Wilson's Update

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CAROL SERVICE AT CROYDON MINSTER

The end of the Winter Term at Wilson's is always celebrated with the Carol Service at Croydon Minster. The Minster looks particularly beautiful at this time of year with the Christmas trees sparkling throughout the service, their lights reflecting in the stained glass windows.

All our favourite carols were included in the service which commenced, as is traditional, with 'Once in Royal David's City' and a beautiful solo by Nicolas Negrier in Year 7. This year Reverend Canon Colin J Luke Boswell, the Vicar of Croydon Minster, kindly welcomed Wilson's choirs and guests. Wilson's full Choir sung 'A Maiden Most Gentle' and 'Sir Christemas' and Schola, the Wilson's Choir for boys whose voices are currently undergoing change, sung 'The First Noel'. The Brass group, headed by Mr Willey, sounded glorious as their music reverberated through the church.

The carols were interspersed with Readings, which were all very professionally spoken by the boys. The Barbershop Group sung 'The Little Road to Bethlehem' and the Senior Choir sung the most amazing version of 'The Three Kings' with Satchit Srikanth singing the solo which ensured everyone in the Minster felt a warm glow inside. It was a wonderful atmosphere.

It is always a pleasure to see the Minster full of people and to hear carols being sung with such enthusiasm. This year the 'Festive Fizz' and mince pies were served in the Minster after the service which made the evening even more special as everyone stayed to enjoy each other's company.

Thank you to Reverend Canon Colin J Luke Boswell and his staff for allowing us to hold our Carol Service in the Minster, and for all their support. Many thanks too to everyone who came along and to the music staff, students and finally the PFA for providing the refreshments for what was a very enjoyable evening and a wonderful end to the autumn term.

Dates for your Diary

13 January	Year 10 Internal Exams Week
13 January	Parent and staff Prayer Meeting (8.00 p.m.)
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20 January	Used Uniform Shop (3.30 p.m.)
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PRIZE GIVING, JANUARY 2014

On Tuesday evening of this week the Senior Prize Giving ceremony took place for students in the sixth form and recent leavers to celebrate success in a huge range of fields during the 2012-13 academic year, from subject prizes (for excellence in specific subject areas) to prizes for sport, music, CCF, chess, and examination performance. There were also new prizes such as the Creativity Prize (for students who have impressed their teachers with the ability to make new connections between ideas and their fearlessness in taking risks with their work). Many of the prizes have been endowed by old boys and former parents and this event gives a fascinating sense of the long and illustrious history of the school.

Our guest speaker for the ceremony was Pascal Anson, an old boy who is a celebrated designer and artist. In his excellent speech he described the value of risk taking and its importance in his own fulfilling career.

On Wednesday afternoon, the first Main School Prize Giving took place to award prizes to students in Years 8-11. Again, this was a very uplifting event which – like the Senior Prize Giving – included musical performances of very high quality: many thanks to the Brass Ensemble and players from the Senior Orchestra (who performed portions of Shostakovich's Jazz Suite), as well as Harry Perkin, Oliver De Carteret, Daniel Jacob-Ormson and Michael Ahearn, who were first-rate soloists.

Further speeches were given by students in both Prize Giving ceremonies about a wide range of activities (including chess, the Army and RAF sections of the CCF, athletics, the Duke of Edinburgh Award and music). As one parent of an old boy commented, it really was a reflection of the richness and variety of school life and a demonstration of the emphasis that the school places on the personal characteristics of mutual respect and kindness.

NOTICES

YEAR 10 RE MOCK EXAM - JANUARY

REMINDER - The Year 10 Mock Exam will now take place on Monday 13 January during the Year 10 internal exam week to minimise disruption to lessons.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The school has received complaints from local residents about parents of students who are not paying due care and attention to other road users/pedestrians. Please can we ask that you take care not to block driveways and not to make it difficult for other traffic to pass you when you park outside the school. We aim to keep the support of the local community and can only do this with your help.

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CCF NOTICE

Wilson's School CCF parade for the first time this term on the evening of Tuesday 14 January. All Year 9 recruits should wear their issued uniform to school and leave combat jackets in their lockers.

A HOME FOR ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

If you have any Christmas gifts that you are unable to use, such as chocolates or toiletries, the school would be glad to accept them, with thanks, to use as prizes at school functions. If this is the case please leave them with Mrs Eynon at reception.

YEAR 13 SUBJECT COMMENDATIONS

Malcolm Gladwell in his book The Outliers repeatedly mentions the "10,000-Hour Rule", claiming that the key to success in any field is, a result of extraordinary effort. In keeping with this spirit, we asked each department to nominate a set number of students who they felt were working extraordinarily hard and as a result achieving a great deal in their first term of their Upper Sixth year. Our congratulations to them all.

Upper Sixth Subject Commendations
December 2013

Hazik Anwar
Design & Technology

Benjamin Carruthers
Mathematics

Charlie Cosstick
Biology

Stephen Earls
French

Benjamin Flook
Government & Politics

Alan Garrod
German

William Harman
Art

Jason Hiorns
Computing, Mathematics & Physics

Shivang Joshi
Chemistry

Luke Kosky
Philosophy

Alexander Leggett
Geography

Joseph Perry
History

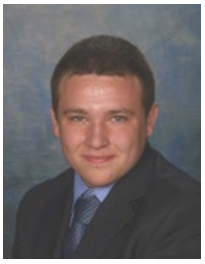
Jack Rowland
Mathematics

Timothy Sharpe
Economics & English

Stefan Sivapathan
Chemistry

Viyakhulen Sooriyakumaran
Biology

Steven Thavendran
Economics



Michael Vereycken
Physics

ART NEWS

This article was published in the January 2014 edition of Miscellany, the magazine of the Morgan Sports Car Club.

The Lego Morgan

As part of their Year 8 art project "Fakes and Forgeries", Tom Thornton and Aron Becke decided to make a LEGO replica of their art teacher's Morgan 4/4 from scratch.

Aron provided the bulk of the bricks and Tom provided various rare parts for detail and finishing touches. Over the next few weeks half a chassis and two wheels grew into a car. Building went smoothly, the chassis was lengthened and strengthened. The rear was created. The first door prototype appeared and the cabin interior was started. After settling for the third door prototype and solving seat problems, the bonnet was on and it was finished.

In the boys words it looked "amazing", the red and white colour scheme suited the model well.

The final part of the project was the visualization of putting the replica model into a real scenario. With a bit of photography and Photoshop, Aron became the driver of the Lego Morgan.

Emma Waterhouse [MSCC 15653]
Teacher of Art - Wilson's School

COMBINED CADET FORCE REVIEW

In recent months the CCF has seen yet another spell of increased activity, starting with the Remembrance Sunday Parade in Croydon, with over 70 cadets in attendance, 50 of whom where in service dress, marching in front of the local community, showing their pride in the CCF. This was shortly followed by a marked increase in senior cadets parading on a weekly basis, the new intake of year 9 recruits receiving their initial uniform issue (joined by 26 girls from our recently sanctioned partnership with Wallington High School for Girls) and last but by no means least the highly successful annual CCF dinner taking place on Friday 20 December 2013. This year's dinner was held at the prestigious Union Jack Services Club in central London, with staff members from the newly formed CCF partnership school, Ministry of Defence representatives, existing Officers of the unit, old boys who had all served their time in the contingent and our special guest Victoria Cross winner Sgt J Beharry VC in attendance. Sgt Beharry, who gave up his time to support the event, donated a set of replica medals to the unit to mark the occasion, which will now take pride of place in the CCF's Officers' mess.

All of these events are remarkable in their own right and have helped to ensure the CCF has had a highly successful and prosperous year. However the staff and cadets of the unit are never ones to rest on their laurels and are always hungry to improve. Therefore, we now turn our attentions to the year ahead and look forward, with increased optimism, to welcoming the new recruits including our new intake from Wallington High School for Girls into the unit. The CCF has several engaging training events planned for this coming term, with an eye on preparing the newly enrolled pupils for our summer camp to Wathgill Camp in North Yorkshire. This is a forum where the CCF traditionally performs well, and which goes a long way towards cementing its reputation as one of the best CCF's in the United Kingdom.

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CHRISTOPHER TOWER POETRY COMPETITION

Students in the 6th Form are eligible to enter the Christopher Tower Poetry Competition, one of the most prestigious literary awards for this age group. The winner of this competition, run by Christ Church College, Oxford, will pocket £3,000. If you are interested in entering please come along to the sessions starting on Wednesday 15 January at 1.30 in room 15 or speak to Mr Hudson (NCH).

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CLASSICS CLUB

Takes place on Wednesdays at 1.20 p.m. in Room 5 (with free chocolate).

Revision and assistance clubs are as follows:
Monday - 11Z Latin reading
Tuesday - general Latin help club for anyone who wants help with class or homework and 11Y Latin reading
Wednesday - Classics Club
Thursday - general Latin help club and 11Y Latin reading

BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS

Available every Wednesday lunchtime (13.05 -14.00) for advice and help on how to improve your subject knowledge or exam technique in Business Studies and Economics. You may need help with homework or simply a quiet place to study where assistance is conveniently on hand. See Mr Ormonde in 6F3. No topic too 'big' or 'small'!

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HORDES OF THE THINGS

There is a new army and two complete new terrain boards, which will add a new level of interest to the game. We look forward to welcoming existing and new members on Friday from 1.10 p.m. onwards in Room 5.

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NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

Congratulations to last week's winner, Varun Jain, 7H, who correctly identified the image as being Kiritimati or Christmas Island which is a Pacific Ocean raised coral atoll in the northern Line Islands, and part of the Republic of Kiribati (make sure you always mention the landmark- not just the town and the country!). Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! On to this week's competition:

' Where in the world is this? If you can name the landmark, the place and the country, then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…'

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK SUPPORT - 1.10 - 1.50 P.M.

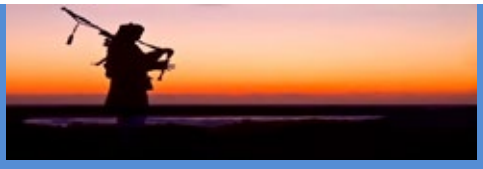
Wed A: C1	Fri A: C1
Mon B: C1	Thurs B: C1

PFA NEWS

At the end of last term Wilson's School PFA wrote a cheque to the school for £12,500, arising from the profit made by the PFA in their first year of operation. Mr Charnock has used those funds as part of an overall investment in new gym equipment. Mr Molyneux, Head of PE welcomed the joint investment of the School and PFA, stating that the school can be very proud of the new gym equipment. "There are a number of excellent cardio vascular machines which can be used by a wide range of boys to improve their stamina and strength. The addition of the two Smiths machines, a Tricep/Bicep machine and Leg Press machine give boys the opportunity to develop the upper body and leg strength required in many sports, which can only be beneficial to their performance. This facility will benefit boys at Wilson's for years to come and is something which will be used by all boys, whatever their level of fitness"

Les Jones, President of the PFA was delighted with the results of the first year of the PFA. " With no history to speak of in terms of fund raising, the parents and staff members who form the PFA have come together and invested significant personal time in developing ideas and organising the activities that have taken place during the year. We now have a very good platform from which to grow. The support of parents, both financially and in terms of a time commitment is critical to the success of the PFA and we are very grateful for their efforts to date and look forward to their support in the years to come."

If anyone is interested in joining the PFA there are two major events happening this month for which any help offered would be gratefully received. The Burns' Night on 24 January 2014 and the Jazz Dinner Evening on 31 January 2014 will both require help from any parents willing to assist with serving and clearing away food or perhaps helping with the running of the bar or selling raffle tickets. If you would be prepared to help at either event please contact the school and you will be put in touch with the relevant person.



Wilson's Burns' Night

Friday, 24th January 2014

7pm (prompt) – 10pm

Wilson's School Hall

Tickets £15

(Reservations only)

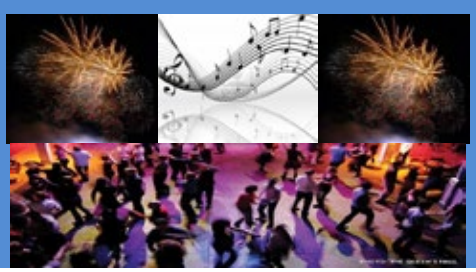
Includes a delicious banquet supper, witty speeches, licensed bar, live music and dancing ...!

Last year's event was such a great success – book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact Email : Wilsonspfa@gmail.com

Please hand Ticket Slips together with payment to Mrs Eynon in Reception.
(cheques payable to "Wilson's PFA")
The PFA will send you an e-mail confirming your reservation.

Ticket forms can be downloaded from Wilson's website (Community/Parents) or picked up from Reception



CHINA EXPEDITION 2014 UPDATE

This year's Major expedition to China, scheduled for the summer holidays, is making steady moves forward, with the next training day scheduled for after school on Monday 13 January 2014 (all participants are to attend), meeting in the Lecture Theatre. In addition the itineraries and flight details have now been confirmed and can be found on the Outlook Expeditions participant portal, to which each pupil going on the expedition has been given access.

During the training session next week, the groups will meet their assigned group leaders (provided by Outlook) and will be given the chance to get to know them better, whilst going through kit requirements and discussing expedition procedures and expectations. In addition we will be looking for one of the boys to design the expedition flag, which will be made to accompany us on this potentially once in a life time expedition.

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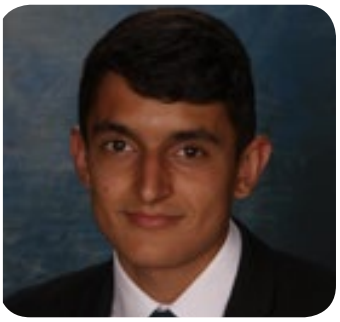
YEAR 13 EPQ RESULTS

Congratulations to year 13 on their fantastic results in the EPQ, which have just been confirmed by the exam board. 23.6% of the year group were awarded an A*, 71.5% an A or A* and 90.25% a B or above. The results achieved are fully deserved and reflect the huge amount of work put into the project by both the year group and their teachers. They will make a big difference to students' UCAS applications; a number of students have already received reduced offers because of their grades in the EPQ, and many other universities will take these grades into account when making offers and deciding in August whether to give students a place.

Special congratulations to Jason Hiorns and Joe Perry who were awarded the highest marks in the year group. Congratulations also to Peter Chappell, Louis D'Costa, Alex Leggett, Adam Parke and Mohib Rizvi, whose projects received very high A* grades.



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6 February	Oxbridge Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
7 February	Y9 Cake Sale (after school)
10 February	Return of Y8 Preliminary Options Forms
10 February	Return of Y11 Preliminary Options Forms
12 - 14 February	School Production - Sweeney Todd
17-21 February	Half-Term

BRITISH MATHS OLYMPIAD RESULTS

Congratulations to Harry Goodburn (11S) and Eui Jin Choi (11B) who gained distinctions in the tough British Maths Olympiad taken in December. They are amongst only 100 pupils across the whole country who have qualified for the even tougher 'BMO2' Olympiad. With 4 fully correct answers Harry was awarded a Bronze medal. Our three other candidates all performed creditably scoring above the average mark. Here is an example question: "Isaac is planning a nine-day holiday. Every day he will go surfing, or water skiing, or he will rest. On any given day he does just one of these three things. He never does different water-sports on consecutive days. How many schedules are possible for the holiday?" [The answer is 3363.] In the parallel Senior Kangaroo maths paper Adam Taylor (L6) was the top scorer and gained a merit.

T S ELIOT POETRY PRIZE READINGS

Last Sunday evening, a group of teachers and Year 13 students attended the T S Eliot Poetry Prize readings at the Royal Festival Hall. The T S Eliot Prize is the country's most prestigious poetry prize; previous winners include Ted Hughes, Seamus Heaney and the current poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy.

Readings by the shortlisted poets ranged from an entertaining performance of an English translation of the Eastern epic poem the Ramayana, written by the poet Daljit Nagra, to moving, witty and thought-provoking readings delivered by poets such as Dannie Abse, Moniza Alvi and Helen Mort. This year's prize was won by Sinead Morrissey, for her collection 'Parallax'.

Students in the upper sixth who study English Literature write a piece of A level coursework about a contemporary poet, drawn from the T S Eliot Prize shortlist, so this was an exciting opportunity for students to hear the poets they have studied, reading and talking about their work. Many thanks to Mr Mulcahy for organising the trip.

NOTICES

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Once again we would like to emphasise the importance of parents helping us to keep a good relationship with the local residents by being considerate in the way they park and use the roads around the school. Thank you for assisting us.

USED UNIFORM SALE - MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2014

The used uniform shop will be open to everyone next Monday, 20 January from 3.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m. Mrs Phillips, who runs the shop for us, will be pleased to help you if she can. Why not come along and see if you can find that item of uniform that you've been looking for?

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Y10 FINAL SCHOOL BOOSTERS

Y10 final school boosters (Diptheria, Tetanus and Polio) will take place in the hall on Thursday 23 January. If you have not sent the consent form in to the school beforehand your son will not be immunised and you will have to make your own arrangements with your GP if you want to have your son immunised. If you have lost the form please contact Mrs Chaplin in the school admin office. Forms MUST be returned by Monday 20 January at the latest.

ECONOMICS LECTURE: DR STEPHEN DAVIES: GLOBALISATION - FROM WHENCE IT CAME AND WHERE IT IS GOING!

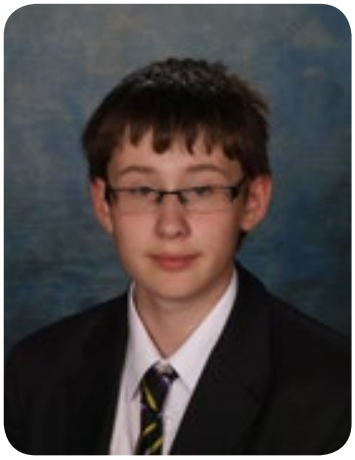
Tuesday 14 January saw the Economics Department play host to Doctor Stephen Davies, Education Director for the Institute of Economic Affairs, the Libertarian think tank. His subject was Globalisation, from whence it came, its current effects and how it may alter the global economy in the future. He represents an organisation that views the opening of markets to more trade as central to individual and global prosperity. It is no wonder that Doctor Davies should be concerned to see that the continued reduction of tariff barriers and other obstacles as vital. Too often trade he suggests, has been restricted by politicians and special interest groups who seek to control trade flows for their own advantage. Protection, he argues, reduces prosperity in the long run. So it follows that despite uncomfortable short term effects, we have no choice but to have free markets if there is to be an increase in global living standards. For Doctor Davies trade has always been a fundamental human activity and right. Trade is a process that allows individuals and businesses to exchange goods and services that they might not otherwise be privy to. By concentrating on being efficient and focusing on those activities in which we are said to have a 'comparative advantage', prevents waste, reduces prices and maximises social welfare. So if trade produces such significant welfare benefits, we should be encouraging more, not less globalisation.

The session finished with some forthright and interesting questions regarding the future of the Euro, the value of free labour movement and general government trade policy. Thanks to Doctor Davies for an interesting and challenging speech.

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

Just before Christmas, Arlo Curry of Year 11 was successfully nominated for a Jack Petchey award, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the learning of others. The award of £200 was spent on a suit of Roman legionary body armour, complete with straps and a baldric (a sword belt which goes across the body and attaches the scabbard to the soldier). The armour arrived this week and now stands ready for use in room 5.

However, it will need to be cleaned before use, as it comes with a layer of grease to keep it from rusting. It is also surprisingly heavy. Expect to see it paired with helmet and other accessories at the next open evening. Eventually we may be able to start our own Roman re-enactment group.



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HOTT club saw a huge expansion of equipment this week with the addition of two modules of terrain and a complete army of Hephaistos, full of magicians and the ever popular aerial heroes. Terrain affects the game by allowing bonuses for being in a better position, by restricting movement in certain types of terrain and by allowing for the deployment of lurkers, a troop type that can exist only in rivers, or in bad going.
In the three lively games last week, the defenders all played an aggressive game, by coming out and getting their retaliation in first. This resulted in one battle, in the defending general, a magician, being killed in turn three and losing the game. Magicians should be kept behind the main battle line and should use their ranged attack to disrupt the enemy at little risk to themselves. In another battle, the defender's flyers were kept away from the attacker's behemoth by a wood. Flyers may not end a move in a wood, for obvious reasons. The behemoth was able to creep forward under cover of the trees. Unfortunately, he did this so slowly that the game was over before he got into combat. This game was decided by a duel between aerial heroes and dragons – a classic encounter. The game also saw the unusual sight of three artillery units defeated by a single skeleton horde. The horde player suggested that the artillery lost because their cannon balls kept passing through the gaps in the skeletal rib cages.....
"Hordes of the Things" club happens every Friday lunchtime in room 5. Please see the photograph attached which shows the Hephaistia terrain board and the complete army.

