

2020-21 SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND DEPUTY SCHOOL CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED

We are delighted to start the new academic year by announcing Alec as the new School Captain for 2020-21. During his time at the school Alec has been involved in a wide range of school activities, from Sport (particularly rugby) to drama! He has an excellent record and has embodied the school's motto 'non sibi sed omnibus' throughout his time at the school.

The selection process for School Captain is a rigorous and gruelling one. Letters of application are carefully assessed alongside a range of other factors, culminating in an interview with the Headmaster and Director of Sixth Form. No doubt it was the first time in our 400 year history

that the interviews were conducted using an online platform! Our congratulations go to Alec and to his team of five Deputy School Captains, six House Captains, eleven Senior Prefects and Duty Prefects who will make a formidable team.

While we welcome the new team, we must also say our thanks and a fond farewell to Yorke and his team who have been a model of excellence over the course of the past year. They have been true role models to the student body and have performed their duties efficiently and with humility and we wish them well as they begin their lives beyond the gates of Wilson's.



Pictured above from left to right: Michael, Ray, Ansh, Alec (school captain), Nye and James.

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- Tuesday 22 September and Wednesday 23 September - Food Hub Collection

Deputy Head's Reminder

Thank you

Thank you to all parents and pupils who have heeded our request to keep Mollison Drive as free as possible from traffic. More pupils than ever have been using the Hannibal Way exit at the end of the day and this has also helped very much!



OLD WILSONIAN REPRESENTS THE UK AT THE INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

The Physics Department at Wilson's was delighted to learn that Rubaiyat (U6th leaver this summer) represented the UK in the European Physics Olympiad over the summer. This is an absolutely fantastic achievement.

"This year I was invited to the selection camp for the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) team because of my performance in the British Physics Olympiad Round 2 and I was selected! However, the IPhO was quite different. For starters, it didn't even happen! Instead, the UK team, along with some guest countries like Japan, took part in the European Physics Olympiad (EuPhO), the de facto replacement for the IPhO this year.

Due to COVID-19, the camp had to be online. We ended up having to collaborate over Google Docs, which was a new experience for everyone! One aspect that I think stayed the same, however, was the intensity of the camp. Despite doing everything in the comfort of home, it still felt tough to focus through 90-minute video calls and attempt to complete the questions in time for the next session. Regardless, I made it through to the team!

The intensity of the camp was in stark contrast to the many weeks of silence that followed. The organisers had requested us to not let people know we were on the team until they had given us the go-ahead, so the school didn't find out I had made it onto the team until much later.

Finally, after more than a month, we received emails from the organisers about the next stages of the camp. They attached some problem sets and told us how the EuPhO would replace the now cancelled IPhO this year. However, the UK team itself only met for the first time in late June – over a Zoom call, of course!

Finally, the closing ceremony to EuPhO 2020 was held over Zoom. Being the culmination of all our hard work, it was quite anticlimactic. It was mostly staring at a spreadsheet with names and scores – the most memorable thing was one of the organisers misreading the country code for Indonesia as India! Fortunately, everyone in the UK team managed to get a medal, with 4 bronzes and one silver (me!), which we're happy about. They'll be mailed at the end of September, which will give a nice ending to a particularly unique IPhO.

We weren't sure how the practical element would work. We heard that they might attempt to send us some practical equipment, or that we'd have to meet at a laboratory, but eventually it became clear that we wouldn't be doing physical experiments. Beyond looking at some data analysis best practices,

our energy on theory work via discussion of old Olympiad problems.

The EuPhO consists of two 5-hour papers – one day reserved for a theory paper, and one for an 'experimental' paper. The distribution of the theory paper was quite straightforward – we were simply emailed a pdf copy at the start time. However, the experimental paper was obviously different this year – it was run as simulations. We ran them during the exam, tweaking variables and reading off the results. We then scanned our solutions and uploaded them.

For moderation, we had to set up a video feed showing our paper, and in the case of the experimental section, the computer screen as well. It initially felt strange being watched all the time, but the feeling quickly subsided as I got into the physics.

