



ROYAL AIR SQUADRON TROPHY CHAMPIONS!

Upon winning the regional section of the competition in November, the RASTC team journeyed back to RAF Halton once more, last Sunday - eager to prove themselves worthy of being national champions.

Each year, CCF (RAF) Sections across the nation compete for the Royal Air Squadron Trophy, for which they are required to perform in a number of disciplines, including: Drill, Command Task, Military Knowledge, First Aid, Aircraft Recognition, and Shooting.

Following placing first in the South-East region amongst 15 teams, Wilson's School CCF faced fierce competition from 14 other CCFs - all of which had achieved top three in their respective regions.

Led by CWO Dayal, and overseen by Flt Lt Luck and Lt Col Burton, the team of 13 Wilson's and WHSG cadets (Y10-13) faced the challenge of being the youngest ever team the CCF has offered to date, inspired by previous successes in 2017 and 2019.

Alongside these 13 cadets, was Cadet Kachiraju - a reserve unable to take part directly but who contributed nonetheless through his

ironing efforts prior to the Drill element of the competition; another reserve - Cadet Bavaluru - was unable to attend due to the limit of one reserve, though his efforts have been noted too.

After seven months of vigorous training, the countless hours spent polishing, ironing, marching, and revising, blossomed into a victory. The team placed first in Military Knowledge and Aircraft Recognition (with special mention to Cpl Patel and team for all achieving 100%), as well as second in Drill - overall, placing first in the nation!

They were congratulated by the Commandant Air Cadets, Air Commodore Tony Keeling and rewarded with the Royal Air Squadron Trophy and a day of flying later, due later this year.

Having successfully proven they are the best in the nation, training for the new team shall commence next academic year so Wilson's School CCF can shine proudly for many years to come.

Article by LCpl John 11S2



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Looking Ahead

- Monday 14 March – Founder's Day Service for Year 7
- Monday 14 March - Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 16 March - EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS (1.05p.m.)
- 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

Wilson's Highway Code

We are very grateful to our "Mollison Drive Angels" – the 99% of parents and pupils who wouldn't dream of contributing to the traffic congestion on Mollison Drive by bringing private cars to the area. Every car slows the progress of hundreds of boys who make their way home by bus. For those who do insist on driving, please take care to adhere to the Wilson's Highway Code attached to the emails from Heads of Year this week.



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BAR MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

On Tuesday 1 March, fifteen of our students swapped their lessons for criminal court cases as they represented the school in the Bar Mock Trial Competition. The first time Wilson's has been represented in this competition for many years, our team of pupils prepared diligently for months as they got to grips with how court procedures work, how to act as an effective witness, how to interrogate witnesses and cross-examine sources, to name only some of a host of unique real-life experiences of the programme. Our team of barristers, witnesses, clerks, ushers and jurors were given access to criminal cases and were challenged to fight it out against other schools in the country to win the votes of the jurors.

There was a palpable buzz around the whole competition, including amongst students and peers not even participating in the heat! The maturity and resilience shown by the students in working in partnership to grapple with such complex legal material was highly impressive, and matched only by their outstanding performance on the day. All pupils are to be congratulated heartily on how they performed. The day started especially well when Wilson's won their first round of the day. Whilst only one school was eligible to go through to the semi-final, we were delighted to receive high praise from the judges – most of them real-life London criminal judges – with the prosecution barristers earning particular commendation.

For the heat, there were three rounds in which teams had to argue two cases. This meant that our students had to learn thoroughly all the finest details pertaining to two very complicated legal cases alongside how to apply the case material and deploy it in their respective roles, whether as a barrister, a witness, a court usher or clerk, or indeed as an attentive member of the jury. Naturally, the team was well up to the challenge! Having secured a victory in our first round, we then were able to dive in to the following two cases, which saw some excellent witness questioning and cross-examination by Finlay and Soham.

Due to the legacy of the pandemic, sadly we weren't able to participate in the grand courts of London typically reserved for this esteemed competition. Having laid such a brilliant foundation this year, here's to next year and even more success as things continue to open up and we continue to seize such exciting opportunities. Well done again to all!



Pictured above: The team anxiously awaits the final results

HISTORY CLUB

Many students present at History Club, and the following article is by Aaron who gave a recent presentation which coincided with LGBTQ+ History Month.