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UK CHESS CHALLENGE

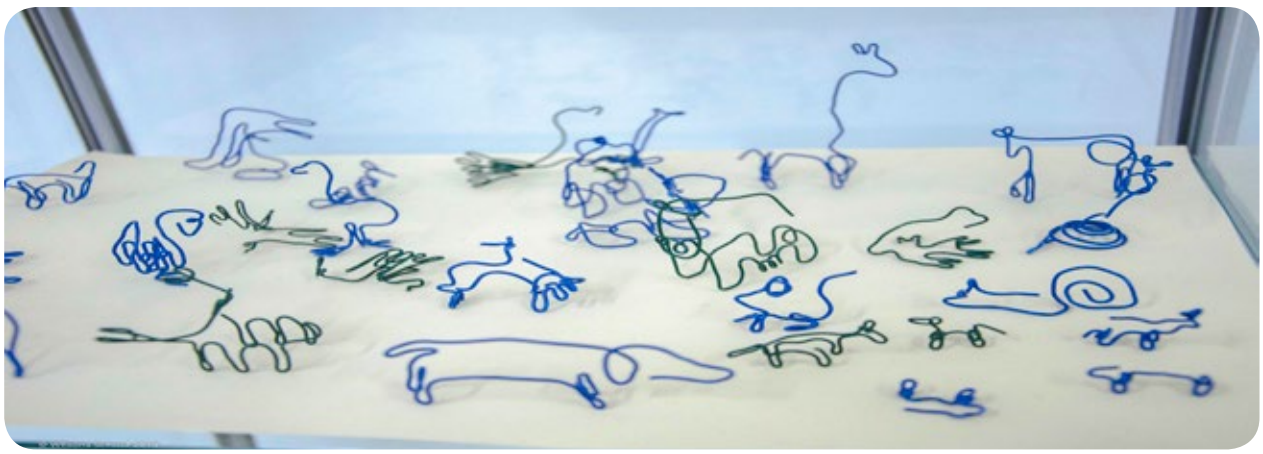
All Wilson's pupils can take part in this competition by going along to chess club on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime. It takes place over 7 rounds and no one is knocked out. The first round will be in the week beginning 20 January. Each week players are given set opponents to play against who have a similar score to themselves. Leading players qualify for the Surrey Regional Megafinal.

NSPCC 'NUMBER DAY'

On Tuesday 17 December, Year 7 boys participated in 'Number Day' in support of the NSPCC. Number Day is an annual event to raise awareness and sponsorship for the NSPCC. The event took place in the 6th form North Study with all the boys working in teams over 3 rounds. Round 1 was a number acronyms quiz to warm everybody up and Round 2 was a maths relay which required maths problems to be solved before running up to get the next problem. Finally there was a maths version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire? - 'mathionaire', to really get pulses racing. All boys competed brilliantly in their teams and were highly motivated to win the most points for their houses. It was great to see all the boys having fun doing some hard maths. Congratulations to 7C who came first with 341 points, narrowly beating 7H who scored 334 points. Please note that the return date for sponsorship is Wednesday 22 January 2014.

ART NEWS

The Art department has just submitted work by three of our recent students, Thomas Lowe, Lewis Harrington and Manu Pillai, for the Saatchi Gallery/Deutsche Bank Art Prize For Schools. The shortlist of schools and entries will be featured in an exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery in February 2014 where the winner will be announced. A first prize of £10,000 will be awarded to the winning school's department, with a further £2,000 given to the winning pupil. The Prize is part of the Saatchi Gallery's education programme which is committed to introducing contemporary art to younger audiences.



SPORTS NEWS

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 11 January
Wilson's vs. Ewell Castle

2nd XI	won	6-0
U15B	won	1-0
U14B	drew	1-1
U13B	lost	1-2
U12B	won	5-1

Wilson's vs. Wimbledon

U15A	won	3-0

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's vs. Caterham

B team	won	4 -2 (vs. A team)

BADMINTON SURREY LEAGUE RESULTS

Wilson's vs. Winston Churchill

U16C	won	9-0 vs. A team

Wilson's vs. Graveney

U19A	won	8-1

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 18 January - Wilson's vs. Brentwood

1st XI	Home
2nd XI	Away
U15A	Home
U15B	Home
U14A	Away
U14B	Away
U13A	Home
U13B	Home

Monday 20 January - Wilson's vs. KCS

U15 A	Home
U15B	Home

Tuesday 21 January - Wilson's vs. Sevenoaks

5th XI	Away
6th XI	Away

Wednesday 22 January
Wilson's vs. Sutton Grammar

2nd XI	Home
3rd XI	Home
7th XI	Home

Wilson's vs. Ewell Castle

4th XI	Away

WIMBLEDON BALL BOYS 2014

The boys listed below have been selected to attend training sessions for Wimbledon 2014.

This was a very difficult task for the Wimbledon organisers and they have said that the standard this year was very high.

Commiserations to those who did not make the final cut, we know that they will be very disapointed.

Jonathan Chen	Accepted
Varun Sood	Accepted
Nathan Burmingham	Accepted
Elliot Roberts	Accepted
Joshua Norman	Accepted

Congratulations to those boys who were accepted. They MUST attend a training session at Wimbledon on 21 January from 4.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.

PFA NEWS

JANUARY PFA 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

1st prize	£77.50	Erika Cooke
2nd prize	£46.50	Cho Mijeong
3rd prize	£31.00	Leigh Shelton

Congratulations to our prize winners this month.

If you would like to join the 100 club with the possibility of winning a prize each month you can obtain an application form by emailing the PFA: wilsons100club@gmail.com or see Wilson's website under PFA

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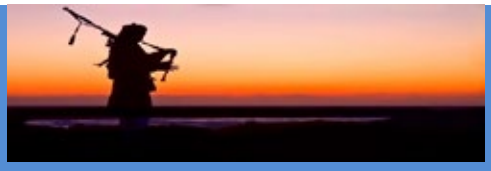


Wilson's Burns' Night

Friday, 24th January 2014

7pm (prompt) – 10pm

Wilson's School Hall

Tickets £15

(Reservations only)

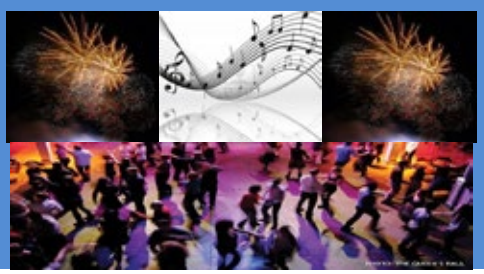
ncludes a delicious banquet supper, witty speeches, licensed bar, live music and dancing ...!

Last year's event was such a great success – book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact Email : Wilsonspfa@gmail.com

Please hand Ticket Slips together with payment to Mrs Eynon in Reception.
(cheques payable to "Wilson's PFA")
The PFA will send you an e-mail confirming your reservation.

Ticket forms can be downloaded from Wilson's website (Community/Parents) or picked up from Reception



Wilson's Update

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NEW HOUSE FOR WILSON'S - DATCHELOR

As the school expands to six forms of entry this year, we will, of course, need a new house. After much debate and many suggestions, a new house name has been chosen. By tradition, house names are associated with places or institutions associated with the school. Suggestions that were put forward included Cartmel - the birthplace of Edward Wilson; Ely, where he held office , Itchingfield where the school was evacuated to during the Second World War. Cartmel was excluded by the fact that C is an initial already in use; we felt that Ely was too remote a connection and that Itchingfield was just too much of a mouthful.

We have decided that the new house at Wilson's will be named Datchelor, an institution that had a long association with Wilson's while it was located in Camberwell. Like Greencoat, Datchelor was a school in Camberwell that made an important bequest to Wilson's upon closure; it was a secondary school and always regarded in the same light as Wilson's, almost as a twin. We already have explicit acknowledgement of its importance to us in the form of the Datchelor Wing and the painting at the back of the hall. It was, in fact, mooted at the time of Wilson's move to Wallington that Datchelor School would move with us and be located on the same site.
Mr Shaw has developed an excellent crest for the new house which borrows elements from the old Datchelor school badge and the Clothworkers' Guild that supported it.

We have chosen not to use the Datchelor School motto but to adapt Horace's question whether the prize of the palm of victory can be valued if it is not hard won - "sit condicio dulcis sine pulvere palmae". The house colour will be a deep orange, as seen in the shield.

WILSONOMICS: THE TRANSPORT ISSUE

'Wilsonomics' is back! The first issue of 2014 features an absorbing in-depth review of the HS- 2 project by Sam Kimber (Year 13). Continuing the transport theme we have Kartik Iyer arguing that it will be the 'privatisation' of space that will allow, in the words of Star Trek, 'To explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no man has gone before.' (spot the syntactical error in that statement!) Who could have imagined 50 years ago that free markets and not state monopoly power could create new opportunities for humanity in space? Also we have Lukas Alemu (Year 10)with his glowing review of that Libertarian block-buster 'Atlas Shrugged' by Ayn Rand. We finish with the 'Wilsonomics' forecast by Dolapo Koleosho reminding us that whist it might be raining outside, prospects for the economy are quite sunny! Editors Steven Thavendran & Dolapo Koleosho are always looking for interesting and well written articles. Contact also Mr Ormonde if you have any ideas for 'Wilsonomics'.

Dates for your Diary

24 January	PFA Burns Night
28 January	Y8 Parents' Evening
31 January	Jazz Dinner Evening (7.00 p.m.)
31 January	Y8 Preliminary Options Forms Issued
31 January	Y11 Final Options Forms Issued
3 February	Inter House Team Chess Challenge (3.30 p.m.)
4 February	Y10 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
5 February	Senior Musicians' Evening (II) (7.00 p.m.)
6 February	Oxbridge Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
7 February	Y9 Cake Sale (after school)
10 February	Return of Y8 Preliminary Options Forms
10 February	Return of Y11Final Options Forms
12 February	School Production - Sweeney Todd
17-21 February	Half-Term

WILSON'S 5TH CHESS FESTIVAL

After a long gap since the 4th chess festival, Wilson's 5th chess festival was won by Adam Taylor (610) with a perfect 7 wins in 7 games giving him 21 points. Second was Tharshan Kuhendiran (8G) with Ryan Shankar (11S), James McMillan (U6), Vyas Raina (11S), Kirishoth Sivalogarajah (11H) and Vatsal Raina (11H) third equal. Of the 39 competitors , 18 reached a level to qualify for the Surrey Megafinal of UK Chess Challenge 2014.

Congratulations to all who took part and to those mentioned above for doing so well.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CAREER AS AN AIRLINE PILOT?

The FLYER Professional Flight Training Exhibition is an exciting career exhibition for people considering a career as an airline pilot.

When? Saturday 12 April 2014, 10am - 5pm

Where? Sofitel Hotel (Terminal 5), London Heathrow Airport

Leading pilot training companies and universities from across the World will be present. There will also be details about pilot apprenticeships schemes. For full information about the exhibition view www.flyer.co.uk/exhibitions

DONATE BOOKS IN RETURN FOR HOUSE POINTS!

Is your house full of 'stuff' after the Christmas holidays? Do you need a 'de-clutter' now that Spring is (nearly) in the air? Here at the School library we can help by taking any books off your hands which you have read or maybe never will!

We are always looking to increase our Junior Fiction , Teen Fiction, Young Adult Fiction and Adult Fiction for 6th Formers and Staff. The younger boys also enjoy 'jokey' books like 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid.'

We try to stock all the popular series but many of the books are so popular they are literally falling apart! Eg : The Cherub Series, Skulduggery Pleasant, Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, Terry Pratchett, Anthony Horowitz, Charlie Higson.

Crime, Thriller and Adventure novels are popular, such as John Grisham, Stephen King, James Patterson, Chris Ryan. Books that are made into films such as Twilight, The Hunger Games.

Anything that is not used will first be offered to boys and staff to help themselves and what's left will go to a Charity Shop. There will be a box in the foyer marked 'Library Donations' or students can bring them straight up to the Library. Please make sure the books are in a bag with your son's name and form so that house points can be awarded for each book donated.

NOTICES

START OF TERM 2014 - CHANGE OF DATE FOR Y8
Please note that boys starting Y8 in September 2014 will be coming back to school on Tuesday 2 September NOT Wednesday 3 September as previously stated.

LOST PROPERTY
In order that property can be returned to its owner, please ensure that all items of uniform and equipment (including shoes, memory sticks, pencil cases, glasses cases etc.) are named. Note that any items of lost property that remain unclaimed at the end of each term will be disposed of appropriately. Mrs Beggs will be laying out recently handed in items of lost property every Wednesday lunchtime in the main foyer for boys to view.

BIKE SHEDS
Sadly we have recently had reports of the theft of bicycles from the bike shed. Bicycles must not be left in the cycle shed overnight.

Y8 PARENTS' EVENING
Letters giving parents the times of appointments for parents' evening on 28 January, will be going home with the boys on Friday.

NEW CHOIR FOR PARENTS, STAFF AND FRIENDS
If you are interested in joining this new choir please e-mail Mr Rogers (LTR@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)

NUFFIELD RESEARCH PLACEMENTS

Applications for Nuffield Research Placements in the Greater London and Surrey areas have now opened and will close on 31 March. These are authentic, hands-on research projects, where students contribute to the work of their host organisation, which includes universities, research institutes and companies. Students have a defined project and are well supervised, but they are also expected to work independently and use their own initiative. The placements take place in the summer holidays and last from 4 to 6 weeks.

Nuffield Research Placements offer projects across all types of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They are about skills development as much as subject development - the idea is that students will learn as much about research skills as they do about the topic they are working on.

Last year we had two students complete their placements successfully. Both boys received a Gold CREST award. Kopikan Vinayagalingam worked at the Space Centre at the University of Surrey and worked in a team producing a programme for a walking robot. Shivang Joshi worked under Professor John Ward at UCL. Both boys immensely benefitted from these placements.

Further information can be found from Mrs Jones and on this website: nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placement.

SALTERS' CHEMISTRY CAMPS FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Applications from Year 10 students for this year's Salters' Chemistry Camps are now open. The school can only nominate four students, so please complete and return your application forms to Mrs Jones in the Science Department as soon as possible.

The aim of the Camps is to enable young people to explore the fun of chemistry and help motivate them into developing a long term interest in the subject and its applications in modern life.
Since they began in 1998, when two Camps were held at the Universities of Birmingham and York, the number of Camps has increased dramatically in response to their success. During the summer of 2013 fourteen Camps were hosted at universities throughout the UK. Last year Wilson's was lucky enough to have five boys attend these camps at Cambridge, Nottingham and Sussex universities.

Students spend three days and two nights at the Host University, staying in the University Halls of Residence, and using the laboratories. They carry out new, exciting experiments, and have the chance to delve into areas of chemistry that are perhaps not covered at school. Further background information is presented through entertaining lectures and (often noisy!) demonstrations. In the evenings, practical work in the labs is put on the back burner, and students enjoy a variety of social activities.

More information and application forms can be obtained from this website: saltersinstitute.co.uk/camps

Post-Christmas Appeal for unwanted & surplus gifts

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

TOP FLOOR CLUB PRESENTS - TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES, 1.15 P.M. - ROOM 20

Come and see what the best students of history, geography, philosophy and politics have to offer.

Battle of the Somme – Alex Osborn	28th January
Arab Spring – Gabriel Luck	4th February
Game Theory - Samir Dewan	11th February
Modern China – Jack Seal	25th February
Early American Gun Culture – Joe Perry	18th March
Edward VIII – Liam Pavesi	25th March
Problem of Induction – Jude Boateng	1st April
US Surveillance – Yusuf Chaudhary	22nd April

HORDES OF THE THINGS - 17 JANUARY 2014

Three lively games took place last Friday, involving players of vastly differing experience. In one skirmish, there was what amounted to a stalemate between an attacking Hephaistian army, equipped with the customary aerial hero and an opposing skeletal horde. Both sides took losses fighting over high ground in the middle of the Hephaistos terrain board, but could not force a breakthrough, not even when the defending hero found himself ensorcelled by an enemy magician. With more time, the attacker may well have won, but time in a Wilson's lunch hour waits for no man, nor attacking horde.
The second game was a typical clash of large dwarf and woodland forces, which came to an end as a draw following a huge centre board clash between the main forces.
The third game was more intriguing, as a veteran player took on a novice. The veteran defender opted for a strategy of getting his retaliation in first and sent in his general and flyers to disrupt the advancing attacker. The attacker took losses, but they were hordes, which can be replaced after destruction. His main problem was being hemmed in by a river, leaving him reliant upon a road wide enough for only one unit, on which to get at the defending stronghold. By a combination of poor deployment of his two airboats and harassment by the defender, the novice attacker never did get near the stronghold, but lost his own general after he got caught up in a scramble to retreat down the road. It was a powerful demonstration of the value of experience. Lessons were learned which may be used in the next battle.

The addition of terrain has now allowed for the use of lurkers, water-lurkers and sneakers; three new troop types yet to be used. Rumour has it that next Friday, these new units will put in their first appearance.

NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

Congratulations to last week's winner, Neev Trehan, 11S, who correctly identified the image as being The Caldera in Santorini which is an island belonging to Greece. Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! On to this week's competition:

' Where in the world is this? If you can name the landmark, the place and the country, then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…'

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK SUPPORT - 1.10 - 1.50 P.M.

Wed A: C1	Fri A: C1
Mon B: C1	Thurs B: C1

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

CLASSICS CLUB

Takes place on Wednesdays at 1.20 p.m. in Room 5 (with free chocolate).

Anyone needing help with Latin or Classics should go to Room 5 on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for the general Latin help club.

CHESS CLUB

All pupils are welcome to attend the lunchtime club (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). Those who aspire to play chess for the school are encouraged to also attend on Wednesday after school from 3.30 to 5.00 p.m. In all cases the meetings are in F12 in the Maths Department, and further information can be obtained from Dr Cooper: (nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

This club is for anyone in years 8 - 13 who enjoys the challenge of tough maths problems to solve. The club takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in F12.

MANDARIN CLUB

Mandarin club has started again on Wednesdays after school in Room 14.

BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS

Available every Wednesday lunchtime (13.05 -14.00) for advice and help on how to improve your subject knowledge or exam technique in Business Studies and Economics. You may need help with homework or simply a quiet place to study where assistance is conveniently on hand. See Mr Ormonde in 6F3. No topic too 'big' or 'small'!

DEBATE CLUB

Debate club runs every Monday lunchtime in Room 16. Please see Mrs Guy with any questions.

COMPUTER CLUBS

Year 10 and 11 coursework on Monday in F4 with Mrs Gill

Year 7 drop in Mondays C2 Mr Wallace

Scratch club for Year 7s on Tuesday in F5 with Mr Poole.

CLASSICS CLUB

In Wednesday's Classics Club, Mr Weston gave a talk on the Roman origins of the New Year. We learned about the origins of the Roman calendar: how ten months became twelve (though our year still ends with December, the original "tenth"), and how January, named after Janus, replaced March, named after Mars, as the first month of the year. The Romans also celebrated New Year 's Day: but whereas we now enjoy a bank holiday on the first of January, we learned that the Romans considered it to be a bad omen for the year as a whole if no work were done on its first day. Thus, the Romans always set aside some time to pretend to be busy on January the first (the "Kalends") in order to appease their superstitions. We also learned how Julius Caesar used the inaccuracies of the early Roman calendar to his advantage in invading Italy: something he ensured could never happen again when he instituted the Julian calendar – our first 365 day year. With exams on the horizon, it was useful for the Classics Club cohort to remember that the Romans did not have weekends; these, of course, are a nod to innovative Christian beliefs. Thanks to all who attend Classics Club regularly – to all who do not: come along!

MUSIC NEWS

HOUSE MUSIC 2014

This year's House Music competition will soon be upon us! This is Wilson's annual competition to celebrate the most talented musicians in the school, and a chance to win a large number of points for your house. There are seven categories in which students can enter (Brass, Voice, Percussion, Guitar, Woodwind, Strings, and Piano). The competition is open to all students, and split into Junior (years 7-9) and Senior (10-13) categories. Initial rounds are held from the 17-18 March, where students must prepare a short piece (no longer than 5 minutes) to impress the judges.

Eminent external musicians are invited to adjudicate each category, and in past years have always been impressed by the high standard and variety of entries that Wilson's offered. The Grand Finale takes place on 31 March. Winners from each of the preliminary rounds perform in an exciting evening of music making to determine who wins the overall prize.

Will you be the next "Wilson's Young Musician of the Year"? Entry forms are available from the music department and should be completed and submitted by Friday 7 February.

Wilson's School

Parents, Staff and Friends Choir

Have you ever watched those television programmes where choirs are formed with local groups and thought 'I fancy trying that, it looks like great fun'?

Well, here is your opportunity!

Wilson's School are starting a *Parents, Staff and Friends Choir* where you can come along once a week, get to know new people, improve your social life and spend an hour doing something totally different which is challenging and good for you!

It's easy for everyone to join as there won't be any auditions and it's not necessary to be able to read music. Beginners and more experienced musicians, male and female of any age are all very welcome.

Each term the choir will learn a new repertoire of uplifting songs from many genres around the globe.

This term we will be learning Vivaldi's 'Gloria'.

Please join us every Thursday evening from 6.00pm until 7.00pm in the Bowden Room. There will be a minimal charge of £2 a session to cover the cost of the professional singing coach, Christopher Hann.

Please contact Luke Rogers (LTR@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk) if you are interested in joining.

Wilson's Jazz Dinner Evening is nearly here and tickets are selling really fast with less than 30 places left!

Steve Ashworth, Wilson's answer to Ronnie Scott, will be presenting the evening which will be divided into several 'sets' with highlights from Wilson's Senior, Intermediate and Junior Jazz Bands. There will also be guest appearances from Satchit Srikanth and Wilson's up and coming Year 11 house band.