Now, here is where the UK team would usually talk about their trip to another country, experiencing a different culture and meeting people from all around the world. For us, though, the days after the exam were just spent at home – unfortunately, the EuPhO organisers didn't end up organising any cultural events."

Article by Rubaiyat.



TRIBUTE TO KAREN BECKMAN

I am sorry to announce that one of our longest serving sports coaches, Karen Beckman, died at home on 19 June.

John Molyneux, former Director of Sport, worked with her very closely over a number of years and has written the following:

"Karen Beckman was one of England's most talented players; a fierce but always fair competitor who was known for impeccable sportsmanship. She won a Commonwealth gold medal and reached the last rounds of the All England. I first saw Karen, when as a 12 year old, she played in the Beverly Brown tournament and won the Ladies singles title - a sign of things to come! She was a great partner to have, always taking responsibility for losing a point, when invariably it was not the case.

She coached at Wilson's for many years and loved to see the boys progress. After matches she always wanted to know the overall score and how each of the boys had played. Many boys have benefitted from her expertise. Her great enthusiasm and smile will be missed from Badminton across the country and indeed by players in many different countries across the world. Her son Ben was a pupil at Wilson's, and went on to play for England at Senior level. Even when life became more difficult, you would never hear Karen complain and her positivity was one of her great strengths. We will all miss her immensely"

A flavour of Karen's success and the regard with which she was held is evident in the statement from Badminton England <https://www.badmintonengland.co.uk/news/gill-clark-leads-tributes-to-the-duchess/>. As Head, I enjoyed chatting to Karen in the Staff Room or in the Sports Hall whilst she was coaching. It is rare that you meet someone who combines such talent matched with extraordinary humility and I am unsurprised that her professional nickname - The Duchess – came as a result of what was regarded by those in the sport as her remarkable grace. She remained buoyant and positive when others would have (quite understandably) faltered. I join with the staff in expressing our condolences to the family. They can be rightly proud of the gentle miracles she worked in aiding boys to achieve more than they ever believed was possible.

N J Cole,
Headmaster



THE TWINS' TREATS

Neel (Year 10) and his twin brother Nand became the latest Wilson's entrepreneurs when they decided to start up a business selling healthy treats that tasted unhealthy, as a means of keeping themselves busy during the lockdown. They have been delighted by the response to 'The Twins' Treats' and are now marketing their sweets on social media.

They have received many local orders, but also some from as far afield as Manchester, and they are pleased to have received such good reviews on UK Trust Pilot (rated 4.4). In fact their weekly orders have tripled and are being stocked in a local cafe so they have had to ask their parents to help out!

They've enjoyed the whole project immensely and have found it to be a good way of utilising the skills that they've learnt at school.



CAPTAIN (SIR) TOM'S INSPIRATION

Thomas (Year 8) was so inspired by 'Captain' Tom that he wrote a song to carry on his legacy.

After listening to the song, Mr Cole noted that the song was wonderful, but he wasn't quite sure how the Queen would react to being called 'Lizzie'. If you would like to listen to his song, you can access it via YouTube https://youtu.be/7zt_ltp0F2Q



DT DEPARTMENT KEPT BUSY DURING LOCKDOWN

Staff in the Wilson's D&T department put their resources to good use to help NHS staff during this time of crisis. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is vitally important for frontline staff to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 when treating patients and the shortage of this equipment was a matter of great concern. Mr Maskell and Mr Burton worked hard to manufacture visors to cover the face, using recycled plastic from old GCSE folders, cut to shape using a laser cutter, and attached to acetate sheets.

Batches of these were shipped to King's College Hospital in London, Croydon University Hospital, local GP surgeries, and the London Ambulance Service.



Pictured above: Doctors wearing the visors provided by Wilson's DT Department.

'WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD'

Poorwa (Year 9) decided to enhance his local 'Clap for the NHS' by playing his musical instruments each Thursday evening. During one memorable Clap in April he played 'What a Wonderful World' on his trumpet to hearten those nearby. His concerts encouraged neighbours to join in the national applause.

