition involves the teams being set a practical problem to be solved using only a limited number of resources. The task this time was to design a marble run that switched on a light ten seconds after the marble was released. This required careful planning and even more careful building. Both teams produced excellent designs and, in a Wilson's first, both teams scored highly enough to progress to the finals; Year 9 as key stage 3 winners and Year 10 as runners up in the key stage 4 heat. We wish both teams the best of luck for the final on 16 March.

### Key Stage 3 Team:

Shreyas - 9S1  
 Irvin - 9G1  
 Adhvaith - 9S2  
 Hritesh - 9S2  
 Pavamaan - 9S2  
 Dev - 9S2

### Key Stage 4 Team:

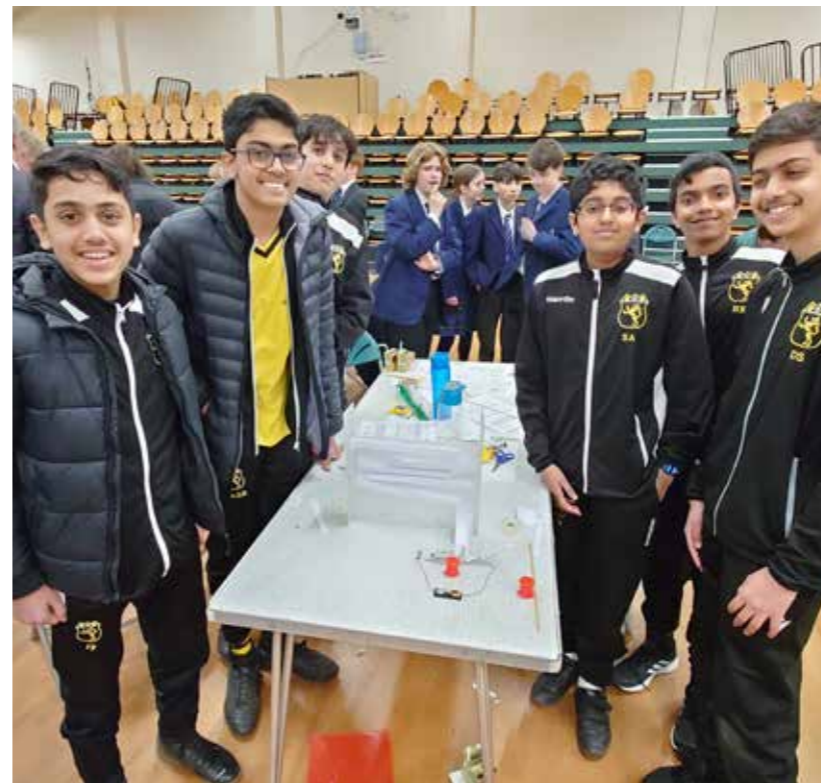
Sasank - 10G1  
 Fadil - 10S1  
 Parthasarathi - 10G1  
 Rahul - 10G2  
 Mannan - 10G2  
 Advait - 10B1



Pictured above: Year 10 team with their design.



Pictured above: Year 9 team during judging.



Pictured above: Year 9 team with their design.

# FILM CLUB

## The Third Man (PG)

### Loss of Innocence

A key theme of the film is the loss of innocence. Holly writes books about heroic figures who always prevail. He trusts in his old friend at first, and is very reluctant to believe Harry Lime had done anything wrong. This initial innocence is worn away throughout the movie, as Holly begins to realize how heartless Harry was. This is represented especially well in the Ferris Wheel scene, where Holly realises that Harry could easily kill him, and would do so to save himself. This is a contrast to the start of the film, where Holly fully supports his friend, believing that he is truly innocent.



This contrast could show us one of two things: it might show us that Holly is naive and stupid to trust Harry in the first place, as the police informed him about the situation. It might also show how easily people can change because of greed. Harry's previous image (at least to Holly) as a good man is repeatedly tarnished throughout the film as we learn of the horrible things he has done and, especially, by his own words when he finally meets Holly. The violence, the drugs, and the betrayal of friends are all motivated by greed and eventually lead Harry to his death in the place which is itself a dramatic metaphor: the sewers.

### The Nihilistic View Of Harry Lime

*"If I offered you £20,000 for every dot that stopped - would you, old man, tell me to keep my money?" - Harry Lime (atop the Ferris Wheel)*

This warped outlook on human life is used by Lime to justify his actions. Harry's view is that nothing matters and that morality is just a perspective and an opinion, rather than something everyone should follow. Whether this view has been developed throughout Harry's life or it is a product of war (remember this is written in 1947), we do not know. Even his closest friend realises that he no longer knows Harry.

Article by Conor (11C)





# SPORTS NEWS

## Squash National Schools' Finals 2022

### U18 Team

The U18 Squash team are through to the finals of the National Schools Competition 2022 after successfully finishing top of their group in both Stage 1 and Stage 2. During Stage 1 the team of Chris C (Year 13), Luke G (Year 13), Thomas H (Year 10), Zayaan J (Year 10) and Josh C (Year 11) beat Whitgift School, Hampton School and Reigate Grammar School to progress in the competition. The students then produced some excellent performances in Stage 2 under pressure beating both Trinity School and Brentwood School with Tom H (year 13) coming into the team. The team now have the National Finals to look forward to which will take place in Nottingham. Congratulations on their performances so far!

## Badminton

Our Badminton squads continue to put in some excellent performances so far this season. Boys have performed fantastically in games against RGS Guildford, Trinity, Whitgift and Tiffin. Impressively they have not lost a match as yet! Keep up the good work boys.

## Athletics

Another remarkable run for Alex L in Year 9, he finished 5th at the National Cross Country championships last weekend on Parliament Hill, finishing in a time of 14.51.

Alex was actually running against other boys who are older than him, so for his actual age group he would have been first for Year 9 in the whole country!

Another great performance, keep up the great work Alex.



Pictured above: Senior Badminton Squad

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

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## FOOTBALL RESULTS

### Thursday 24 February Wilson's vs Carshalton (Sutton Cup Semi-Final)

U14A                      lost                      2 - 6

### Friday 25th February Wilson's vs Dunstan's College (Friendlies)

U12A	won	3 - 2
U12B	drew	0 - 0
U12C	won	5 - 0
U12D	won	9 - 0
U12E	won	8 - 0
U12F	won	3 - 0

### Saturday 26th February Wilson's vs Royal Russell (Friendlies)

1st XI	won	5 - 1
U15A	lost	1 - 2
U15B	lost	0 - 2
U14A	lost	0 - 3
U14B	won	3 - 1
U13A	lost	2 - 3