The food and décor will be 'New York' style – a delicious three course, candle-lit dinner served by Tim Pryse-Hawkins and his team.

Tickets are only £15 each and can be purchased from the Finance Office via Parentmail.

We are already excited about the many musical events planned for the rest of this term including:

Sweeny Todd – 12 February
Joint Concert with Wallington High School for Girls –1 April
Spring Concert – 3 April

Please put all the dates in your diary now for what will be another amazing term for Wilson's Music!

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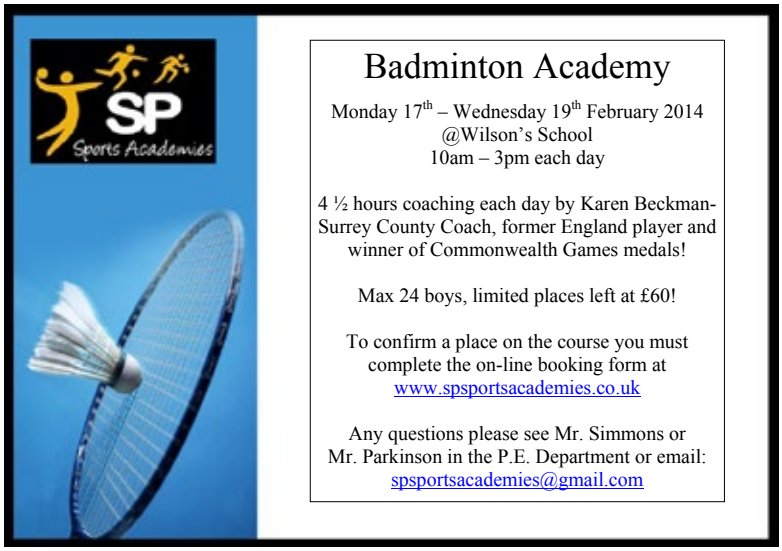

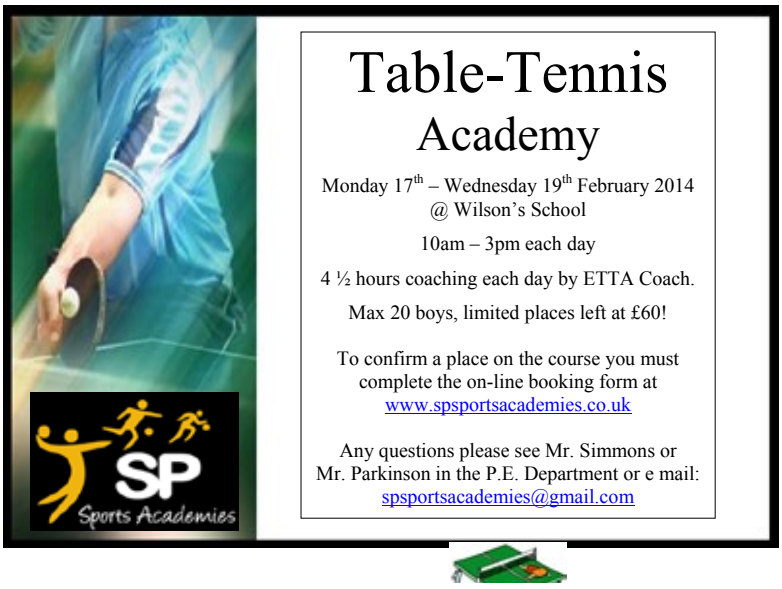

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 25 January
Wilson's vs. City of London

1st XI	Training
2nd XI	Training
U15A	Away
U14A	Away
U13A	Away
U12A	Away

Wilson's vs. Carshalton

U15B	Home
U14B	Home
U13B	Home
U12B	Home

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 14 January
Wilson's vs. St. John's School (Leatherhead)

1st XI	won	2-1

Year 11 House football results:

1st	Hayes
2nd	Camberwell
3rd	Southwark
4th	Greencoat
5th	Brecon

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's A drew with KCS Wimbledon	3-3
Wilson's C beat Kingston A	4.5 - 1.5
Wilson's E beat KCS Wimbledon B	7 - 5
Wilson's E beat Emanuel A	8.5 - 3.5
Wilson's F beat George Abbott A	11 - 1

Wilson's Update

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TOUGH GUY - 26 JANUARY 2014

On Sunday, on a cold, wet windy day in Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton, a team of boys and staff from the school took part in the annual Tough Guy competition. This is a Wilson's tradition which has involved hundreds of Wilson's boys since a team first competed in 1990. Large sums of money have been raised over that time for Multiple Sclerosis and a host of other charities. After a short break in tradition, Wilson's were back with a bang on Sunday with a team of 44 boys, 4 old boys and 6 staff, by far the biggest team ever and probably the youngest. The boys were faced by huge fear climbs, freezing water, tunnels, electric shocks and deep unforgiving mud!

Billed as the toughest event of its kind in the country, there is no doubt you need great reserves of mental strength as well as fitness to complete the challenge! Miss Gibson joined the very short list of female teachers who have also completed the course (previously only Mrs Prestney). There were also solid performances by the other male staff who upheld the tradition by taking part: Mr Beggs, Mr Hudson , Miss Gibson, Mr Carew Robinson, Mr Ng and Mr Marsac all join the Tough Guy Roll of Honour.

Sadly two boys were unable to finish because of the cold and their muscles failing to respond to instructions, but they struggled against the elements for over two hours until they were removed from the race by the officials. However the rest of the boys managed to complete the course in varying degrees of discomfort and in wildly varying times. The quickest just under two hours, the slowest in over four! The first home for the school was Ollie Sitch, closely followed by Alex Leen, Patrick Kirby, Rory Mc Nevin, Josh Smith and Sam Wright in times around two hours. The other boys fought the conditions and some made superhuman efforts to finish. This was epitomised by Neresh Anandakumar and Ben Carruthers. Both of these boys were suffering badly from the cold and on the point of being pulled out by the officials, but refused to give in and crawled the last 50 metres of the race .The crowd and commentators cheered them on and in what seemed like an eternity they finished to tumultuous applause and a cup of hot chocolate!

It was a day of many such stories. The boys beat many other teams round the course and passed students from Loughborough, U.C.L, Oxford and Cambridge Universities and local rivals Whitgift plus many old boys from the school.

We have nothing but respect for the courage and determination shown by these boys, completing such a monster of a course and all in the pursuit of raising funds for good causes.

A great tradition has been reborn!

Dates for your Diary

3 February	Inter House Team Chess Challenge (3.30 p.m.)
4 February	Y10 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
5 February	Senior Musicians' Evening (II) (7.00 p.m.)
6 February	Oxbridge Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
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10 February	Return of Y8 Preliminary Options Forms
10 February	Return of Y11Final Options Forms
12 February	School Production - Sweeney Todd
17-21 February	Half-Term

TOUGH GUY CONTINUED!

NOTICES

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Mrs Phillips, who has run the second hand uniform shop for a number of years, will be finishing at the end of this year. We are seeking a volunteer who would be able to take over from September 2014. You would need to be able to commit to come to school to open the shop for an hour after school once every half term with some light administrative duties in-between. If you are interested please contact Mrs Lowe at the school.

Y8 AUTUMN PERFORMANCE GRADES
The Y8 Autumn Performance Grades recently sent out to parents had some incorrect information regarding the Science grades. The Science assessment grades were correct but in the wrong order, they should read:

Assessment 1 – Circuits
Assessment 2 – Electromagnets
Assessment 3 – Practical Skills
Assessment 4 – Compounds
Assessment 5 – Light
Apologies for any incomprehension caused.

WATERSPORTS TRIP 2014, 18 – 26 July 2014, Cost £715
There are some spaces available on the above trip to Spain in July. The trip is open to boys in years 8 and 10. Any boys interested should visit the Finance Office for a trip letter giving full details. Completed permission forms and payment of the initial deposit and first instalment (£290) would be due by Friday 7 February 2014. Any queries please contact Mr Molyneux or the Finance Office on 020 8773 7681.

G.C.S.E. PHYSICAL EDUCATION GROUP

Good fun was had by all of the G.C.S.E.Physical Education group as they constructed a model of the heart in the sports hall, using cones disks and other items. They then had to walk the path of an oxygen molecule from the lungs until it returned as a deoxygenated molecule.

Y8 INTER-FORM TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

The Y8 Inter-form Team Maths Challenge Competition took place this Monday lunchtime. This was a fiercely competitive competition with each form represented by a team of 4 students. Boys needed to tackle a set of 10 challenging problems within 45 minutes. As well as mathematical ability, effective time management and delegation were key to success. The boys were intensely focused and displayed impressive teamwork and problem-solving ability. Congratulations to the winning team from 8C (Alex Banwell, Kyle Vaguela, Conrad Essilfie-Conduah and Arjun Bahra).

WILSON'S BURNS NIGHT: FRIDAY 24 JANUARY, 2014

Wilson's Burns Night proved yet again to be a successful and very entertaining evening for everyone thanks to all the organisation and efforts from Julie and Stuart Sinclair (Jack- 11S) who were also the Host Masters.

The evening commenced in style with the bagpiper, Femi, playing fabulous haunting Celtic tunes, followed by the Supper which was accompanied by amusing "Toasts" and banter between Niall McNevin (Rory – 6th Form) and Nial Stewart (Charlie – 11S). Very merry Ceilidh Dancing, directed by Stuart Sinclair, completed the evening and even those confirmed "non-dancers" found themselves on the dance floor exerting themselves to an unexpected cardio blast!

A huge thanks to all the parents and friends who helped and supported the evening. Special thanks to Tim Pryse-Hawkins and Beverley Barry who commanded a very well-organised kitchen, Kevin Hemmings and Mark Goldhawk, Marek Polniaszek and Chris Rowe, for all their technical help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next Wilson's event and another Burns Supper next January! Do have a look at the Wilson's Website for photographs taken of the evening.
http://www.wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk/community/parents/pfa/

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

TOP FLOOR CLUB PRESENTS - TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES, 1.15 P.M. - ROOM 20

Come and see what the best students of history, geography, philosophy and politics have to offer.

Arab Spring – Gabriel Luck	4th February
Game Theory - Samir Dewan	11th February
Modern China – Jack Seal	25th February
Early American Gun Culture – Joe Perry	18th March
Edward VIII – Liam Pavesi	25th March
Problem of Induction – Jude Boateng	1st April
US Surveillance – Yusuf Chaudhary	22nd April

HOTT REPORT - 24 JANUARY

Last Friday saw three games played, all of which were lively and fast moving. The first game involved mixed armies of dwarves and vikings having a good, old-fashioned tear-up in the middle of the table. Nobody remembers who won or lost. In the second game a veteran champion player defended his reputation against a second-timer who had clearly learned lessons from his first game. Once again, as has happened so often at HOTT club, an aerial hero proved to be the decisive threat to his opponent, despite some heroic slaughtering of hordes by blades and knights, used in a powerful group. The flexibility and speed of the aerial hero allowed him to act as a mobile "fire brigade" and he duly went from one side of the board to the other, saving his army from being over-run. The champion won by a very narrow margin. If the attacker had gained his dragon a couple of turns earlier, he probably would have won. The last game, played on the forest board, saw two experienced players fight backwards and forwards across the width of the terrain. The most notable event was the ensorcelling of the opposition aerial hero by the defending general, who was a magician. This sends the hero back to his base edge, where he must remain until released by an initiative roll of six. The use of a magician, perhaps aided by a second magician, seems to be the only effective tactic so far used against the club favourite aerial hero.

ART NEWS - ROBIN LEVERTON

In early January Robin Leverton presented his speech on Francis Bacon's triptych: "Three Studies for Figures at the Base of a Crucifixion" at the London heat of the ARTiculation competition. The event was hosted at the Saatchi Gallery and drew in competitors from other top London Schools. Robin delivered an erudite narrative that captured Bacon's bleak representation of the human condition and was awarded third place – a fantastic achievement for our first ever entry into this award.

NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

Congratulations to last week's winner, Vinoth Raveendran 8H, who correctly identified the image as being Liverpool – the Liver Building and Cunard House. Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! Special mention to Alex Leggett, 601, who is our first Sixth Form Entrant! On to this week's competition:

' Where in the world is this? If you can name the landmark, the place and the country, then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK SUPPORT - 1.10 - 1.50 P.M.

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COMPUTER CLUBS
Year 10 and 11 coursework on Monday in F4 with Mrs Gill

CLASSICS CLUB 22/1/14

A challenge:

Your army is spread across the plain when rumbling into sight come not only two hundred enemy cavalry and a thousand hoplites but, unexpectedly, thirty mounted elephants that seem very, very angry – they have been made drunk before battle according to custom. As your cavalry begin to neigh and your infantry start to look nervously over their shoulders you have mere seconds to decide – how are you going to stop these behemoths and avoid a complete rout? Solutions include the straightforward; every archer and slinger aims at the elephants' riders and eyes. The work-intensive; put down caltrops (sharp spikes buried in the ground) or elephant pits before battle begins. The unbelievable; leave elephant-dung-smeared warriors in overhanging trees and let them drop down the back of the elephants and ham-string them. The fiery; naphtha grenades.

The expensive: train up, over several years, special elephant killing troops with spikes on their armour (so they will not be picked up by trunks) and heavy cutting weapons for 'the snake like hand' and the elephants' delicate feet.
But the naphtha is out, the caltrops are lost, there is not a tree in sight and there is not an archer or elephant killer on the field. What then? Bring on the burning pigs, of course. War elephants had a considerable fear of pigs – perhaps because of their squealing. Elephants also didn't like fire. So you take your ten or twenty swine, cover them in tar and then light them in front of the elephants. The pigs, naturally, resent being burnt alive and charge madly around trying to put the flames out, making an extraordinary racket as they do so. The elephants are faced with their two worst nightmares – squealing pigs and flame. A rout follows. The battle is yours.
The stuff of fantasy? Perhaps not. The Romans arguably used this tactic – accounts differ - against the Greek elephants of Pyrrhus in the third century BCE (Beneventum) and at Megara, Claudius Aelianus tells us, the citizens of that place used burning swine against the elephants of the general Antipater, again with success, in 266 BCE. Flaming pigs used to be a much-loved feature of the first "Rome Total War" computer game. Rumour has it that they are about to reappear as an upgrade to the second game.

Putting parasites on the small screen: the Absurdities of Science TV

A WCGS STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Lecture

Dr Mike Leahy

TV Presenter

(BBC1, BBC2, BBC3, BBC4, Horizon, National Geographic Channel, SKY1)

Thursday, 13th February 2014

7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start

at

Wallington County Grammar School

Croydon Road Wallington Surrey SM6 7PH

(no parking on site)

Come and be entertained!

This event is for anyone interested in hearing an entertaining lecture on parasites given by the renowned TV presenter, Dr Mike Leahy

This lecture will be equally suitable for Year 7 to Year 13 students, parents and teaching staff

If you would like to attend please contact:

Mrs Gillian Atkins

gatkins@suttonmail.org or 020 8647 2235 Ext 206

Hosted by the WCGS Science Committee and Biology Society

HANS WOYDA MATHS COMPETITION

In the Hans Woyda inter-school maths competition Wilson's beat Whitgift by 43 – 38 to reach the semi-final of the plate competition.
The team of Sami Muhammad (U6), Adam Taylor (L6), Harry Goodburn (11S) and Shavindra Jayasekera (9B) started off very well but lost points on the geometry round. A poor calculator round meant that they were behind going into the final race round, but a cool nerve and good maths resulted in a clear victory.

The questions they did well on under time pressure included:

- Find the next year after 2014 which is a prime number.
- The positive integers are listed in order 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, … . Find the 90th digit written in this list.
- Given that 1^3+2^3+3^3+ +n^3=225, find the value of n .

If you can solve these then come to Maths Challenge Club on Wednesday lunchtime and check your answers

SPORTS NEWS

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 21st Jan
Wilson's vs. KCS Wimbledon
U13A won 3-0
U13B lost 3-1
U13C lost 7-0
U13D lost 4-2
U13E lost 5-1
Wilson's vs. Sevenoaks
4th XI won 2-1 v Sevenoaks
6th XI drew 2-2 v Sevenoaks

Wednesday 22 Jan
Wilson's vs. Sutton Grammar
1st XI won 2-0 v Sutton
7th XI lost 4-2 v Sutton 2nd XI
8th XI lost 5-1 v Sutton 3rd XI
Wilson's vs. Claremont
2nd XI won 8-0 v1st XI
6th XI drew 2-2 v 2nd XI
Wilson's vs. Overton Grange
3rd XI lost 3-2
Wilson's vs. Ewell Castle
4th XI won 6-1 v 1st XI

Friday 24th Jan - Wilson's vs. Cedars School
U12A won 6-0

Saturday 25th Jan
Wilson's vs. City of London
U15A won 2-0
U14A drew 1-1 v City of London
U13A drew 1-1 v City of London
U12A won 3-2 v City of London
Wilson's vs. Carshalton
U15B lost 2-1
U14B drew 1-1 v Carshalton A/B
U13B lost 4-1
U12B lost 5-3

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 1 February
Wilson's vs. Dulwich City

1st XI	Away
2nd XI	Home
3rd XI	Home
U15A	Away
U15B	Away
U14A	Home
U14B	Home
U13A	Away
U13B	Away
U12A	Away
U12B	Away

Wednesday 5 February
Wilson's vs. City of London

1st XI	Away
2nd XI	Away
3rd XI	Away
4th XI	Home
5th XI	Home
6th XI	Home

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's A beat RGS Guildford 4 - 2
Wilson's C lost to RGS Guildford 1 - 5
Wilson's E beat RGS Guildford C 8.5 - 4.5
Wilson's G beat RGS Guildford 5 - 3
Wilson's Y7 lost to RGS Guildford Y7 4.5 - 13.5

National Cup, Surrey Zone semi-final
Wilson's B lost to RGS Guildford A 0 - 6

Wilson's Update

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SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND DEPUTY SCHOOL CAPTAINS - 2014-2015

After a rigorous selection procedure, we are delighted to name Harry Perkin as the School Captain for 2014-15. Given that his tenure will extend across our quatercentary year, his appointment is a particular honour. Harry will be assisted by five Deputy School Captains: Robert Cochrane, James Gunnell, Philip Knott, Andrew McDonald and Pavan Murali who also were identified as role models within the school. After half term, the selection of the extended senior team will be completed and the Duty Prefects named.

Dates for your Diary

17-21 February	Half-Term
24 February	First day of term (normal start time)
26 February	Senior Musicians' Evening III (7.00 p.m.)
27 February	Y9 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
3 March	Prayer Group for Parents & Staff (8.00 p.m.)
7 March	Y8 Final Options Forms Issued
12 March	GCSE Musicians' Evening II
12 March	Surrey Team Maths Challenge at University of Surrey (L6)
14 March	Y9 after school cake sale
17 March	Wilson's Used Uniform Shop (3.30 p.m.)
17 March	Medical Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
20 March	Y8 Final Options Forms to be returned
26 March	Sixth Form Recital Evening (7.00 p.m.)
27 March	Y7 Celebration Evening (7.00 p.m.)
28 March	Mufti Day (in aid of Lily Foundation)
31 March	Young Musician of the Year Final (7.00 p.m.)
1 April	Joint Concert with WHSG (7.00 p.m.)
3 April	Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)
4 April	Founder's Day
4 April	Term Ends

ATC - AIR TROPHY COMPETITION

On the cold morning of 2 February, a team of 12 cadets from the RAF section set off at dawn, travelling to RAF Halton to compete in the South Central Air Squadron Trophy Competition. On arrival the team wasted no time, getting to work on their shoes and brushing up on RAF Knowledge before events got under way. First up was First Aid, which went very smoothly and set the tone for the day. Cpl Robertson blew away Air Recce, getting a solid 28/30 – one off the highest scores in the competition. Shooting on the DCCT, Fitness (a bleep test), Command Task and RAF Knowledge followed with further success. Finally, the eagerly anticipated discipline, the Drill sequence, rounded the day off perfectly with an excellent turn out. At the end of the day, the team knew they had given their best and were expecting good places in all disciplines.

The key to winning these events is consistency across the board. The team achieved this remarkably, resulting in them becoming champions of the South Central Air Squadron Trophy Competition, with the youngest squad ever put through! This was against 14 teams this year as opposed to 8 teams when they won it three years ago. They now have their sights set firmly on the Nationals, on 16 March, and bringing back the Air Squadron Trophy for Wilson's. Our congratulations go to all those who took part and our thanks go to all the officers in the contingent, especially Maj. Burton, Sqn. Ldr. Gardner, Lt. Beggs, Flt Off. Beggs, Mr Luck and Miss Clarke.

Team members: I/C FS Anandakumar, Sgt Tejura, Sgt Kingsnorth, Cpl Robertson, Cpl Padhi, L/Cpl Lewis, Cdt Gotts, Cdt Moore, Cdt Carr, Cdt Hyatt, Cdt Pal and Cdt Jacob.

DEBATING NEWS

Wilson's debaters had a successful trip to Bristol at the weekend. Tim Sharpe and Luke Kosky took three firsts and a total of 614 speaker points to qualify for the final with St Paul's Girls' School, Upper Latymer and Eton. James Gunnell and Karim Abu-Seer took a second in every round to finish seventh on the team tab; Ahmed Elgharably and Ravi Yaathavan took a first and two seconds, Ahmed Naqvi and Will Porter took a first, and Ollie Green and Harry Perkin took a first and a second. Wilson's students also scored well individually: Tim placed third, Luke fifth, and James placed seventh best speaker overall. Many thanks to all our students for their hard work, and for fantastic support from their parents, who were once again on hand for a very late return from Bristol.