Discussions at History Club, which meets every Thursday lunchtime in Room 20, have been increasingly focused on the philosophy of history, and what it requires to be a 'good' historian. To this end, last week I led a talk and discussions surrounding the question: "Can and should we 'queer' the past?" Drawing primarily on the writing of Justin Bengry and Simon Callow's BBC Radio 4 podcast series: "Public Indecency: Queer Art in Britain", I concluded that if we can 'queer' the past, then we most certainly should. Regarding this point, the distinction must be made between the words 'can' and 'should'. Whilst the former refers to whether we have sufficient sources of possible evidence to use, the latter refers to whether using any possible evidence to, in this case, 'queer' the past would allow for better history which, put simply, is our interpretation of the past. Indeed, there are many sources of possible evidence in terms of a 'queer' British past. Recognisable gay figures such as Alan Turing or Freddie Mercury spring to mind! However, our certainty regarding the sexuality of the people in the past decreases the further back in time we go. The pre-Raphaelite artist Simeon Solomon, the playwright Oscar Wilde or the metaphysical poet Katherine Philips all seem to have possibly 'queer' pasts. However, in order to create the best possible history, the ambiguity of the past must be reflected. Hence, it seems as if we should use the methodology of 'queering' the past, rather than imposing the labels of 'gay', 'lesbian', 'homosexual' etc. onto these people. They would not have recognised these terms, which came into widespread public use after their deaths and specifically after the Gay Liberation movement of the 1960s – 1980s. Bengry states that "queering the past is an act that happens in the present". This is a vital point. In order to create the best possible history of sexuality, it seems wiser to 'queer' the past before Gay Liberation rather than label people of the past with terms we would only understand in the present.

Article by Aaron (Year 13)



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BPHO/BAAO RESULTS

An unprecedented 8 of our boys reached Round 2 of the British Physics Olympiad. The results show that two students, Marc and Siobann, finished in the top 12 students in the country and have thus been invited to the Oxford training camp for final selection to represent Britain in either the International Physics Olympiad or International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics.

The school has only had one student reach this stage before (who finished as the top British competitor) so this is a really major achievement by these two boys, who will both be studying Physics at Oxford next year.

Results for the other students in the BPhO round 2 are as follows:

Name	Award
Adi	Bronze
Tathushan	Silver
Makar	Silver
Dulain	Silver
Joseph	Silver
Boyu	Silver

Results for the British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad (BAAO):

Name	Award
Dulain	Commendation
Tathushan	Bronze
Makar	Bronze
Boyu	Commendation
Adi	Bronze
Joseph	Bronze

The total numbers of students achieving each award were:

Gold	12
Silver	22
Bronze	41
Commendation	24
TOTAL	99



WILSON'S CHESS

Seventy Wilson's pupils took part in the chess festival last Saturday. The morning 9 round Blitz session resulted in a three way tie for first place between Vedant (9G), Raghav (9H) and Denis (8H) all with eight wins and one loss. The afternoon saw seven rounds of Rapidplay chess and Rahul (10G) scored a perfect seven wins. Raghav was second with six wins and one loss, with Shlok (8B) and Denis (8H) third equal with 5½ points. Following this event Wilson's now has over one hundred and fifty pupils with an active English Chess Federation rating in the new March list.

Junior Team Chess Challenge

Twenty of our best Year 7 and 8 chess players took on local schools in a four round chess tournament. Wilson's U13 A team were victorious with 14 points out of a maximum 16 possible. Second was Wilson's B team, who only lost point to the A team! Third were Tiffin A team but Wilson's C and D were joint fourth with KCS Wimbledon, ahead of first teams from four other schools. Top Wilson's players were Balahari (7G), Anuj (8D) and Ronik (8H) with a perfect score of 4/4. Shlok (8B), Denis (8H), Laxmi (8D), Arlo (7D), Dekrishh (8C), Sudersen (7C) and Sambuddha (8H) all scored 3 points.