NOTICES

Y11 WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

The deadline for the submission of work experience forms is Monday 24 February. Please could the parents of those Y11 students who still have to find a placement, work with them over the half term break to try to obtain a placement.

YEAR 9 MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES TRIPS TO GERMANY AND FRANCE

Parents and carers of participants in the Modern Foreign Languages trips to France and Germany during Activities Week are gently reminded that a third payment of £100 becomes due on 14 February.

GENEROUS DONATION TO THE SCHOOL

Wilson's was recently given a new piano by Colin and Shirley Quemby, two friends of local resident Howard Davies, who sadly passed away last year and we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Howard went to Sutton Grammar and then on to study Chemistry and Natural Sciences at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. He later studied Maths at Birmingham before joining the Maths department at UCL, which he served for over 50 years. He was a keen local historian and botanist, as well as being very active in Cyclism, a local cycling campaign group.

Although he had friends scattered across the country, Howard is not survived by any family. He asked Mr & Mrs Quemby to arrange his affairs and they contacted the school via Mrs Gonsalves (a current Year 10 parent) to find out if it could put any of Howard's belongings to good use. In addition to the new piano (pictured above), which is used by pupils every day, the Drama department have been given lots of cloth for new costumes, the Gardening Club received lots of plant pots and the History department have some local newspapers dating from the Second World War.

All of these gifts will be put to good use at the school supporting the boys' co-curricular activities. Thanks again to Mr and Mrs Quemby for their help and generosity.

WILSON'S INTER-FORM CHESS CHALLENGE - 3 FEBRUARY 2014

This year's inter-form chess challenge featured teams of 4 players from each form. 28 forms entered a team, of which ten also entered second teams. In total,more than 130 pupils spent the afternoon playing four games of chess each. So during a two hour period more than 250 games of chess were played. Using the 'Swiss System' forms were pitted against others with a similar total, resulting, for instance, in year 7s playing sixth formers. This resulted in many close matches.

Each win counted as 1 point to the winner, whilst a draw resulted in half a point each. The top five forms were:

Position	Form	Total
1	6S	15
2	11S	14½
3	9B	12½
4	6H	12
5	11H	12

Since the competition was for forms, the combined sixth form forms were not eligible to win and so 11S retained the title they won last year.

The overall house competition scores, which included points for every single game of chess played, was a tense, three way battle. In the last few minutes first Camberwell then Greencoat were in the lead but the final results gave victory to Southwark.

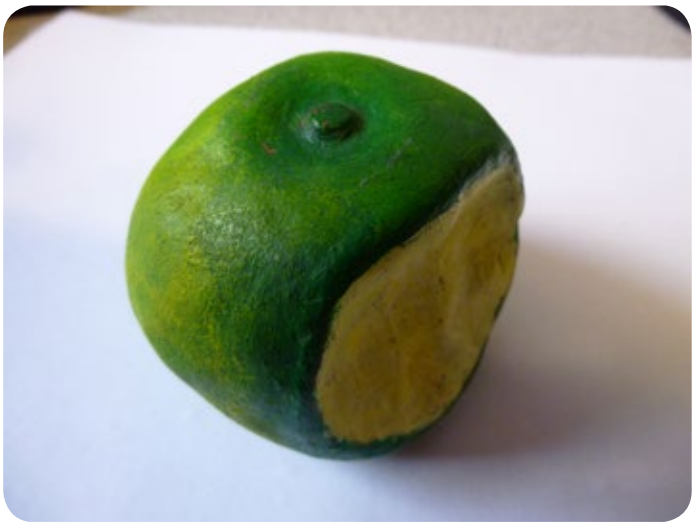
Position	House	Total
1	Southwark	65½
2	Greencoat	63
3	Camberwell	62
4	Brecon	48
5	Hayes	43½

YEAR 8 HOUSE PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Last Friday five teams representing each house in Year 8 did battle in the annual problem solving competition. They had to make a device which would switch on a lamp after a delay of 15 seconds using materials given to them. All teams showed much ingenuity in their designs. The winners this year were Camberwell and the team consisted of Alex Banwell, Adam Hussain, Conrad Essil-fie-Conduah, Will Hicks and Kyle Vaghela. They produced a 'roller coaster' design for a marble which took 7 seconds to reach and close an electrical switch. This team will represent Wilson's at the regional problem solving competition to be held at St Philomena's after half term. All boys who took part must be congratulated on their efforts!

ART NEWS - SUTTON ARTS COUNCIL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

The Art Department would like to invite staff, families and friends to the opening of the YOUTH ART EXHIBITION on Friday 14th February at the Europa Gallery, Sutton Library. A small team will judge the work on Thursday afternoon and Commendation Certificates will be presented by the Mayor on Friday 14th at 5.30pm. We are exhibiting current boys' work and we are very proud of the quality and variety representing Wilson's.
The following boys' work is being exhibited:
Akash Gupta 8C,
Niall Byrne 8H,
Sasidave Sooriyakumaran 8G,
Nick Hicks 8S,
Harry Regan 8G,
Vinoth Raveendran 8H,
Ben St Clair-Gray 9B,
Seth Johnson 8B,
Joseph Li 9C,
Obi Thurgood 9S,
Ramon Nartallo 9H,
Sashank Srikanth 9S,
Jin Mac 9C,
Isuru Jayasekera 9B,
Lewis Harrington L6,
Aran Kalogroulis L6,
Eddie Heyne 11H,
William Harman U6,
Joshnu Seelan U6,
James Hilton U6,
Robin Leverton U6,
Alex Clarke (leaver)



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HOTT REPORT - 31 JANUARY

Hordes of the Things club had four games running on Friday and there was no surprise as the resident champion once again used his favourite tactics to win a battle. His opponent was tenacious and aggressive, fielding an army of six wolf-rider squadrons, with two magicians and a hero. The magicians managed to defeat and ensorcel the champion's aerial hero, allowing the wolf-riders to have two attempts at capturing the stronghold. Unfortunately, the dice deserted them at the critical time and the champion survived.
In the other games, dragons duelled with heroes, hordes of lava-spewing Hephaistos swordsmen clashed with serried ranks of centaurs and the vicious Vikings went on the rampage. It was then, a normal time at HOTT club.

NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

Congratulations to last week's winner, Vou-Fri Sett, 8B, who correctly identified the image as being the Giant's Causeway, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. This week's special mention goes to Miss Gibson (8S) and Dr Moore (9H), who, very speedily emailed the correct answer as it is an image from their homeland! Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! On to this week's competition:

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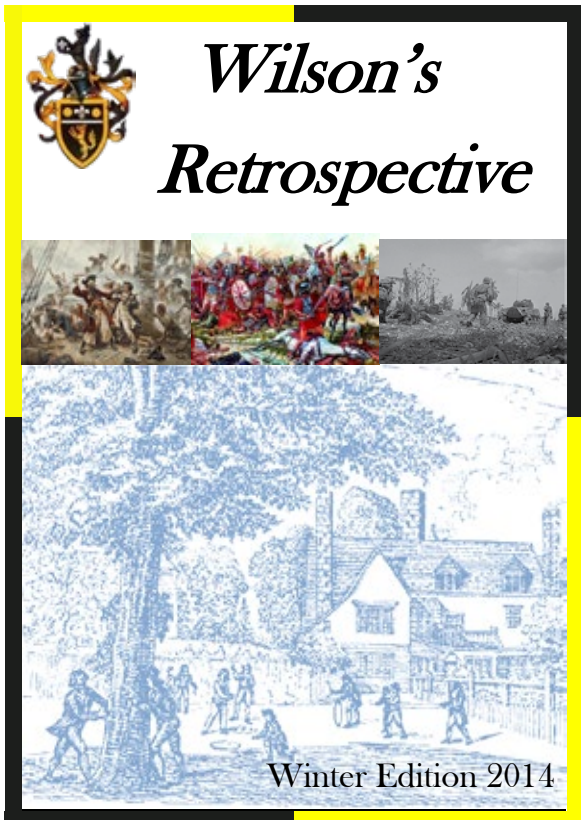
COMPUTER CLUBS

Year 10 and 11 coursework on Monday in F4 with Mrs Gill
Year 7 drop in Mondays C2 Mr Wallace
Scratch club for Year 7s on Tuesday in F5 with Mr Poole.

WILSON'S 'RETROSPECTIVE' MAGAZINE

The second edition of the school's history magazine 'Wilson's Retrospective' has been published. All of the articles have been written by students.



PFA NEWS

100 CLUB - FEBRUARY DRAW

1st Prize	£77.50	Christopher Kinch
2nd Prize	£46.50	Ivona Bryant
3rd Prize	£31.00	Patricia Anang

CORPUS CHRISTI, CAMBRIDGE COMPUTING COMPETITION

Lower Sixth students have written essays for the Corpus Christi Computing competition. There is a limit of two essays per school to be entered into the competition and Mr Poole and four of the Upper Sixth, including those who entered the competition last year, chose Arjun Gill and Will Kingsnorth as the two students who should have their essays submitted to the competition this year.

The task for the essay was as follows: Task 2013/14

A proposed voice communication system enables very short calls and messages to be routed rapidly between a team of stock traders based in busy stock exchanges in different countries. In terms of primary user interface, each trader will wear a speaker/mike headset and have a panel with ten or so push buttons. The panel may be placed on a table or worn on a belt. A push button is generally associated with another member of the team and should be used to make a call or queue a message to that person. It is proposed that the buttons might give tactile feedback in that they sometimes vibrate and will not always press down. These haptic events might be for when the associated trader is calling or is busy, but this may be varied (e.g. sometimes a trader will want to customise their interface).

Please write an essay with a title of your own choosing. The essay must use four sub-titled sections of approximately 300 words each where each section focusses on one of the following (five) questions. The essay should, however, have an overall structure or argument consistent with your title and so it will consist of slightly more than just the four sections. Order the sections as best fits your argument.

Please state all of your assumptions about how the system could be designed. As well as being resistant to being pressed, you might consider that the buttons can light up in various colours or change legend and so on.

• Q1. Assuming capital and running costs will be insignificant, what human and physical limitations do the system designers face and what mechanisms might the system employ to help overcome them and be more effective ?

• Q2. How much bandwidth and storage for messages do you think the system calls for? What mix of hardware, memory and communication technologies might best be selected? The units in your answer should be bits-per second and bytes.

• Q3. What security issues might the system encounter and what sort of monitoring or regulation might senior managers or national law makers impose?

• Q4. Is haptic technology appropriate in this application? Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the haptic system compared with an implementation using a multi-touch screen.

• Q5. Please research and describe an activity that real-world stock traders perform and suggest or design any minor enhancements to the proposed system that might assist with that activity. Alternatively suggest an alternative group of users who might find such a system useful and suggest any minor modifications they might require.

Details can be found on this link:
http://koo.corpus.cam.ac.uk/computerists/competition.php

We wish them well.

NESTLE'S BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS COLLECTION SCHEME

We have just started collecting the tokens on the top of Nestle cereal packets in return for new books for the School Library. The school has registered for the scheme and is awaiting a special box for the tokens to be collected in. The box will be put on the desk in the Library.

Please start collecting over the half-term holiday as the next date for redeeming tokens is at the end of March. We hope to have sufficient tokens to redeem for some books by then.

Our thanks to those of you who have brought in books from home that are no longer wanted. We have had some great ones and it helps the Library budget go further. Have a look over half-term if you have the time and send any books in with the boys. They are rewarded with House Points.

Many thanks for your support.

SURREY CUP BADMINTON U19

The U19 team beat Charterhouse in the final of the Surrey cup on Wednesday 12 February. Excellent performances from all players saw Wilson's run out 4-1 winners and retain the Trophy they have won for the past three years.

The team consisted of: Sandeep Saji, Manu Kumar, Sam Barber, Nicky Page and Shailen Patel.

BADMINTON SURREY LEAGUE

U14C	beat	Southborough	9 - 0
U12B	beat	Southborough	9 - 0

SURREY BADMINTON U16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ben Jacob lost in the U.16 B singles final
Joseph Li lost in the U.16 A Singles quarter final
Zhi Ping Lim won the U.16 Plate competition

Very well done to all these boys.

On 27 February the U16 and U14 teams are in the Surrey round of the National school cup .

Good luck to all those who are participating.

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District Cup semi-final
Year 8 drew 2-2
but lost 1-3 on penalties

Wednesday 5 February - Wilson's vs. RGS Guildford
Surrey Cup
1st XI won 7-0

Saturday 8 February - Wilson's vs. Hampton
1st XI lost 1-2
U15A lost 0-2

Monday 10 February - Wilson's vs. Sevenoaks
U15B lost 1-2
U15C drew 1-1

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

17-21 February Half-Term

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1st XI Away
2nd XI Home

Thursday 27 February - wilson's vs. City of London
U14A Away
U14B Away

FUTSAL RESULTS

Saturday 1 February - Wilson's vs. Dulwich College
U14A won 15 - 11

FUTSAL

Congratulations to Callum Hockley and Leon Kapszewicz in Year 7. They competed for the first time in the County regional finals and won the competition first time round against clubs from Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Oxfordshire. We hope to see them continue playing Futsal on a regular basis and compete in further Futsal competitions. The next county regional final is in May.

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's A beat Whitgift A	3.5 - 2.5
Wilson's B beat Reigate GS A	5.5 – 0.5
Wilson's E beat Whitgift B	7 – 5
Wilson's F beat Reigate GS C	8.5 to 3.5

REFURBISHED ASTROTURF PITCHES

The Astroturf pitches have been refurbished and are now in excellent condition. No boy will be allowed to use the pitches unless he wears trainers or Astros.

Boots with metal studs or blades are **NOT** allowed to be worn.

Wilson's Update

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SWEENEY TODD - THE DEMON BARBER OF WILSON'S

The week before half-term saw the culmination of two terms of hard work on this year's Senior Production, Sweeney Todd. Some of our most talented performers were joined by students from Coloma Convent Girls' School.

Sweeney Todd, the fictional barber known for cutting his victims' throats before having them served up as the main course in the neighbouring pie shop, was played superbly by Satchit Srikanth. Other meaty performances included Catriona Darroch as Mrs Lovett (Todd's partner-in-crime), Oscar Taperell who played the hilarious and heart-wrenching Tobias Ragg and Jack Robertson as Judge Turpin.

Stephen Sondheim's songs were all performed brilliantly by the band, cast and chorus. For many of the boys who starred in Sweeney this will be their last Wilson's play as they are now in the Upper Sixth. They are all very talented, so let's hope they go on to perform in the future.

Please may we take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students who supported the production, whether on stage, in the pit or to the excellent team of staff and boys who sorted out the costumes, lighting, stage and sound. Thanks too to all the parents who helped sell refreshments and raffle tickets on the evening (especially the Sweeney Todd Pies… who knows what was in them!) Finally, thank you to all the parents, family and friends who supported us on the evening and came to watch. We all hope you enjoyed the show!

We are very much looking forward to the Junior Production, details of which will be announced in the newsletter later this term.

Dates for your Diary

3-7 March	Y12 Internal Exam Week
3 March	Prayer Group for Parents & Staff (8.00 p.m.)
4 March	Senior Musicians' Evening III
7 March	Y8 Final Options Forms Issued
10-14 March	Y13 Internal Exam Week
12 March	GCSE Musicians' Evening II
12 March	Surrey Team Maths Challenge at University of Surrey (L6)
14 March	Y9 after school cake sale
17-21 March	House Music Week
17 March	Wilson's Used Uniform Shop (3.30 p.m.)
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WILSON'S ANNOUNCES 400TH ANNIVERSARY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ROYAL MARSDEN

This week we have announced that Wilson's will be partnering with the Royal Marsden in 2015 with a view to raising at least £161,500 to commemorate the school being founded in 1615.
From September 2014 until December 2015 the boys will focus on raising money for this world-leading cancer research charity and hospital that is based in Sutton. It's a sad fact that many of the boys at Wilson's will already be aware of the work that the Royal Marsden does, so fundraising for the charity in our 400th year gives everybody the chance to support their ground-breaking research.
Together with the Royal Marsden the school will be organising a number of big fundraising events and campaigns to help the boys meet this ambitious target. Alongside these events the boys will be encouraged to organise their own smaller fundraisers, with every pound raised also earning a house point. There will be lots of competition between the houses and we're looking forward to find out who raises the most!
As well as being an opportunity to raise lots of money for a very worthy cause, this partnership gives all of the boys at Wilson's the chance to learn skills that will help them once they leave school for University and later in their careers. It will need leaders from each of the year groups to help motivate their peers and keep the momentum going throughout the fundraising period. In the summer term the boys will receive a small booklet with lots of great ideas to help them fundraise and there will be lots of support along the way.
If you have any questions regarding the partnership with the Royal Marsden or if you would like to find out more about the school's 400th anniversary please email wilsons400@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk.

The ROYAL MARSDEN Cancer Campaign

DEBATING NEWS

Wilson's took part in the Nottingham Schools debate on Saturday 22 February. Tim Sharpe and Ollie Green took two firsts and a second to gain equal fourth on team points, just missing out on a place in the final. Tim was among the top ten speakers in the tournament, and Ollie was fourth among the novice speakers, contributing to their total of 594 speaker points. Ahmed Elgharably and Ravi Yaathavan took two firsts, James Gunnell and James Nash took a first and a second, and Daniel Sharpe, Y9, who ran as a swing team with a speaker from St Paul's Girls' School, also took a first and a second.

On Friday 14 February, Wilson's were in competition at the second round of the Cambridge debate for the fourth year in succession. From more than 600 teams, only 40 make it through; on 1 March the senior team of Tim Sharpe and Luke Kosky will be among the finalists in Cambridge: a first for Wilson's.

Tim and Luke have also qualified for the Oxford finals, to take place on 15 March, from a very competitive South London round in which they met the Dulwich A team in their first debate. Two other Wilson's teams, Arslan Rana and James Kyne, and James Gunnell and James Nash, also took part in this regional round. Many thanks to all these students for their commitment and endeavour in representing the school, and the best of luck to Tim and Luke at both forthcoming finals.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FOR THIS TERM'S CONCERTS

This week rehearsals for the Joint Concert with WHSG and the Spring Concert will be beginning in earnest. Please could all the boys involved make sure they attend all the rehearsals (You know who you are!) Tickets for both the concerts will be available to purchase from Parentmail2 very shortly. If you would like to pre-order a Sharing Platter (£10) for the Spring Concert, please e-mail Beverley Barry at tonybarry@abbb.freeserve.co.uk .

Thank you for all your support.

Joint Concert
(Tuesday 1 April 2014, St.Mark's Church, Woodcote)

Spring Concert
(Thursday 3 April 2014, Wilson's School Hall)

	Lunch 13.20 - 14.00	After School 15.30 - 16.30
Monday	Senior Jazz Junior Choir	-
Tuesday	Intermediate Jazz Wind Band	Junior Orchestra
Wednesday	Senior Choir	Senior Orchestra
Thursday	Barbershop Junior Jazz	Senior Choir

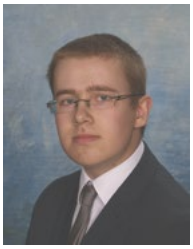
LOWER SIXTH SUBJECT COMMENDATIONS

Malcolm Gladwell in his book The Outliers repeatedly mentions the "10,000-Hour Rule", claiming that the key to success in any field is, a result of extraordinary effort. In keeping with this spirit, we asked each department to nominate a set number of students who they felt were working extraordinarily hard and as a result achieving a great deal in the run up to their AS examinations. Our congratulations to them all.

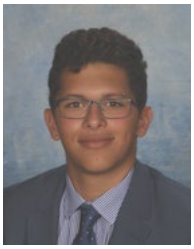
Lower Sixth Subject Commendations
February 2014

Nicholas Au
Mathematics

Shaun Carpenter
Mathematics


Tom Coates
Classics

Jonathan D'Rozario
Geography


Ahmed Elgharably
Biology

Arjun Gill
Chemistry

James Gunnell
History

Matthew Hill
Music

Wazim Hoozeer
Art & English

Harry Ingamells
Biology

William Kingsnorth
Computing

Philip Knott
German

Raveen Kumarasinghe
Latin

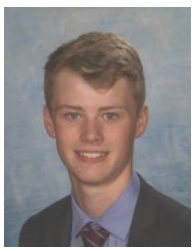
Elliott MacCallum
DT

Kyle MacNeill
Philosophy

Sujay Nair
Chemistry & Physics

James Nash
Physics

Dominic Pellew
Government and Politics


Will Porter
French

Oliver Robertson
Economics & Mathematics

Roshanth Shantharuban
Economics

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS

Pupils have again performed outstandingly in the Intermediate Maths Challeng, with a record equalling 109 gaining gold awards, 116 silver and 89 bronze. Certificates will be presented at the end of this term in maths lessons. The top mark was obtained by Harry Goodburn (11S) who made just one mistake and scored 130. Other very high scores were gained by Eui Jin Choi (11B), Daren Alfred (11S), Eshan Gupta (9C) and Giorgio Morelli (11S) who all scored more than 110. A remarkable total of 24 pupils qualified for the follow on Olympiad round – that is about one in sixty of the 1500 number of places available throughout the country. The 2 hour Olympiad will take place on Thursday 20 March. Another record was the 72 pupils who qualified for the 1 hour European Kangaroo maths challenge, which will also take place on Thursday 20 March.

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MANDARIN CLUB

Mandarin club has started again on Wednesdays after school in Room 14.

BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS

Available every Wednesday lunchtime (13.05 -14.00) for advice and help on how to improve your subject knowledge or exam technique in Business Studies and Economics. You may need help with homework or simply a quiet place to study where assistance is conveniently on hand. See Mr Ormonde in 6F3. No topic too 'big' or 'small'!

DEBATE CLUB

Debate club runs every Monday lunchtime in Room 16. Please see Mrs Guy with any questions. The Motion for Monday 10 Feb: THW Embrace the use of smart drugs.

COMPUTER CLUBS

Year 10 and 11 coursework on Monday in F4 with Mrs Gill
Year 7 drop in Mondays C2 Mr Wallace
Scratch club for Year 7s on Tuesday in F5 with Mr Poole.

NEW WILSON'S GeogSoc

Are you interested in all things Geographical? If so, then this is the place for you! Run by the Lower Sixth, every Tuesday Week A we will be exploring different geographical ideas from 1315 to 1350 in Room 24. On Tuesday we will be looking to create our own, erupting Supervolcanoes!

Please come along with your lunch, to Room 24 on Tuesday 4th March. See you there!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

TOP FLOOR CLUB PRESENTS - TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES, 1.15 P.M. - ROOM 20

Come and see what the best students of history, geography, philosophy and politics have to offer.

Early American Gun Culture – Joe Perry	18th March
Edward VIII – Liam Pavesi	25th March
Problem of Induction – Jude Boateng	1st April
US Surveillance – Yusuf Chaudhary	22nd April

NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

Congratulations to last week's winner, Alex Leggett (601), who correctly identified the image as being The Falkirk Wheel, Scotland. Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! On to this week's competition:

' Where in the world is this? If you can name the landmark, the place and the country, then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…'

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK SUPPORT - 1.10 - 1.50 P.M.

Wed A: C1	Fri A: C1
Mon B: C1	Thurs B: C1

ART NEWS - SUTTON ARTS COUNCIL FESTIVAL OF YOUTH ART EXHIBITION

Aran Kalogroulis (L6) was awarded a commendation at the Sutton Youth Art Exhibition held at the Sutton Library last week. Aran's carvings of Polar Bears was part of the highly regarded submission by the school that included work from all key stages.

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

We are currently collecting "Active Kids 2014" vouchers from Sainsburys. These vouchers can be exchanged for sports equipment and we are hoping that if we collect sufficient vouchers we will be able to order:

Footballs
Cricket bats and balls
Basketballs
Table-tennis bats and balls
Badminton rackets and shuttlecocks
Tennis rackets and balls
Athletics equipment
Volleyballs

Our target is to collect 25,000 vouchers (our record was collecting 34,000 in 2009) so if you shop at Sainsburys please don't forget to ask for your Active Kids vouchers (one for every £10 spent) and lets see if together we can collect enough to give the school as much of the equipment above as possible.

Please note vouchers are only being issued until 21 May this year. There is a collecting box on reception for you or your son to put your vouchers in.

Many thanks for your support.

NESTLE'S BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS COLLECTION SCHEME

We have just started collecting the tokens on the top of Nestle cereal packets in return for new books for the School Library. The school has registered for the scheme and is awaiting a special box for the tokens to be collected in. The box will be put on the desk in the Library.

Please start collecting over the half-term holiday as the next date for redeeming tokens is at the end of March. We hope to have sufficient tokens to redeem for some books by then.

Our thanks to those of you who have brought in books from home that are no longer wanted. We have had some great ones and it helps the Library budget go further. Have a look over half-term if you have the time and send any books in with the boys. They are rewarded with House Points.

Many thanks for your support.

SPORTS NEWS

For up to date PE news, events and sporting fixtures follow @WilsonsPE on twitter.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 24 February - Wilson's vs. Christ's Hospital

U15A	won	5-4
U15B	drew	1-1

Tuesday 25 February - YEAR 8 HOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS

A Team

1st	Southwark
2nd	Camberwell
3rd	Greencoat
4th	Hayes
5th	Brecon

B Team

1st	Southwark
2nd	Camberwell
3rd	Greencoat
4th	Brecon
5th	Hayes

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 1 March - Wilson's vs. KCS Wimbledon

1st XI	Away
2nd XI	Away
3rd XI	Away
U15A	Home
U15B	Home
U14A	Home
U14B	Home

Tuesday 4 March
Wilson's vs. Christ's Hospital

U13A	Away

Wilson's vs. Richard Challoner

U15A	Home
U14A	Home
U13A	Home
U12A	Home

FUTSAL

Congratulations to Jalen Gravesande, Joshua Robinson and Ben Carruthers for progressing through to the final round of the South of England Futsal trials. We wish them the best of luck in making the squad and representing the England Futsal team this summer.

TABLE TENNIS RESULTS

Friday 7 February - London South Schools Individuals
Wilson's hosted the U16 London South Schools Individuals. Over 60 players attended with 10 Wilson's students taking part. Liam Grant played well but lost in the final.

Alex Lane lost in the quarter finals and three other boys; Vatsal Raina, Neev Trehan and Tim Harper all reached the last 16. Our congratulations go to all of them on their achievements.

Monday 10 February - Wilson's vs. Royal Russell

U16s	lost	4-6

Wilson's Update

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BEST MATHS SCORE BY A WILSON'S PUPIL FOR A DECADE IN THE BRITISH MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The Second British Mathematics Olympiad (BMO2) is probably the toughest maths test regularly taken by British school pupils. Only one hundred of the brightest maths students in the whole of the United Kingdom are invited to take the test. It is so tough that in recent years Wilson's candidates have more often scored zero than any other score. The highest Wilson's score in the past ten years had been 33%, by a student who then went on to get a first in Mathematics from Cambridge University.

This year, however, Harry Goodburn (11S) scored an impressive 55%. The test consists of four very demanding problems and Harry is the first Wilson's pupil for twenty years to solve two of the problems, and score over 50%. The problems he solved are given below.

Remarkably Wilson's had a second successful BMO2 candidate in year 11. Eui Jin Choi's score of 3/40 (7.5%) was also exceptionally good, the fourth highest Wilson's score of the past ten years. We wait to see what these two exceptional mathematicians achieve when they are in the sixth form.

The Questions from 2013/14 British Mathematical Olympiad Round 2

1. Every diagonal of a regular polygon with 2014 sides is coloured in one of n colours. Whenever two diagonals cross in the interior, they are of different colours. What is the minimum value of n for which this is possible?

2. Prove that it is impossible to have a cuboid for which the volume, the surface area and the perimeter are numerically equal. (The perimeter of a cuboid is the sum of the lengths of all its twelve edges.)

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SATRO 2014 PROBLEM SOLVING CHALLENGE

On Monday 24 February three teams from Wilson's travelled to St Philomena's to take part in the regional heats of the annual problem solving competition. The teams were asked to design and make a device that would rotate in a horizontal plane using an electric motor and propeller. The radius of the circle had to be at least 12cm. The teams from years 7-9, 10-11 and 12-13 were given one and half hours to complete the task. All our teams made valiant efforts but were not successful in getting through to the final. Congratulations go to Alex Banwell, Adam Hussain, Conrad Essilfie-Conduah, Will Hicks, Kyle Vaghela and Vihirthan Kandiah of Year 8, Denzil Allunga, Ryan Grant,Daniel Fernandes, Vignesh Nallathambi, Joshua Lee and Saznie Mohammed of Year 11, Elliott Kasoar, Christian Marti, Hamid Hassan Serry,George Barbantan, Jacques Burdet and Sujay Nair of the Lower 6.

NATIONAL INDOOR U17 LONG JUMP

Congratulations to Jacob Veerapen in year 11 who won the National Indoor u17 Long Jump title on Saturday, 1March. His jump of 13.98m was a personal best , beating his previous by just over 50cm and is the best in his age group this year.

DEBATING NEWS

On Saturday 1 March Tim Sharpe and Luke Kosky took two firsts and a second over the opening rounds to earn a place in the semi-final of the Cambridge Schools' Finals', placing them among the top eight teams in the country. On equal team points with two other teams, their strong individual performances netted a total of 616 speaker points, which gave them their place. After opposing the motion 'THB the European Union should immediately and unconditionally offer EU membership to the Ukraine' in their fifth debate of the day, they were content to relax and enjoy the excellent final, won by Dulwich A. Congratulations to Tim and Luke for achieving so well at a highy competitive event, and thanks to Old Wilsonians Conrad Jefferies, Gabriel Agranoff and Harry Gower for taking the time out of their busy university schedules to encourage and support our students over the course of the day.

SIXTH FORM IN FRANCE OR "WHAT'S THERE TOULOUSE?"

En ce mois de février les étudiants de français en première et terminale sont allés en France pour passer cinq jours dans l'une des villes les plus célèbres et stupéfiantes du monde, Paris. Pour certains d'entre nous c'était la première fois que nous allions en France, et heureusement ce voyage scolaire ne nous a pas déçu. Après avoir traversé la manche en Eurostar on a eu la bonne fortune de voir presque toutes les monuments touristiques de Paris : La Tour Eiffel, L'Arc de Triomphe, Les Champs Élysées, Notre Dame, Le Louvre, Les Invalides, le Père Lachaise et même Le Stade de France. Notre premier aperçu de la Tour Eiffel fut un moment inoubliable et nous nous sommes tous jetés sur nos appareils photos pour prendre autant de photos que possible. En fait après le voyage les profils Facebook des tous les participants ont été couvert de souvenirs de notre séjour à Paris. Bien que notre séjour fût très court, ce fut un voyage impressionnant et il nous faudra longtemps pour oublier notre aventure à l'étranger.

Over the half term, fourteen sixth formers were let loose on unsuspecting Paris for a week of exploring, seeing the sights and, most importantly, practising their finest français. Aside from sampling crêpes, waffles and admiring the Eiffel tower, the boys took work experience placements in local shops, ranging from a paint shop to a pâtisserie. Submerging themselves in French language and culture over the course of the week, the boys all discovered an incredible new proficiency in speaking. Their thanks go to Mr Winstone, Mlle Lemaire and Mme Mitchelmore for accompanying them and imparting pearls of wisdom. The trip has no doubt instilled within the boys an even greater enthusiasm for French as they swap magical Montmartre for Mollison Drive.

RESULTS OF Y7 MATHS INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION 2014

1st	Greencoat	16/17
2nd	Camberwell	13/17
3rd	Brecon	10.5/17
4th	Southwark	10/17
5th	Hayes	8/17

The pupils had to answer a set of challenging questions each week over 3 sessions. Congratulations to all those who took part.

MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

The annual series of Maths Circle Lectures will be held from 4 - 5 p.m. in the lecture theatre on Mondays in March, starting Monday 3 March. All staff are welcome to attend any of the lectures.

3 March Dr Jen Rogers, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine "Making life saving decisions in clinical trials: how much evidence do we need?" (The 2014 Royal Statistical Society Schools Lecture)
10 March Prof. Kevin Buzzard, Imperial College, London "Pell's equation""
17 March Dr John Haigh, University of Sussex "How Likely is That?"
24 March Prof Dik Morling, University of Westminster "Maths in Electronics"
31 March Dr Vicky Neale, University of Cambridge "Addictive Number Theory"

On Monday 3 March Dr Jen Rogers, a lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, gave an inspiring talk on the importance of statistics in medicine. She explained how clinical trials are developed and why they are undertaken. Whilst understandable to all the audience she referred to aspects of statistics only recognised by the upper sixth as it is covered in A level Further Maths. As well as being the first of the Wilson's 2014 Maths Circle Lectures it was also the Royal Statistical Societies 'Schools Lecture'. Dr Rogers also referred to the growing importance of statistics as we enter an era of "Big data", where large datasets can provide valuable insights when analysed. The audience came from a range of local schools, including Wallington High, Wallington CGS, Nonsuch and Whitgift schools.

The lectures continue on Mondays in March, and on 10 March Prof Kevin Buzzard of Imperial College will speak on 'Pell's Equation'. He will start with GCSE level quadratic equations before developing more advanced techniques for finding solutions to equations.

NOTICES

SUMMER 2014 GCE EXAMINATIONS

Students retaking units in the summer of 2014 please be aware of the following points:

- Ensure your Head of Department is aware of any retakes
- Please use one cheque for all retakes
- Mark on the cheque your candidate number, name and unit code/s
- Cheques must be given to Mr Harmsworth in the School Admin Office **by 12.00p.m. on Friday 21 March**
- Failure to do so will result in the candidate not being entered for the exam
- Cheques payable to 'Wilson's School'
- Late entry fees are charged at double the rate by all exam boards
- The cost of retaking a unit is shown below:

AQA	
Business Studies	£19.95
Chemistry	£13.30
English Literature	£19.95
Geography	£19.95
History	£19.95
Philosophy	£19.95
OCR	
Physics	£15.00
Mathematics	£15.00
ICT/Computing	£19.50
Classic Civ	£19.50
DT	£19.50
Latin	£19.50
EDEXCEL	
Biology	£18.45
Economics	£22.85
French	£27.05
German	£27.05
Gov & Politics	£22.85
Art	£23.40
Music	£23.40

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR CHEQUES IS 12.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014

POLITE MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS DRIVING STUDENTS TO SCHOOL

A resident from Garden Close came into the school this week and asked if the following message could be given to parents. via our newsletter: If you wish to drop students off at Garden Close (off Plough Lane) you would be welcome to drive into Garden Close and park there to drop your children off but please do not block the entrance to Garden Close stopping residents from exiting.

CLASSICS CLUB - 26 FEBRUARY 2014

Last week saw Mr Lawson show off his (lack of) directorial skills with a poorly-filmed video and commentary upon the house of the Menander in Pompeii. He had filmed his visit to the house in the summer of 2012 and the ensuing commentary, while fascinating, would have benefitted from a steadier hand on the camera. The house is a good one, with its hoard of silver treasure, private bath house and crocodile paintings. Apparently, the owners ran out of money to re-furbish the house, because of the earthquake of 62 and never finished or used the bath house. The under-floor furnace was blocked up and was being used to store the treasure, as a sort of private bank.

The most amazing things were the holes in the walls, all over the house, which were made at various times during the eruption of 24 August 79, by those trying to escape the destruction. The height of the hole from the ground tells you the time that it was made, as the house began to collapse and fill up with debris. Particularly moving were some of the seventeen skeletons still left in the house. They must have hid from the falling material until it was too late to escape. A fatal mistake made by about 2,500 people in Pompeii. Nowadays, we know better about the likely sequences of events on such occasions.

Classics club happens every Wednesday at about 1.15 in room 5. Anyone may attend and there is free chocolate. Anyone who wants to present may do so. The only criterion is that the presentation should have some Classical connection, however vague.

Some of the holes in the walls – desperate escape attempts made at different times on 24 August 79. Note the left hand hole must have been made some hours after the other one.

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

HOTT CLUB REPORT - 28 FEBRUARY 2014

There were three games going on last week and each was a lively and fast-moving encounter. In the case of the first game, played on the woodland terrain board, the defender lost the game on turn three, by allowing his general and then his behemoth to be taken out by the opposition aerial hero – that expensive and ever-popular staple troop type. This was a record for a swift defeat that will be very hard to beat. It was the equivalent of "fool's mate" in chess and the player concerned will be sure to avoid it in future.

The other two games saw a second-time player take on a veteran with a large group of blade infantry. A mass combat in the centre of the board could not be resolved before the arrival of night ended the game – which means the bell went for lesson five.

Watch out this coming Friday for the arrival of the all-new desert army of the sand people, complete with their spear phalanx and lurkers. Look out also for the new desert terrain board, aimed squarely at encouraging the use of lurkers and sneakers, by putting into the equation a stretch of bad going which must be crossed by the attacker and might be entered by the defender.

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Edward VIII – Liam Pavesi	25th March
Problem of Induction – Jude Boateng	1st April
US Surveillance – Yusuf Chaudhary	22nd April

NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

Congratulations to last week's winner, Charlie D'Imperio, 9S, who correctly identified the image as being The ArcelorMittal Orbit, Olympic Park (Stratford, East London). Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! On to this week's competition:

' Where in the world is this? If you can name the landmark, the place and the country, then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…'

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Many thanks for your support.

NESTLE'S BOX TOPS FOR BOOKS COLLECTION SCHEME

We have just started collecting the tokens on the top of Nestle cereal packets in return for new books for the School Library. The school has registered for the scheme and is awaiting a special box for the tokens to be collected in. The box will be put on the desk in the Library.

Please start collecting over the half-term holiday as the next date for redeeming tokens is at the end of March. We hope to have sufficient tokens to redeem for some books by then.

Our thanks to those of you who have brought in books from home that are no longer wanted. We have had some great ones and it helps the Library budget go further. Have a look over half-term if you have the time and send any books in with the boys. They are rewarded with House Points.

Many thanks for your support.

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's B beat Reigate A 5 – 1

Wilson's D beat Reigate B 5 – 1

SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 26 February - Surrey Cup

1st XI	won	2-0 vs. Salesian in the Quarter Final
2nd XI	won	1-0 vs. Richard Challoner's 1st XI
3rd XI	lost	1-3 aet vs. Rutlish
4th XI	won	5-0 vs. Richard Challoner's 2nd XI
6th XI	won	3-1 vs. 7th XI

Thursday 27 February - Wilson's vs. City of London

U14B	drew	2-2 vs. A team
U14C	lost	0-4
U14D	lost	0-3
U14E	lost	2-4

Saturday 1 March - Wilson's vs. KCS Wimbledon

1st XI	won	3-1
2nd XI	won	4-2
3rd XI	won	3-0
4th XI	drew	3-3
U15A	lost	1-2
U15B	won	3-1
U15C	won	4-0
U14A	won	5-0
U14B	lost	1-4
U14C	lost	0-5

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 8 March

Wilson's vs. Richard Challoner

U15A	Home
U14A	Home
U13A	Home
U12A	Home

Wilson's vs. Royal Russell

U15B	Away
U14B	Away
U13B	Home
U12B	Home

Wilson's vs. St. Bede's

1st XI	Away
2nd XI	Away

Wednesday 12 March

Wilson's vs. RGS Guildford

3rd XI	Away
5th XI	Away
6th XI	Home
7th XI	Home

Wilson's vs. Christ's Hospital

1st XI	Away
2nd XI	Away
4th XI	Away

For up to date PE news, events and sporting fixtures follow @WilsonsPE on twitter.

SPORTS NEWS

BADMINTON NATIONAL CUP QUARTER FINAL

The U14 and U16 teams played at Westcroft sports centre for the Quarter Final of the National Schools' Cup. Many tough matches ensued for the U16 team who had to battle hard to get through. There were 2 games all against Coombe with the deciding match to be played by Tommy Highwood. A very tight game followed but Tommy edged out the Coombe boy 15-12 and took Wilson's through to the next round. Good victories over Graveney 5-0, Whitgift 5-0 and Rutlish 5-0 made it an excellent day.

The U14 team proved to be far too strong for all the other schools, the power and finesse of the players being testimony to their application in training. They beat Whitgift 5-0, Langley Park 5-0, Tiffin 5-0 and finally Hampton -0 to charge into the next round.

One more victory for each team would see Wilson's with two teams in the national final. the semi-final is on 1 April at Crystal Palace.

Teams:
U14: Lim, Li, Banh, Prabhu, Eaw
U16: Lee, Thiruchelvam, Delaney, Highwood, Jacob

We congratulate them on their results so far and wish them all the best for the semi-final.

NATIONAL BADMINTON CUP

A large number of boys from the school helped to organise the competition and were employed as scorers and officials by the London Youth Games committee. The boys performed very professionally and helped the competition run extremely smoothly. It was a long day and required a great deal of concentration, particulary in the afternoon. Well done to them.

Wilson's Update

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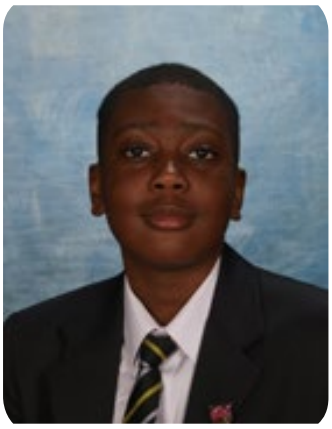
ENGLISH SCHOOLS' JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS

We would like to congratulate Nathaniel Aloshias (11H) who won his weight category in the English Schools Judo Championships in Sheffield on Saturday 8 March. He is now the national champion for his age and weight category. This is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing more about his future successes.

Nathaniel is pictured with his medal on the left of the attached picture.

AMNESTY YOUNG HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Our congratulations go to Toye Oladinni (9S) who has been shortlisted for the Amnesty International " Young Human Rights Reporter of the Year Competition" for his article on Chinese sweatshops. He has been selected as one of the top 10 entrants from a field of over 2,700. We must now wait to see if he makes it through to the final. We wish him good luck.