Briant Poulter (Surrey School's) League

Wilson's A beat Hampton A 3½ - 2½
Wins for Henry (11D), Denis (8H) and Raghav (9H)
Wilson's A beat KCS Wimbledon A 4½ - 1½
Wins for Shivam (9H), Denis (8H), Balahari (7G) and Rahul (10G)
Wilson's B beat Hampton B 4 - 2
Wins for Rahul (10G), Balahari (7G), Anuj (8D) and Aryaman (12C)
Wilson's B lost to KCS Wimbledon B 2½ - 3½
Wins for Vedant (9G) and Limo (9C)
Wilson's C beat RGS Guildford C 10 - 2
Two wins for David (13B) and Limo (9C), one win for Vedant (9G), Jack (10C), Josh (8S), Ian(12C), Mark (8B) and Ronik (8H)



MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

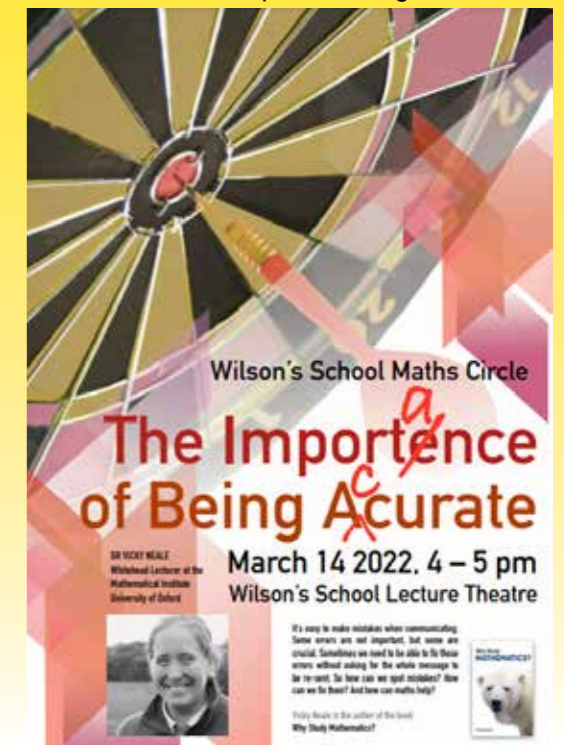
After two years of not being able to hold Maths Circle Lectures, the maths Department is delighted that Wilson's can once again host these lectures. These really are one of the highlights of the school year for the maths department and are a great opportunity for the sixth form students, both here at Wilson's and from surrounding schools. The lectures will be held in the JJ Hall and will begin at 16.00.

Aimed at Year 12 and Year 13, this year we have three very exciting lectures lined up and I'm sure that these will be a real inspiration to the sixth form students.

14 March - The importance of being accurate.
Vicky Neale, University of Oxford

21 March - The mathematical equation that caused the banks to crash.
Mr Jerrom, Wilson's School

28 March - $2 + 2 = 4$
Prof. Kevin Buzzard, Imperial College London



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SPORTS NEWS

Football

Player Of The Week:

1st XI captain Tom (Yr 13) carried on his scintillating form with his fourth goal in three games, this one a bullet header from a pin point George (Yr 13) cross. Zayn (Yr 11) and Ivor (Yr 11) made impressive debuts for the 1st XI, both showing the quality needed to play at the high standard. Sam (Yr 8) was outstanding for the U13Bs against St Dunstan's, covering every blade of grass in a non-stop all action display. Player of the week is the U14Bs captain Zac, who continues to lead the side superbly well on and off the pitch. The U14Bs have improved each week, and this is in part due to Zac's leadership, always demanding the best from the squad.

Team Of The Week:

In a weather hit week there were wins for the 1st XI, U14Bs and U13Bs. The 1st XI beat a Leavers XI 2-0 in a great game of football played in a fantastic spirit. A big thank you to the Leavers XI for still showing the usual Wilson's spirit stepping in last minute to play and it was great to see former football stalwarts in action again. The U14Bs showed their huge improvement with an incredible 3-2 win over Trinity, the reverse fixture they lost 7-0. A reward for the work the whole squad and Mr Straw have been putting in. The team of the week goes to the U13Bs who put in their best display of the season beating St Dunstan's 5-2 with some great team goals.



Pictured above: Zac, Player of the Week



Pictured above: U13B Team of the Week

Co-curricular and Sports Links

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 26 February
Wilson's vs Leavers XI (Friendly)
1st XI won 2 - 0

Monday 28 February
Wilson's vs St Dunstan's (Friendlies)
U13A lost 1 - 3
U13B won 5 - 2

Thursday 3 March
Wilson's vs Trinity (Friendlies)
U14A lost 0 - 1
U14B won 3 - 2

Friday 4 March
Wilson's vs Judd (Friendlies)
U12A lost 1 - 2
U12B lost 0 - 3
U12C won 2 - 1
U12D lost 0 - 3