MANDARIN AT WILSON'S

With the rise of China as an economic force in East Asia, multinational companies are keen to recruit Mandarin speakers. Many schools now encourage students to take up Mandarin as a second or third language to enable them to communicate internationally; Wilson's hosts an established after-school class. However, the complicated character-based writing system and unfamiliar tonal nature of the spoken language pose a formidable challenge, and many in the West study for years before they can confidently read an intermediate text on a random topic. This makes even more impressive the achievement of Y12 student Raveen Kumarasinghe, who gained an A at AS level in only three years. As featured on the BBC UKChina website, Raveen reads Chinese characters fluently and can readily hold a conversation with native speakers, helped by his part-time work two evenings a week in a Chinese restaurant where he liaises between customers, who place their orders in English, and the chefs, who operate in Mandarin. A video of Raveen in conversation with his teacher was recently filmed for the BBC UKChina website and can be viewed at http://www.bbc.co.uk/ukchina/simp/multimedia/2014/01/140127_vid_mandarin_speaker.shtml. Mandarin is Raveen's seventh language.

Dates for your Diary

17-21 March	House Music Week
17 March	Wilson's Used Uniform Shop (3.30 p.m.)
17 March	Medical Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
17 March	Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
20 March	Y8 Final Options Forms to be returned
21 March	Activities Day
24 March	Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
25 March	Latin Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
26 March	Sixth Form Recital Evening (7.00 p.m.)
27 March	Y7 Celebration Evening (7.00 p.m.)
28 March	Mufti Day (in aid of Lily Foundation)
31 March	Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
1 April	Joint Concert with WHSG (7.00 p.m.)
3 April	Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)
4 April	Founder's Day
4 April	Term Ends
	Years 8 - 13 early finish (1.05 p.m.)
	Y7 normal day - finish at 3.05 p.m.
	EASTER BREAK
22 April	First Day of Term
	Registration at 10.50 a.m. for ALL students

CHINA EXPEDITION TRAINING WEEKEND

Last weekend, just over 40 boys decamped to the New Forest to prepare for the summer expedition to China. The key aim for the weekend was for the boys to establish groups and work together, rather than relying on an adult for support. As such, the boys were given £6 per person in their group to fund 4 meals and snacks- don't ask me how but one group managed to put steak on the menu! The boys were required to be entirely self-sufficient for the weekend: they had to pitch camp, they planned their activities for the next day, they woke themselves up, they had to cook and clean.

As expected, the boys rose to the challenge and all groups performed impressively. Several groups took advantage of the glorious weather to organise hikes around the New Forest. Throughout the day, the boys were given training on a range of areas from campcraft to first aid, from fording rivers to personal hygiene. The boys' development through the weekend was evident and it was good to see the groups click into gear so easily. We now look forward to China, ready to build on this weekend…

HEADSTART COURSES 2014

Three boys in the Lower Sixth have successfully applied for residential courses at a university in the summer term. Rio McElvenny is off to Heriot Watt University and Ali Jawad is off to Manchester University to do broad based engineering courses, while Paul Plesniak is off to Royal Holloway, University of London, to do a Maths and Physics course. Congratulations to all three boys.

SALTERS' CHEMISTRY CAMPS

Four boys in Year 10 have been selected to attend a three day residential chemistry course at a university this summer term. Daniel Clarke is off to Cambridge University and Vasily Berdnikov, Max Riddings and Luke Shortland are all going to Sussex University. This is the second year that we have been able to send four boys to these camps. Congratulations to these budding chemists.

NOTICES

SUMMER 2014 GCE EXAMINATIONS

Students retaking units in the summer of 2014 please be aware of the following points:

- Ensure your Head of Department is aware of any retakes
- Please use one cheque for all retakes
- Mark on the cheque your candidate number, name and unit code/s
- Cheques must be given to Mr Harmsworth in the School Admin Office **by 12.00p.m. on Friday 21 March**
- Failure to do so will result in the candidate not being entered for the exam
- Cheques payable to 'Wilson's School'
- Late entry fees are charged at double the rate by all exam boards
- The cost of retaking a unit is shown below:

AQA

Business Studies	£19.95
Chemistry	£13.30
English Literature	£19.95
Geography	£19.95
History	£19.95
Philosophy	£19.95

OCR

Physics	£15.00
Mathematics	£15.00
ICT/Computing	£19.50
Classic Civ	£19.50
DT	£19.50
Latin	£19.50

EDEXCEL

Biology	£18.45
Economics	£22.85
French	£27.05
German	£27.05
Gov & Politics	£22.85
Art	£23.40
Music	£23.40

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR CHEQUES IS 12.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014

MESSAGE FOR ALL PARENTS

If your son has been suffering from diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should stay at home and not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last episode.

MUFTI DAY - 28 MARCH

We will be holding a MUFTI day on 28 March in aid of the Lily foundation. Mr Englefield is also running the London marathon to support them. It will cost £1 to take part in the Mufti day.

Quote from Mr Englefield's justgiving site: "I am running the London Marathon in April for the Lily Foundation. It gives hope, answers and support to many children and families that face the challenges of mitochondrial disease. In November 2013 my beautiful nephew Harvey died from this disease aged 14 months."
If you would like to sponsor Mr Englefield please go to the following: http://www.justgiving.com/Gavin-Englefield or text UFNA49 £(insert amount here) to 70070.

DEBATING NEWS

Congratulations to Tim Sharpe and Luke Kosky for continuing Wilson's excellent run of results by winning a place in the final at UCL Schools'. They drew Closing Government in the final, extending from and just beaten by Dulwich in Opening Government. They placed second on the team tab and Tim was 4th and Luke 5th on individual speaker points. This weekend they travel to the Oxford Schools' Finals Day, and in a fortnight will round off the debate season at Durham Schools, a prestigious international competition, where they will be joined by James Gunnell and James Nash from the L6th. We wish all four students the very best of luck.

MEDICAL INFORMATION EVENING - MedDenVet

The evening is open to all boys who are thinking of pursuing a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary science. The main target audience is Years 10 and 11 but any student in Year 12 who did not attend last year is more than welcome to come along.

The event will take place on Monday 17 March at 7.00 p.m. in the school Lecture Theatre.

The programme for the evening will be as follows:

7.00 - 7.30
Talk to all parents and students about applying for vocational courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary science. Looking at what needs to be done by the end of Year 11 and what is required in order to achieve success in applying. There will also be a discussion with Mr Phillips (Head of Biology) as to whether MedDenVet is really for you and what other options are available.

7.30 - 8.00
Year 13 students will take questions about how they successfully applied for medicine.
Year 12 students will take questions on what they have already done this year and what they wish they had done in Year 11!!
Mr Phillips will be available to take questions during this time.
There will also be some of our resources available on display.

8.10 - Close

MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

The annual series of Maths Circle Lectures will be held from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre on Mondays in March. All staff and students are welcome to attend any of the lectures.

17 March	Dr John Haigh, University of Sussex "How Likely is That?"
24 March	Prof Dik Morling, University of Westminster "Maths in Electronics"
31 March	Dr Vicky Neale, University of Cambridge "Addictive Number Theory"

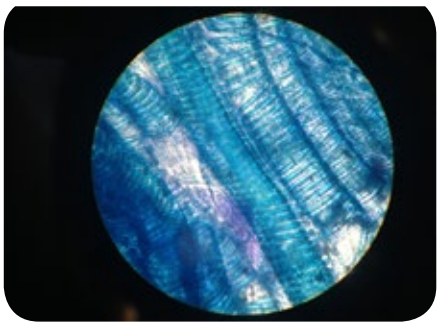
On Monday 10 March Prof. Kevin Buzzard, of the Maths Department at Imperial College, helped us understand how to solve Pell's equation. As well as finding some positive whole numbers a and b such that a^2-2b^2=1, we also found some patterns in the answer to that and related questions. We also tried to find solutions to a^2-3b^2=-1 but Prof Buzzard showed us how we could prove that there were none!

Next Monday, 17 March Dr John Haigh of the University of Sussex will talk on the title "How Likely is That?" He will look at a range of circumstances where chance plays a role, and seek to establish how likely, or unlikely, the various outcomes can be. By seeing how a logical approach leads to accurate and meaningful answers, we should gain a better understanding of the fascinating field of probability. To quote Stephen J Gould: "Misunderstanding of probability may be the greatest of all impediments to scientific literacy"

MICROSCOPY CORNER

In Biology we do a great deal of work with the 'small' so here is an image produced by boys in one of our lessons. Can you tell us what this is a picture of?

Email SP@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk with your answer – Golden ticket for the first correct answer.



CLASSICS CLUB - 5 MARCH 2014

Last Wednesday Alex Douglas, from year 11 gave a show about "The Odyssey", a very well-known and influential book. He showed us many of its myths and legends and explained the difference between them. There are certainly places where the author, Homer, was writing about things that were real. There are also many fantastic inventions, such as the witch Circe, who changes Odysseus' men into animals. The strangest part of the tale may well be the incident of the sirens. We see these in paintings depicted as beautiful women, luring unwary sailors onto the rocks of their island. Often they are mermaids. In fact, the book does not describe their physical appearance at all and it is left to the listener to imagine what they look like. It was their song which could not be resisted by anyone who heard it. Such victims were then killed when they took their ships to the sirens' island, by the reefs around it. Indeed, Homer describes the smell of rotten flesh from previous victims. Only Odysseus, who was tied to his own mast, was able to hear the song and live.

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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Takes place on Wednesdays at 1.15 p.m. in Room 5 (with free chocolate). Volunteers to talk about anything vaguely Classical, perhaps to give a slideshow or show a video as well are most welcome. See Mr Lawson in Room 5.

Anyone needing help with Latin or Classics should go to Room 5 on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for the general Latin help club.

CHESS CLUB

All pupils are welcome to attend the lunchtime club (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). Those who aspire to play chess for the school are encouraged to also attend on Wednesday after school from 3.30 to 5.00 p.m. In all cases the meetings are in F12 in the Maths Department, and further information can be obtained from Dr Cooper: (nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

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Wednesday F4	Mrs Gill

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CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

HOTT CLUB REPORT - 7 MARCH 2014

Last Friday saw only one game, but there were a number of spectators, who were all admiring the new desert terrain board and were thinking over the new tactical possibilities it offers.
The game itself ended in a technical draw, with the moral victory going to the defender, who withstood three attacks on his stronghold by the attacker's aerial hero. The aerial hero was once forced to flee, but returned. Then it was a drawn combat, then the defender doubled the hero, who was destroyed.
The rest of the battle saw the first ever deployment of lurkers in bad going. These were able to beat off the attacks of four spear-armed units, despite costing half their value. This will make attackers pause for thought, if the defending side declares it has chosen lurkers and the attacker wishes to cross a river or some other form of bad going.
"Hordes of the Things" club now has three terrain boards and enough troops for about thirty armies. It happens at lunchtime in room 5

NEW WILSON'S GEOGSOC

Last Tuesday, the New GeogSoc started at 1310 in Room 24. A group of Year 7 and Year 8 boys led by Lower Sixth Geographers attended and made a great start to their SuperVolcanoes. A range of volcanoes were designed, from those that resemble Mount St Helen's (with its flank eruption), to some excellent examples of shield and composite style volcanoes.

Well done to the Lower Sixth boys involved in organising and starting up what is hopefully going to be an exciting new addition to Wilson's list of societies.

If you are interested in creating your own SuperVolcano, then it is not too late

Please come along with your lunch, to Room 24 on Tuesday 18 March. See you there!

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This week's ' Where in the world' is a bit different! If you can name the place in the world that this piece of food is named after (You need to include the name of the piece of food, the town and the country), then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…'

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HOUSE MUSIC 2014

Preliminary Rounds: 17-20March 2014

DAY	CLASS	TIME	PLACE
Monday,17 March	**Piano** with Ms Maureen Galea	Junior (7-9) 11.00 – 13.00 Senior (10-13) 14.00 – 15.30	Bowden Room
	Guitar with Mr Paul Hughes	14.00 – 15.30	Percussion Suite
Tuesday, 18 March	**Brass** with Mr. David Whitson	14.00 – 15.30	Bowden Room
	Voice with Mr Ross Sharkey	14.00 – 15.30	Percussion Suite
Wednesday, 19 March	**Strings** with Ms Clare Wheeler	14.00 – 15.30	Bowden Room
Thursday, 20 March	**Woodwind** with Ms Sabina Heywood	14.00 – 15.30	Bowden Room
	Percussion with Mr Tom Clare	14.00 – 15.30	Percussion Suite

Preliminary rounds for House Music begin next Monday, 17 March at 11am. The Music department is delighted to welcome seven eminent musicians to adjudicate the preliminary rounds.

Teachers and members of staff are warmly invited to support the participants in the competition. A team of prefects will be on hand to guide visiting supporters to the appropriate venue. Entrance is free.

All accompaniments need to be placed in the yellow folders in the Music Department corridor by the end of the day this Thursday 13 March.

Any questions from students and parents should be directed to Mr Clayden (MJC@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)

CRETE TRIP

Please check parentmail2 for a letter offering a new and exciting visit to Crete in March next year. The proposed arrangements are as follows;

- 28 March – Leave Wilson's early; travel to Gatwick airport; fly to Heraklion with Easyjet; evening meal in hotel in Heraklion. The hotel will be two or three-starred and will be confirmed nearer the time. It will be inspected before students use it and will be safety checked by the travel company.
- 29 March – Tour of Heraklion and its archaeological museum with the treasures of Minoan civilisation; visit to the palace of Knossos – site of the legendary labyrinth; tour of the restored palace and the statue of Sir Arthur Evans.
- 30 March – visit to Archanes to view the site of the kidnap of general Kreipe in April 1944 by the Cretan resistance and Patrick Leigh-Fermoor; drive to Mount Ida to visit the cave where Zeus was supposedly born and where the Cretan resistance hid the kidnapped general Kreipe from the pursuing Germans; drive to Rodakino beach, from which general Kreipe was evacuated to Egypt; drive back to Heraklion and hotel.
- 31 March – morning visit to Chania or Malia, followed by return flight and return to Wilson's

The total cost of the visit will be £589. Applications must be received by 2 April and there will be a maximum of forty participants. Please see the letter for full details and advice, or ask Mr Lawson in room 5, if you have any questions.

The first photograph below shows Patrick Leigh-Fermor (whose father was an Old Wilsonian), Billy Moss and some of the Cretan partisans involved. The two British officers, who posed as Germans, planned to stop General Kreipe's car and kidnap him. This photo was taken earlier on that day and it shows just what a chance they took. An eagle-eyed German might have spotted that Leigh-Fermor was wearing puttees, which had not been used by German soldiers since World War One. They then put the general back into his car and drove him through 22 German checkpoints, pretending to be the general, before taking him up onto Mount Ida (also the birthplace of Zeus). He was evacuated to Egypt a couple of weeks later. We will trace their route across Crete (in a coach – not pursued by Germans).

The second photo shows Rodakino beach, where the general was put on a boat out of Crete. We shall visit this beach. The last photo shows part of the Palace of Knossos, scene of the labyrinth and used as a hide-out by partisans who took part in the operation.

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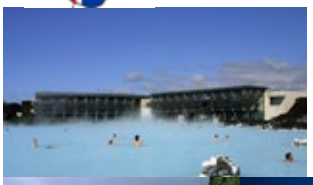
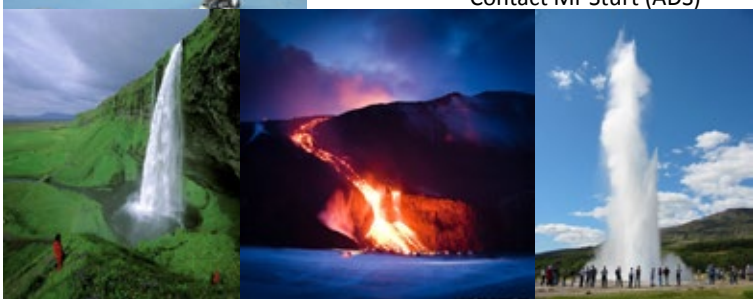
Iceland Easter 2015



When: March 30th – April 2nd 2015
Open to: Current Year 9s to 12s
How much: £705
Deadline: March 24th 2014
More information: Contact Mr Sturt (ADS)



MARCH PFA 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

1st prize	£77.50	Bill Kyne
2nd prize	£46.50	Susan Gauge
3rd prize	£31.00	Patricia Anang

Congratulations to our prize winners this month.

If you would like to join the 100 club with the possibility of winning a prize each month you can obtain an application form by emailing the PFA: wilsons100club@gmail.com or see Wilson's website under PFA.

SPORTS NEWS

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BASKETBALL RESULTS

Surrey Cup Semi-Finals

Wilson's Year 9	lost	24-26	to Woking
Wilson's Year 9	won	36-22	vs. Archbishop Lanfranc

to go into the playoffs undefeated with one league game remaining.

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's B	beat	Sutton A	3.5 – 2.5
Wilson's C	beat	Sutton B	5 – 1
Wilson's E	beat	Sutton C	9 – 3
Wilson's F	beat	Sutton D	10 – 2

(and so won Division 6 of the Surrey League)

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 15 March
Wilson's vs. Cardinal Vaughan

1st XI	Home
2nd XI	Away
U15A	Home
U14A	Away
U13A	Home
U12A	Away

Wednesday 19 March
Wilson's vs. Latymer Upper

3rd XI	Away
4th XI	Away
5th XI	Home
6th XI	Home
7th XI	Home

Wilson's vs. Reigate College

1st XI	Home
2nd XI	Home
3rd XI	Home

Friday 21 March
Wilson's vs. KCS

U12A	Away

RUGBY RESULTS

Week commencing 24 February 2014

Years 7/8 combined	lost	15-30	to Lingfield
Years 9/10 combined	lost		to Lingfield
1st XV	lost	5-29	to Bishop Justus
1st XV	lost	7-22	to Lingfield

Week commencing 10 March 2014

Year 8	lost	5-85	to Riddlesdown
1st XV	lost	12-17	to Derrick Wood

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 4 March - Wilson's vs. Christ's Hospital

U13A	won	3-1
U13B	won	7-1
U13C	won	7-0

Wednesday 5 March - Wilson's vs. St. Paul's

1st XI	won	4-0
2nd XI	won	3-1
3rd XI	won	3-1
4th XI	won	6-0
5th XI	won	4-2
6th XI	lost	1-2
7th XI	lost	2-3
8th XI	won	3-0

Friday 7 March - Wilson's vs. Cheam High

U14A	lost	0-1

Saturday 8 March - Wilson's vs. St Bedes

1st XI	won	3-0
2nd XI	won	5-2

Saturday 8 March - Wilson's vs. Richard Challoner

U15A	won	4-1
U14A	won	4-0
U13A	lost	0-2
U12A	lost	2-3

Saturday 8 March - Wilson's vs. Royal Russell

U15B	won	5-4
U14B	drew	1-1
U13B	lost	1-2
U12B	lost	2-5

Wilson's Update

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VICTORIOUS WILSON'S MATHS CHALLENGE TEAM

On Friday 14 March the Wilson's team of Gabriel Cairns (9C); Isuru Jayasekera (9B); Rajiv Guha (8S) and Jonathan Coombe (8H) travelled across Croydon to Trinity School for the regional final of Team Maths Challenge. They and 34 teams from other schools spent the day tackling four rounds of maths challenges:

- Round 1: Group Round – 10 questions of assorted difficulty, such as "How many times does the digit 3 appear when the whole numbers between 1 and 150 are written down?" Working together our team got all ten questions correct.
- Round 2: Crossnumber – like a Crossword but with numbers and digits replacing words and letters. But whilst one pair only have the across clues the other pair only have the down clues. Many clues depend on the answer to other clues so it is fiendishly complicated. Even so our team got most questions correct

At the lunch break we heard that we were one of the leading teams – but amongst the leading group were Dulwich College, King's Wimbledon, Wallington High School, Whitgift School and Wallington CGS. After lunch came:

- Round 3: 'The Shuttle' where the answer to one question was used in the next question. So one mistake can make all the answers wrong. For instance: Q1: U, K,M and T are different single digit numbers such that $U + K + M = T$ and $U \times T = K \times M$. Pass on the value of T. Q2: T is the number that you will receive. $x = 10 (T + 3) – 8 (T + 4)$ Pass on the value of x. Pupils work in pairs on these questions so what would you do with Q2 whilst waiting to be passed the answer to Q1?
- Round 4: The final round is the relay race. Isuru had even brought his trainers so that he could get round the Trinity hall quicker! Pair A started with question A1: " The volume of a cube is 343 cm3. What is the surface area of the cube?". Once they had solved it, they returned the solution and were given question B1 to pass to the other pair. At the end of 40 minutes our team had successfully answered most of the 30 such questions they had been given, and run quite a large distance!

Then came the tense wait for the results. Our team knew that they had done well, so once we were told that Wallington CGS were third and King's, Wimbledon were second we were quietly confident that we had won, and gained the coveted place at the national finals in June.

Indeed Wilson's did win, and so continues an amazing series of results: in the past seven years Wilson's have managed to come either first or second in this event every year. Our congratulations go to the team and we wish them well for the finals in June.

In case you are interested, the answers to the questions were Round 1: 35 3s; Round 3: T = 6 and x = 10; Round 4: 294 cm3.

Dates for your Diary

24 March	Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
25 March	Latin Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
26 March	Sixth Form Recital Evening (7.00 p.m.)
27 March	Y7 Celebration Evening (7.00 p.m.)
28 March	Mufti Day (in aid of Lily Foundation)
31 March	Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
1 April	Joint Concert with WHSG (7.00 p.m.)
3 April	Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)
4 April	Founder's Day
4 April	Term Ends
	Years 8 - 13 early finish (1.05 p.m.)
	Y7 normal day - finish at 3.05 p.m.
	EASTER BREAK
22 April	First Day of Term
	Registration at 10.50 a.m. for ALL students

CHRISTOPHER TOWER POETRY COMPETITION

Eight sixth form students have entered poems for the prestigious Christopher Tower Poetry competition this year. The students were required to produce a poem of up to 48 lines with the guiding theme of "News". The standard of the entries this year was impressive and the boys developed the idea in a range of imaginative ways. The English department also ran an internal judging panel to award a prize for the best entry which went to Peter Chappell for his poem "Cuttings". Sharing second place and highly commended were Linden Hogarth for "The Strange Mr Jeffries" and Kyle Macneill for "The Gutter". We wish them all the best for the competition!

Cuttings

It happened in a place of some little relevance;
No royal was involved.

Then file it 'Pleb Interest' or whatever. Let's have a look.

the Sun lied

Can we say that? They might be listening.

close. Filtered parallelograms of morning light advance along the bed.
The clouds of fretful breath resigned
themselves on the wetted pane.

You were cut out kicking.

Something so momentary and new rests in my arms,
an envoy wrapped in a broad white linen sheet

such a moon then rose so widely round.
An omen, they commented. But
today I'm happy to ignore a
dark side while you lie
in your chariot of
plastic

The biggest scoop yet you dwarf me by your minuteness.

Where's its Date?
its Time?
its Weight? He should have looked at the ankle tag!
Endless unfocused precision maintains muddled minds,
keeps what's clear concealed. This story might be remembered even till next week!

Keep it back.

the of a story can be it's presence;
absence
Even though we had giddy pride and glory
In what was now the superfluous vigil over the box,
The life in you made us tell the world.
That's the second birth here.

Not even sex or drugs or violence? Baby, this is pathetic. This doesn't fill any of my story archetypes. Where's that slut for page 3?

That little fine flick of brown hair is more detailed than any report.
Your smooth gummy attempt is more eloquent than any speech
My young face stares blankly.
Then eyes melt to a smile
down to you, lips brushing in hoodie

Just sell the story the people want, not what they need. Cut the rest

NOTICES

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MUFTI DAY - 28 MARCH

We will be holding a MUFTI day on 28 March in aid of the Lily foundation. Mr Englefield is also running the London marathon to support them. It will cost £1 to take part in the Mufti day.

Quote from Mr Englefield's justgiving site: "I am running the London Marathon in April for the Lily Foundation. It gives hope, answers and support to many children and families that face the challenges of mitochondrial disease. In November 2013 my beautiful nephew Harvey died from this disease aged 14 months."
If you would like to sponsor Mr Englefield please go to the following: http://www.justgiving.com/Gavin-Englefield or text UFNA49 £(insert amount here) to 70070.

or

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AIR SQUADRON TROPHY COMPETITION

Early in the morning of 16 March, 13 RAF section cadets returned to RAF Halton for the national finals of the Air Squadron Trophy competition after winning the regional phase last month. The team started their events almost immediately with a Command task at 0900, followed by first aid, shooting, aircraft recognition, military knowledge and finally, the drill sequence that the team had practiced for the last three months.

After all the events had been completed, the team anxiously awaited the results. A good performance, including two perfect scores in military knowledge and an astounding 29/30 in aircraft recognition by L/Cpl Gotts. However, being the national finals, just being 'good' wouldn't necessarily be enough.

The team achieved a remarkable 3rd place - a result they had only reached once before. This qualifies them to attend the Air Squadron Day at RAF Cranwell later in the year, an event reserved only for the top three teams at the competition. The team would like to thank all the adult staff who have helped us to train, especially Maj. Burton, Sqn Ldr Gardner, Lt. Beggs, Flt Off Beggs, Mr Luck and Miss Clarke.

The team led by CWO Anandakumar consists of FS Turner, Sgts Kingsnorth and Smith, Cpls Godwin, Padhi and Robertson, L/Cpls Gotts, Jacob and Lewis, and Cadets Hyatt, Moore and Pal

SURREY TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 12 March a team of five lower sixth pupils (George Barbantan, Arjun Gill, Philip Knott, Pavan Murali and Sharumilan Ravindran) came an excellent third in the Surrey Schools Mathematics Challenge 2014. This is our best score for a few years and Wilson's were the leading state school in the competition, which is held each year at the University of Surrey in Guildford.

The competition is based on two rounds of maths problems which the team solve as a group. For the first round there are longer written solutions required which are marked by university students. The second round comprises multiple choice questions which can be quickly marked. The team did excellently in both rounds. The only multiple choice question they could not answer was: What is the remainder when 36^36 (36 to the power 36) is divided by 77? (The correct answer is 36.)

CLASSICS CLUB - 12 MARCH 2014

Last week saw Obi Thurgood (9S) give a talk to a larger-than-normal audience about the Huns and in particular, their famous leader Attila. Obi is a knowledgeable and articulate disseminator of knowledge and he seemed to have researched his topic thoroughly. Attila was a cruel and bloody warlord, but he began by ruling in tandem with his brother. He led hordes of nomadic riders to ravage the Western Roman Empire and in 410, gave the first "sacking" in 800 years to Rome. This was, apparently, just a gentle sack, with relatively little slaughter and pillage. Nevertheless, treasure and wealth of unimaginable value was taken off with Attila, who promptly got married, then died on his wedding night. Most intriguingly of all, Attila was buried with all those treasures, then a river was diverted over the burial site. The sons of those who had buried him then killed their fathers, to conceal the place for all time.
It is somewhere in central Italy. Somewhere in the ground lie the statues, jewels, shields, silver, gold etc of 800 years of Roman conquest. All the items taken by the Romans from the most important temples they captured are there. These include the cult images from Carthage and the altar stone from Herod's temple in Jerusalem.
Classics Club takes place in room 5 from 1.15 onwards, every Wednesday.

Picture to the right:
A medieval medal of Attilla, with the legend – "Attila – the scourge of God" - "flagelum dei"

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

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Anyone needing help with Latin or Classics should go to Room 5 on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for the general Latin help club.

CHESS CLUB
All pupils are welcome to attend the lunchtime club (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday). Those who aspire to play chess for the school are encouraged to also attend on Wednesday after school from 3.30 to 5.00 p.m. In all cases the meetings are in F12 in the Maths Department, and further information can be obtained from Dr Cooper: (nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB
This club is for anyone in years 8 - 13 who enjoys the challenge of tough maths problems to solve. The club takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in F12.

MANDARIN CLUB
Mandarin club has started again on Wednesdays after school in Room 14.

DEBATE CLUB
Debate club runs every Monday lunchtime in Room 16. Please see Mrs Guy with any questions. The motion for Monday 17 March: THW welcome a European superstate.

BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS CLUB
Available every Wednesday lunchtime (13.05 -14.00) for advice and help on how to improve your subject knowledge or exam technique in Business Studies and Economics. You may need help with homework or simply a quiet place to study where assistance is conveniently on hand. See Mr Ormonde in 6F3. No topic too 'big' or 'small'!

COMPUTER CLUBS
Year 10 and 11 coursework on Monday in F4 with Mrs Gill
Year 7 drop in Mondays C2 Mr Wallace
Scratch club for Year 7s on Tuesday in F5 with Mr Poole.

A Level computing and AS ICT can use the following room at lunchtime (1.15 - 1.50) to do their coursework:

Monday F4	Mrs Gill
Tuesday F5	Mrs Gill or Mr Wallace
Wednesday F4	Mrs Gill

NEW WILSON'S GeogSoc
Are you interested in all things Geographical? If so, then this is the place for you! Run by the Lower Sixth, every Tuesday Week A we will be exploring different geographical ideas from 1315 to 1350 in Room 24. On Tuesday we will be looking to create our own erupting super -volcanoes.!
Please come along to Rm 24 with your lunch every Tuesday, see you there!

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

HOTT CLUB REPORT - 14 MARCH 2014

There were two games last week and several spectators, including some newcomers. The first games, on the "Vulcanic" board, pitted two forces heavy in heroes against each other. As always, this led to a sort of duel between two heavily-armoured medieval knights, hacking away at each other with great blows. The end to such games is always swift and decisive. So it proved this time. The second game, on the desert board was much more subtle, because the areas of bad going, which split the board in two, force the players to consider lurkers, which both sides picked. These can appear suddenly and for a cost of only one point, are tremendously effective. Both players skirmished across a sort of no-man's land, with neither player wishing to be the first to cross the bad going. The attacker's aerial hero even had three shots at the stronghold, before failing miserably and being doubled by the stronghold itself. This ended in his fleeing from the battle in disgrace. The attacker lost his sorcerer in the next turn, when he was turned into a frog by his opponent and proved unable to reverse the spell. A wise old player once said that a general who is a frog is not very good at winning battles. All players, new and old, are welcome at HOTT club in room 5 every Friday from 1.10 onwards.

TOP FLOOR CLUB PRESENTS - TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES, 1.15 P.M. - ROOM 20

Come and see what the best students of history, geography, philosophy and politics have to offer.

Edward VIII – Liam Pavesi	25th March
Problem of Induction – Jude Boateng	1st April
US Surveillance – Yusuf Chaudhary	22nd April

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are currently collecting "Active Kids 2014" vouchers from Sainsbury's. These vouchers can be exchanged for sports equipment and we are hoping that if we collect sufficient vouchers we will be able to order:

Footballs, Cricket bats and balls, Basketballs, Table-tennis bats and balls, Badminton rackets and shuttlecocks, Tennis rackets and balls, Athletics equipment and Volleyballs

Our target is to collect 25,000 vouchers (our record was collecting 34,000 in 2009) so if you shop at Sainsbury's please don't forget to ask for your Active Kids vouchers (one for every £10 spent) and lets see if together we can collect enough to give the school as much of the equipment above as possible.

Please note vouchers are only being issued until 21 May this year. There is a collecting box on reception for you or your son to put your vouchers in. Many thanks for your support.

NEW GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THIS?

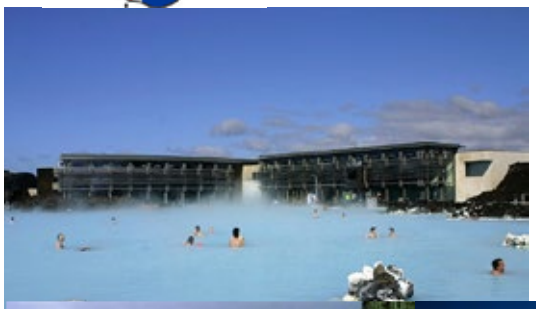
Congratulations to last week's winner, Varun Jain, 7H, who correctly identified the image as being a Bakewell Tart. This is named after Bakewell,a small market town and civil parish in the Derbyshire Dales district of Derbyshire, England. Please come and collect your Golden Ticket from Mr Sturt in Rm 24. Congratulations to all who got this correct! On to this week's competition:

This week's ' Where in the world' is still a bit different! If you can name the place in the world that this piece of food is named after (You need to include the name of the piece of food, the town and the country), then you can win House Points! Simply email the information to ADS@... and the first person with the correct answer wins! Get thinking…'

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY HOMEWORK SUPPORT - 1.10 - 1.50 P.M.

Wed A: C1	Fri A: C1
Mon B: C1	Thurs B: C1

Iceland Easter 2015



When: March 30th – April 2nd 2015
Open to: Current Year 9s to 12s
How much: £705
Deadline: March 24th 2014
More information:
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3rd XI	Home

Friday 21 March
Wilson's vs. KCS

U12A	Away

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's vs. Emanuel

Wilson's E won 9 - 3 vs. Emanuel A
Wilson's E have won all of their ten matches this season.

Wilson's reserves beat Emanuel reserves 4.5 - 3.5

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 12 March
Wilson's vs. Christ's Hospital

1st XI	won	7-0
2nd XI	won	5-0
3rd XI	won	9-0

Wilson's vs. RGS

4th XI	won	6-0
7th XI	won	4-2 (vs. 8th XI)

Thursday 13 March - Wilson's vs. Greenshaw

U15A	won	4-3

(semi-final of District Cup with goals from Xavier Teague, Kevin Mwondha and Harold Amoo)

Friday 14 March - Wilson's vs. Whitgift

U13/14A	won	3-0

Saturday 15 March - Wilson's vs. Dulwich College
(186 boys represented the school at football this Saturday)

1st XI	won	2-0
2nd XI	won	6-0
3rd XI	won	4-2
U15A	won	3-2
U15B	won	2-1
U15C	drew	2-2
U14A	won	4-0
U14B	drew	0-0
U14C	lost	0-1
U13A	drew	2-2
U13B	drew	1-1
U13C	lost	1-3
U12B	drew	2-2
U12C	lost	0-2

Wilson's Update

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100th ANNIVERSARY VISIT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE SOMME

On Friday 21 March, 121 Year 10 students, accompanied by members of staff, visited the Great War battlefields of the Somme. They visited Lochnagar Crater, Beaumont Hamel, Thiepval and Pozieres Cemetery. As part of the day a ceremony was conducted at Connaught Cemetery where Private Reginald Perrott (an old Wilsonian) is buried. He died on 30 September 1916 in the later stages of the Battle of the Somme. The school hymn was read by Harry Amoo and Athul Ganesh Babu with a stanza of 'For the Fallen' being delivered by Calum Nuttall. A wreath was then laid at the cross of sacrifice by Mr Cole on behalf of the Governors, staff and students of Wilson's in memory of all Old Wilsonians who fell in the conflict. Two minutes of silence were then observed. The ceremony ended with each boy and all accompanying staff leaving a remembrance cross on Private Perrott's grave. The boys conducted themselves with immense dignity throughout a very long but rewarding day.

Dates for your Diary

31 March	Maths Circle Lecture (4.00 p.m.)
1 April	Joint Concert with WHSG (7.00 p.m.)
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	Years 8 - 13 early finish (1.05 p.m.)
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	EASTER BREAK
22 April	First Day of Term
	Registration at 10.50 a.m. for ALL students

HOUSE MUSIC 2013-2014

House Music has been a success, with over 150 students taking part this year!

On to more exciting news, the winners and who entered! The exact number of house points earnt will be announced later, but congratulations to all those who chose to take part…the standard was high…and particular congratulations to those who won!

Number of Boys entered (House points awarded to each)

Brecon	30
Camberwell	30
Greencoat	36
Hayes	25
Southwark	32

AWARDS (extra house points awarded for each).

STRINGS
Junior (7-9)
1st: Saju Raguseelan (9C);
2nd: Kai Chang (7H);
3rd: Ted Perkin (7G) and Luke Patel (9C)
HC: Karthik Kumaresan (7C)
Senior (10-13)
1st: Harry Perkin (12G)
2nd: Linden Hogarth (12C) and Sam Gates (10S)

GUITAR
Junior (7-9)
1st: Gautam Vyas (9C);
2nd: James Craik (7H);
3rd: Ramon Nartallo (9H)
HC: Matthew Hill (8H)
Senior
1st: Srood Salih (10S)
2nd: Will Porter (12S) and Cameron Overeyender (10B)

PIANO
Junior (7-9)
1st: Isuru Jayasekera (9B);
2nd: Praveen Sivakumaran (9G) and Max Robbins (8S)
3rd: Alexader Dang (9S) and Gabriel Lumsden (8C)
Senior (10-13)
1st: Michael Ahearn (11C);
2nd: Timothy Cheng (11B);
3rd: Will Honeyman (11G);
HC: Daniel Jacob-Ormson (11H)

BRASS
Junior (7-9)
1st: Solal Bouchon (7C) and Peter Wales (7H)
2nd: Nathaniel Green (7B)
3rd: William Eade (8G)
Senior
1st: Michael Ahearn (11C);
2nd: Oliver De Carteret (12H)
3rd: Jack Sinclair (11S)

VOICE
Junior
1st: Sashank Srikanth (9S) and Max Robbins (8S);
2nd: Sam Belgrove (8G) and Oliver Cavadino (7C)
3rd: Hani Elsayed (8G)
Senior
1st: Satchit Srikanth (13S);
2nd: Jack Robertson (13B) and Ewan Robertson (11B);
3rd: Jemil Seelan (10C) and Jamie Barry (12B) and Ben Barry (11B)

PERCUSSION OVERALL PRIZES
1st: Liam Grant (10C)
2nd: Southwark Samba Band! (10S x 3)
3rd: Benjamin Jacob (11C) and Taaiyagan Jeyapaalen (9H)

WILSONOMICS

The new edition of Wilsonomics looks at two serious issues this month: business ethics (Max Cobain) and the on-going Heathrow airport debate(Dolapo Koleoso). Both articles are distinguished by their incisive writing style and depth of analysis and are definitely well worth reading. The traditional Wilsonomics forecast is rather on the rosy side: economic growth up, unemployment down and inflation down. Time to break out the bubbly? Get your hard copy of Wilsonomics from the Economics and Business Department or down load from http://www.wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk/dept/econ/. If you wish to contribute an article see the editors Dolapo Koleosho and Steven Thavendran or Mr Ormonde.

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THANK YOU

Mrs Cowell, our Librarian would like to thank everyone, pupils, parents and staff, who took the time to sort out and donate unwanted books to the Library this term. The response was excellent and we received some great books - some titles new to us which the boys are enjoying but also replacements for tatty old books that have been read dozens of times. That saved us a lot of money in replacements!

House Points will be sorted out next week but a particular well done goes to Adam Parke in U6, who helped us replace whole old series with nearly new books.

Books are always welcome. They can be brought up to the Library or left at Reception.

2014-15 PREFECT TEAM

This week the Head formally installed the 2014-15 Prefect Team in assemblies attended by students across the school. In presenting the Prefects with their ties, he reminded them that to lead is to serve and to serve is to lead and encouraged them to continue embodying the motto of the school – Non Sibi Sed Omnibus – throughout their year of office. Mr Charnock also took the opportunity to formally thank James Kyne (School Captain 2013-14) and his team for their exceptional service to the school. Exceptional musical accompaniment was provided on Monday by School Captain Harry Perkin and on Tuesday by Senior Prefect (Music) Oliver de Carteret.

Pictured below: Oliver de Carteret playing the French Horn and Robert Cochrane (one of the five Deputy School Captains) receiving his tie from the Head.

CLASSICS CLUB - 19 MARCH 2014

David Anjonrin-Ohu from year 12 gave a presentation last week, based on the first Roman emperor Augustus and how he treated the upper orders of society, the senators and the knights. Augustus was well aware that it had been the senatorial class who had killed his adoptive father Caesar in the infamous meeting on the Ides of March. Whilst he made a virtue of hunting down the assassins and killing them, he did accept that if Rome was to govern an empire, a governing class was needed, to provide leaders for the provinces and to set an example to the rest of society. The Romans knew that life could be short and death could be sudden, so they were very interested in class and status. Augustus knew this, so he treated the senators (and to a lesser degree the knights) as a privileged elite. They had to own a certain amount of money or property; they could do certain jobs, such as provincial governorships, that other classes could not do. They could wear certain clothes and other marks of distinction, such as iron rings and red shoes (forbidden to poorer people). However, they were also expected to behave in a certain way. They were not allowed to marry outside their class and penalties for adultery were rigidly enforced by Augustus upon senators, when they might be relaxed for lesser mortals. This last point was somewhat ironic, given that Augustus' own daughter and grand-daughter were hardly blameless in this regard. The risks of being a senator were also great; since you had to be involved in politics, which was flattering, but had to be careful to choose the right side in any argument, as death would be the reward for joining the wrong side.
Classics club takes place every Wednesday in room 5 at lunchtime and there is free chocolate. Anyone is welcome.

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ART NEWS

The Art GCSE candidates are currently preparing for their final exam and to get them off to a good start they visited the Victoria and Albert Museum last Friday. Their focus for research and recording was the Jameel Prize Shortlisted Artists and Designers exhibition. The Jameel Prize is an international art prize for contemporary artists and designers inspired by Islamic traditions of art, craft and design. Its aim is to explore the relationship between these traditions and contemporary work as part of a wider debate about Islamic culture and its role today. The boys saw the works by the 10 shortlisted artists and designers, ranging from Arabic typography and calligraphy to fashion and textiles inspired by the architecture in Istanbul, as well as video installations and intricate jewellery created from recycled water bottles.

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Please come along and support the students for what will be two fantastic evenings and the culmination of a term's hard work for all those involved. We look forward to seeing you there!

HOTT CLUB REPORT

Last week, there was only one major game on the desert board, with a volcano army versus a desert army, Heroically defending, and brought many newcomers to spectate the battle. Unluckily for the defenders, the attacker brought on a dragon in the second turn, which was to destroy the opposer's troops. Unfortunately, it was killed immediately by a sneaky attack from an aerial hero. As a couple of weeks ago, a Mexican standoff was held over the bad going with terrifying spears on one side and ravenous beasts on the other. One had to give way and finally the beasts crossed the bad going and engaged the spears on the other, allowing no time for the defender to deploy lurkers. Unfortunately, none could gain the upper hand until the spears devastated a beast, and the attacker started to lose ground. A valiant attempt ensued for the attackers general to attack the defenders' stronghold, only to be turned into a group of kittens by a magician. he attacker then gave a gallant speech to his troops, saying, "we shall fight them in the bad going, we shall fight them in the good going, we shall fight them on the roads and hills, and we will be led to victory!" Unfortunately, this did not help the battle and the defenders forced back the attacking troops, to the end of the game.

CHESS TEAM REACH NATIONAL FINALS

Wilson's chess teams swept the boards at the team Chess Challenge tournament at Eton College on Thursday 20 March. The first team won with a score of 13½ out of 16, whilst the second team came second ahead of first teams from Eton, Trinity and St Olaves. The first team have thereby qualified for the national finals to take place on Wednesday 23 April at Imperial College, and including a simultaneous match against the British Chess Champion, David Howell.

UK CHESS CHALLENGE 2014

This term 145 Wilson's School pupils have taken part in one of the school chess club's UK Chess Challenge tournaments. Events have taken place at lunchtime, after school and on one Sunday. After 7 rounds of matches a total of more than 50 Wilson's pupils have scored the 15 points to qualify for the next round, the Surrey Megafinal. This will take place on (Bank Holiday) Monday 5 May at Hinchley Wood School (near to Kingston). All qualifiers should see Dr Cooper to collect their entry form.

The individual event winners were:
Sunday event: Adam Taylor (L6) who was the only player to win all his games.

Monday lunchtime: Thomas Short (L6)
Tuesday lunchtime: Vatsal Raina (11H)
Wednesday after school: Muhammad Al Ghifari (8C), on tie-break
Thursday lunchtime: Arun Appulingam (8H)

For those who have not qualified there is a good chance to do so at the Wilson's Last Chance Saloon on Friday 11 April. See Dr Cooper for an entry form.

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SPORTS NEWS

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 29 March - Wilson's vs. Wimbledon College

1st XI	Home
2nd XI	Away
U15A	Away
U15B	Away
U14A	Home
U14B	Home
U13A	Away
U13B	Away
U12A	Home
U12B	Home

FOOTBALL AND FUTSAL NEWS

Congratulations to the 1st XI for making the final of the Surrey Cup for the fourth time in five years. They cruised to the final with a 7-2 win away to local rivals, Glyn School. A hat-trick from 1st XI captain Olie Sitch, two goals from Josh Robinson and a goal each for Ben Carruthers and Joshua John sealed a comprehensive win. They play the winners of Hampton School or Stanley Park (Carshalton Athletic).

Well done to the pupils who completed the Futsal leadership course on Friday 21 March. They enjoyed two hours theory, understanding Futsal and four hours playing the game. The FA representative said that 'the boys were outstanding and showed a fantastic attitude'. We look forward to seeing these qualified boys playing Futsal and assisting in the coaching of lower school pupils during lunchtime and after school practises.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 18 March - Wilson's vs. Stanley Park

U14A	lost	0-1

Wednesday 19 March
Wilson's vs. Glyn (Surrey Cup Semi-Final)

1st XI	won	7-2

Wilson's vs. John Fisher

2nd XI	won	3-2 vs. 1st XI
3rd XI	lost	2-4 vs. 4th XI
5th XI	drew	1-1 vs. 2nd XI

Friday 21 March - Wilson's vs. KCS

U12A	drew	2-2
U12B	lost	1-2
U12C	lost	1-5
U12D	drew	2-2

Saturday 22 March - Wilson's vs. Latymer Upper

1st XI	won	1-0
2nd XI	won	4-0
U15A	lost	0-1
U15B	won	3-1
U14A	won	4-1
U14B	drew	2-2
U13A	lost	1-2
U13B	lost	0-3
U12A	won	3-1
U12B	drew	1-1

BADMINTON NEWS

The U.16 badminton team won the Surrey Cup after a very close match with Tiffin School.
After the first four games Wilson's were tied two each, with the deciding doubles being played by Ben Jacob and Josh Lee. They were 1 game all having to play a decider and were closely matched all the way through. It was a case of who held their nerve and Josh Lee pulled off some excellent smashes to win the final game 15 to 13pts.
Wilson's have now won all the Surrey Cups this year and all the leagues. This is the first time for 5 years that we have had a clean sweep.
Next Tuesday is the semi- final of the National schools cup and also the London Youth Games final. Good luck to all those involved.

Wilson's Update

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YEAR 7 CELEBRATION EVENING - THURSDAY 27 MARCH

Thursday 27 March saw the Year Sevens once again dazzle us with their achievements over the past term. A packed audience were treated to a fun and varied programme of music. Opening the evening our year seven choral group "SCHOLA" directed by Mr Hann, sang a selection of pieces including "The Great God Thor". Next the Clarinet Ensemble directed by Mr Sanders performed "The Old Dripping Tap" followed by a fantastically evocative "Drunken Sailor" played by the Trombone Ensemble led by Mr Willey. Ms Dennis led an ambitious selection of Oboe pieces including the rousing "Oh When The Saints" and a crowd pleasing "The Bare Necessities". Our year seven French Horn Ensemble followed and their movie inspired pieces were instantly recognisable- the "007 Theme" and the "Theme from Titanic" both specially arranged by Mr Willey for the evening's concert.

Ms Beardsmore led our fantastic Flute Ensemble performing "Variations on Kookaburra" and then the audience were treated to an exciting Percussion Ensemble piece - "Three of a Kind".

Two of our best vocal soloists Saiprabhu Karunananthan and Thomas Lonsdale then gave assured performances of "The Sally Gardens" and "Windy Nights".

Joy was a theme running through the next two items - first the Trumpet Ensemble's wonderful "Give Me Joy in My Heart" followed by Ms Jackson's Bassoon Ensemble playing "Ode to Joy".

In a thrilling culmination to the musical part of the evening the Year Seven Wind Band performed en masse three pieces - "Mambo No.5", "The Simpsons" and "Don't Stop Believing". Conducted by our musical director Mr Rogers this was a chance for the audience to enjoy the unmistakeable energy created when our students perform together.

Mr Walters – the director of Key Stage 3 then presented a number of awards to our most promising students. Music awards were given to students who have shown excellent progress as well as awards given for overall achievement. Presentations of awards recognising students who have made a significant contribution to their form groups and to the whole school were also made. Every boy who received an award should feel justly proud of his achievement. We look forward to hearing more from this very talented year group in the future.

Dates for your Diary

4 April	Founder's Day
4 April	Term Ends
	Years 8 - 13 early finish (1.05 p.m.)
	Y7 normal day - finish at 3.05 p.m.
	EASTER BREAK
22 April	First Day of Term
	Registration at 10.50 a.m. for ALL students
23 April	Composers' Evening (7.00 p.m.)
24 April	Unique Timetable
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28 April	Young Musician of the Year Final (7.00 p.m.)
28 April	Wilson's Used Uniform Shop (3.30 p.m.)
28 April	Prayer Group (8.00 p.m.) - all parents welcome

THE FINALE TO A VERY SUCCESSFUL DEBATING SEASON FOR WILSON'S

The competitive debate season came to an end last weekend with the largest and one of the most prestigious schools' competitions on the calendar, run by Durham University. Wilson's were represented by Tim Sharpe and Luke Kosky, and James Gunnell and James Nash. The two L6 students had a very good first day, ending on 7 points after three rounds. They competed well on the Sunday, garnering a further 312 speaker points, but finished 2 team points short of the break. Tim and Luke also finished the first day on 7 points, and continued their good form on the Sunday, breaking 5th on the team tab on 12 team points and with a total of 815 speaker points: Tim was 8th best speaker overall.

Wilson's were in Opening Government for the Quarter-final on the motion 'THB schools should sort students into sets according to academic ability'. Tim set up a very solid case and they broke first from their room on a unanimous decision. For the semi-final, they were in Opening Opposition on the motion 'THW implement a system by which a petition signed by 20% of registered voters in a constituency would generate an automatic by-election'. Both boys spoke very well to break second (again unanimously) for the Final, knocking out the A team from St Paul's Girls' School and Dulwich C. Their eighth debate of the weekend, the final was on the motion 'THW implement a lower income tax for women' and Tim and Luke were drawn in Luke's favourite position, Closing Opposition. They were extending from Dulwich A in Opening Opposition, on the long diagonal from Dulwich B in Opening Government, and directly against Eton in Closing Government. The Eton extension focused on the economic benefits of the case, and Tim dealt with this material head on. Luke produced a storming summary, taking the brave strategy that, as Tim had explained the economic case, he would concentrate upon the principled arguments from Opening Government; this put Wilson's in direct competition with both the Dulwich A and the Dulwich B teams. All four teams were genuine contenders in this very high-level debate, which was finally adjudged to have been won by Dulwich B. For Wilson's to be in contention at such a prestigious final is a tremendous achievement; perhaps an even greater testament to our students is that - so I am reliably informed - they also won the 'niceness' competition; certainly many other teams, coaches and even judges lined up to wish them good luck in the final, appreciative that they fully deserved to be there in this, their final schools' debate.

Tim and Luke have represented Wilson's at debating for the last three years and with increasing success: this year, they have broken for three national finals; for Finals' Day at both the Oxford and the Cambridge debates; were semi-finalists at the Cambridge Finals; and now finalists at Durham (an interesting side-note: they had beaten the eventual winners in the fifth round!) Both students intend to continue debating at university level. Congratulations to Tim and Luke for a very successful year, and very many thanks for the genuine commitment they have shown in representing the school so effectively and with such fine wit, grace and good humour.

Tim and Luke are photographed in the photograph on the left below and in the photograph on the right with James Gunnell and James Nash at the Durham debate.

WILSONOMICS

The new edition of Wilsonomics looks at two serious issues this month: business ethics (Max Cobain) and the on-going Heathrow airport debate(Dolapo Koleosho). Both articles are distinguished by their incisive writing style and depth of analysis and are definitely well worth reading. The traditional Wilsonomics forecast is rather on the rosy side: economic growth up, unemployment down and inflation down. Time to break out the bubbly? Get your hard copy of Wilsonomics from the Economics and Business Department or download from http://www.wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk/dept/econ/. If you wish to contribute an article see the editors Dolapo Koleosho and Steven Thavendran or Mr Ormonde.

BRECON FIELD TRIP

Bright and early on Wednesday 19 March, all the Lower Sixth Geographers set off for Brecon to embark on a fun filled residential fieldtrip full of Geography! The trip was in order for the boys to complete necessary fieldwork for their Unit 2 module in May. As well as asking Abergavenny residents various questions on their shopping habits, the boys also got well and truly stuck in to physical fieldwork, measuring such things as the width, depth and velocity of the River Caefannel. Pupils worked really hard on the trip, and fieldtrip follow up sessions went on well after dinner, analysing data, completing presentations and preparing for the next day's activities. Despite the weather leading to some very damp and muddy days, the trip was a huge success and a big thanks needs to be given to Mr Cady, Mr Sturt and Mr Rogers for giving up their time to go on it.

CORPUS CHRISTI, CAMBRIDGE COMPUTING ESSAY COMPETITION

In February this year Arjun Gill and William Kingsnorth (pictured below) had their essays chosen to represent the school as the entrants for the Essay Competition for Computing at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

We were extremely pleased that both the students were awarded prizes. Arjun was awarded the Second Place prize of £100 and a certificate and William's entry was Highly Commended and he received £25. Well done to both students. They have also been invited to Corpus Christi College on Saturday 12 April to collect their prizes.

NOTICES

WILSON'S GOT TALENT - COMING SOON.....

Auditions will take place the first week after the Easter Holidays. More details to follow.

LANGUAGE TRIPS

A gentle reminder to parents and carers of year 9 pupils going on the German and French trips during activities week.

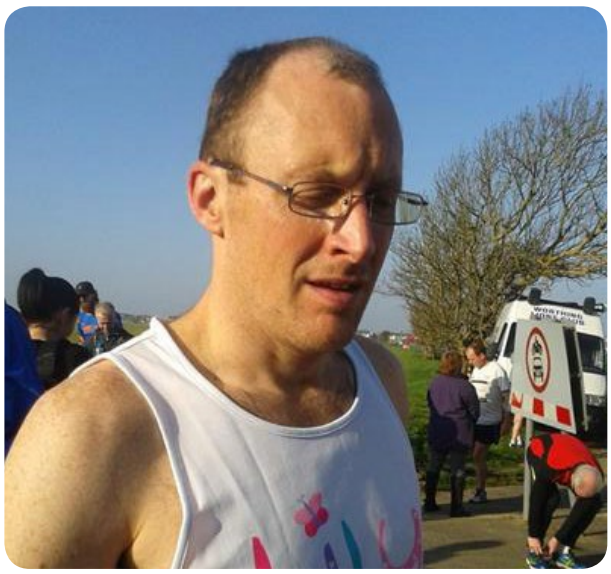
The final payment is now due
£70 for the French trip
£75 for the German trip

THE LILY FOUNDATION

Mr Englefield is running the London marathon in April to raise money for the Lily Foundation. They are a charity that supports families (like the Englefield family) dealing with mitochondrial disease. His own nephew died from the disease in October 2013 aged 14 months. Without Mitochondria, cells are unable to generate enough energy to sustain normal organ function and sometimes life.

If anyone would like to sponsor him please visit this page:
http://www.justgiving.com/Gavin-Englefield
or
Text UFNA49 £(insert amount here) to 70070

Any donations are very much appreciated and will help motivate him to run the marathon in under 4 hours.



CHIEF SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Our congratulations to go William Straw from 9H who was awarded the highest award in Scouting, the Chief Scout Gold Award, on Sunday 30 March. He received his award from the Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, Leslie Button. In order to receive the award a scout must complete 7 challenges. Challenges included survival training, fitness training and felling trees as part of a volunteer programme.

THE BIG C CHALLENGE

In September 2014 we are happy to announce that Wilson's will be taking part in the inaugural Big C Challenge with the Royal Marsden.

This new campaign is all about raising money by doing things beginning with the letter 'c'. Whether that's a chess competition, a charity cricket match, sponsored cycle or anything else – if it begins with the letter 'c', we can do it! On Founder's Day the boys will all be coming up with their own fundraising ideas and suggestions.

We want to raise £161,500 in our 400th anniversary year, all of which will help the Royal Marsden pay for research into new treatments and cures for cancer. You can find out all about their fantastic work and The Big C Challenge at their website - http://www.royalmarsden.org/.

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MUSIC NEWS

ANNUAL JOINT CONCERT: WALLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS AND WILSON'S

An evening of Vaughan Williams, Borodin & Vivaldi

More than 100 boys from Wilson's and 80 girls from Wallington High School for Girls came together on Tuesday evening for what is becoming one of the highlights of the Wilson's Musical Calendar – The Joint Concert at St. Mark's in Purley.

Many were sceptical that the students could match the standards reached by last year's Joint Concert. But they were wrong! Once again the church was full with many guests having to stand at the back, but it was worth it!

The evening opened with Wilson's School Senior Orchestra & Wallington High School for Girls' Senior Orchestra playing the 'Polovtsian Dances' by Borodin. Mr Rogers conducted over 60 students who played together with enthusiasm and passion. The audience were captivated and despite there being over 250 people watching you could have heard a pin drop!

Next was 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams conducted by Mr Clayden. The whole of Wilson's Chamber Ensemble played brilliantly but when Harry Perkin played the solo part the entire audience were mesmerised. It was a dazzling performance and despite it being a piece which is renowned for being particularly difficult to play, Harry made it seem effortless.

After the interval, where the PFA provided a selection of Easter cakes and soft drinks, Mr Hann together with Wilson's Senior Choir, Wallington Girls Chamber Choir and Wilson's Chamber Ensemble performed 'Gloria' by Vivaldi. It was an outstanding performance which was just perfect in the large church – the sound was amazing. The soloists all did a superb job, especially the four young boys from Wilson's, Milo Wakefield, Oscar Taperell, Hani Elsayed and Nathan Mitchell who all made their debut appearance.

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Firstly, commander one's army consisted of a large number of aerial units which he immediately used and took advantage of their movement and penetrated deep into the opponent's territory. And as the game moved on this group was separated as some of its units were advancing nearer to commander two's stronghold and was stuck in a tactically vulnerable position as it was threatened to be attacked in the rear and flanked as well by the mercenaries' fliers. His army ended up on the defensive against the mercenaries. commander two's army at the start was struggling to contain the aerial threat from one but eventually gained the help of the mercenaries to defeat one or two units. two's army consisted two dragons of which only one was deployed. This meant that he couldn't put down many effective units on the field as one dragon cost 6 points.

This was a very competitive match. For example, at one point, commander two went to extreme lengths when he attempted bribery with the mercenaries, who began to play a pivotal role in this game with an a fortune- 1p! This partially succeeded but then ,with mercenaries being mercenaries, they then asked the opposing side pay more so the mercenaries could fight for them.

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Last Wednesday, Rishi Siddani from Year 9 gave a presentation about 'Jason and the Argonauts', a Greek tale that has been told for 3,000 years. He showed the many different variations and versions that have developed over time that have started from speculations about the details that the author, Apollonius of Rhodes has omitted, in order to capture the listener's imagination. In fact, the classic triangle of hero, dark power and female helper was even thought to be fit to be made into a film by Hollywood-twice! But one of the things that is different about this myth is the hugely important role of the female helper, Medea. Throughout all the tasks that the hero, Jason has to complete in order to get the Golden Fleece from Medea's father, King Aetes, Medea has been the reason for Jason accomplishing the task. For, example, when Jason is faced with fighting a throng of fully-armed warriors, and it becomes clear by now that Jason lacked a hero's qualities, Medea gives Jason tips in basic psychology. This simple device that Medea had suggested, Jason completed his task with minimum effort. He simply threw a stone at one of the men. The man, in turn, thought his neighbour had done it. And in short order all the seed men had turned on one another with their swords until not one was left standing.

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This spring and summer the PFA are organising five car boot sales and they need your help.

Would you be prepared to help out for an hour or an hour and a half at one of the car boot sales?

We need people to greet buyers and sellers and to sell refreshments to all of the busy shoppers.

No previous experience required!

Our next sale is on Sunday 11 May. If you can help, please drop an email to Sacha Marsac - SAM@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk

Or call him on 020 8773 2931 (ext. 168). Even if you've never done anything like this before we'd love to hear from you, so please do get in touch.

WHY NOT COME ALONG AS A SELLER?

If you've been spring cleaning and have a boot full of bric-a-brac or other bits you'd like to sell then why not consider taking a pitch at the next Car Boot Sale on 11 May? They cost just £10 and there's no need to book in advance. Please see http://www.wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk/information/carboot/ for more information.

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Please note vouchers are only being issued until 21 May this year. There is a collecting box on reception for you or your son to put your vouchers in. Many thanks for your support.

CHESS RESULTS - FINAL SURREY LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS

Wilson's A beat Hampton A 3.5 - 2.5
Wilson's A come 3rd in the Surrey Schools League, 1 point behind the winners, Hampton.

Wilson's B drew with Hampton B 3 – 3
Wilson's B win Division 2

Wilson's C beat Hampton C 4 – 2
Wilson's C are second in Division 3

Wilson's D lost to Hampton D 2.5 – 3.5
Wilson's D win Division 4

Wilson's E won Division 5

Wilson's F beat Hampton F by 7.5 to 4.5
Wilson's F win Division 6

Wilson's lost to Old Wilsonians by 9 - 11

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SPORTS NEWS

FOOTBALL NEWS

Thursday 26 March - U15A won 3-1 vs. Overton Grange

Congratulations to the Year 10 Football team for winning the District Cup final. After going 1-0 down from a free kick early on in the game the boys kept their composure and regained control of the game. However with a lot of possession they struggling to make the Overton goal keeper work. An inspirational team talk from Mr Parkinson at half-time had an instant impact on the team. Anish Manjiani scored from corner to make it 1-1 in the 49th minute. There was no stopping them from this point onwards, the change in formation and the introduction of Xavier Teague caused Overton problems. Harold Amoo and Kevin Mwondha continued to pile on the pressure on the Overton defence. This pressure paid off when Teague slipped Mwondha in on goal only for the Overton defender to lunge in and misjudge the tackle to award Wilsons a penalty. Teague stepped up and calmly slotted the ball into the right hand corner sending the goal keeper the wrong way. Overton changed their formation and played direct but Calum Nuttal swept up any threat that came his way. The game was put to bed when Teague scored his second goal of the game shooting from 25 yards. Final score 3-1. A well deserved win and a great finish to a successful season.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 29 March - Wilson's vs. Wimbledon College

2nd XI	won	2-1 vs 1st XI
3rd XI	lost	2-0 vs 2nd XI
U15A	drew	2-2
U15B	won	4-2
U14A	lost	3-1
U14B	won	2-1
U13A	lost	3-1
U13B	lost	8-1
U12A	lost	3-1
U12B	won	6-4

BADMINTON NEWS

The U.16 badminton team won the Surrey Cup after a very close match with Tiffin School.

After the first four games Wilson's were tied two each, with the deciding doubles being played by Ben Jacob and Josh Lee. They were 1 game all having to play a decider and were closely matched all the way through. It was a case of who held their nerve and Josh Lee pulled off some excellent smashes to win the final game 15 to 13pts.

Wilson's have now won all the Surrey Cups this year and all the leagues. This is the first time for 5 years that we have had a clean sweep.

Next Tuesday is the semi- final of the National schools cup and also the London Youth Games final. Good luck to all those involved.