Poorwa loves music and wanted to be positive during this difficult time. He explained his belief that nature and music help to lift the spirits and he certainly helped to do that in his locality.



GARDENING AT WILSON'S

During the lockdown period earlier this year, the school remained open to children of key workers and one of the activities they embraced during this period was a spot of gardening. We established a mini allotment in the grounds of the school with a very generous donation of a variety of plants courtesy of Woodcote Green Nursery. The students thoroughly enjoyed taking time to do the planting over several sessions, making for a very welcome break from school work and the anxieties of the time. After much watering and nurturing, it has proved to be a wonderful experiment in seeing what grows best and the students have enjoyed a plentiful supply of mixed salad leaves, as well as sampling some ripe and juicy tomatoes and very tasty baby carrots. Peppers have been harvested, the cabbages are progressing nicely and the maize plants have proved a success. Gardening offers a wonderfully relaxing and mindful experience and with the help of our school gardener, we are looking forward to enlarging our allotment next year, as well as extending the work of our weekly horticultural club that is popular among our younger students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Woodcote Green Nursery once again for their generosity.



WILSON' FIRST EVER POETS LAUREATE

Warmest congratulations to our appointed Poets Laureate for 2020-21! Soham in Year 10 is our Senior Poet Laureate and Zayaan in Year 9 is our Junior Poet Laureate. These two boys impressed staff, students and parents with their creative, thoughtful and original poetry writing in lockdown and made first-class applications for the positions. In a hotly contested field, their work stood out. Mr Cole has already commissioned two special poems from Soham and Zayaan with the titles "The Closing" and "The Opening". Soham and Zayaan will be working on these over the coming weeks and we will publish them in the newsletter for all to enjoy. We are also looking into ways to display their poetry in the school so that we can show how proud we are of our writers in residence! Soham and Zayaan will write approximately three poems a term following the school year. They will also be the proud owners of a "quill" badge which proclaims them as one of our poets. Do congratulate them.



*Pictured above: Zayaan (Year 9)
Junior Poet Laureate*



*Pictured above: Soham (Year 10)
Senior Poet Laureate*

POETRY FOR ALL

The school poetry anthology was, for many students and teachers, a highlight of lockdown. Weekly poetry challenges revealed the writers previously lurking in the shadows and shone a light on the wonderful creative writing so many of our students enjoy producing.

When we surveyed the pupils after the final anthology had been produced, a majority said they would most like poetry to continue with a monthly poetry challenge. Perhaps this was because pupils could work at their own pace, with a combination of structure and freedom; perhaps it was also because pupils enjoyed having an ongoing creative challenge to work on. Many pupils also said that they enjoyed reading the poems other students wrote.

With this in mind I would like to continue our poetry writing culture this year. Many students also said that they didn't want poetry writing to disappear! So this year I will set a monthly poetry challenge for students and, as before, all entries should be emailed to Mrs Fletcher (krf@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk) by the final day of the month. So this month's challenge should be submitted by the 30 September. We will have a monthly poetry anthology and Key Stage Winners. Perhaps we may be able to read the winning poems aloud or even make videos of them – now that we are all more adept at using technology! I would also hope to run a monthly workshop at lunchtime but this will need to be reviewed alongside guidance for extra curricular activities – so watch the announcements to see if this can take place. Information on this month's challenge can be found using: <https://www.wilsons.school/community/news/current/?post=this-month-s-challenge#poster-top>.

THE STEM CHALLENGE 2020

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) team of ASTML (Academy of Science, Technology and Management) held an online competition on 6 July 2020. I participated in the KS3 part of the STEM Challenge II which meant taking part in a 15 minute online quiz answering 20 multiple-choice questions.



A family friend alerted my family to the challenge and, as my interaction with the outside world was very limited during the lockdown, I decided to take part in order to test my knowledge and ability. There were both easy and difficult questions (mainly difficult as it was a challenge) and I took second place. I am glad that most of the questions had been covered in our school curriculum, however, my extra studies proved to be handy and helpful. I won a certificate and received £20 prize money. I spent the money on Amazon to buy some reading books to keep myself busy during the rest of the lockdown period.

Overall, I enjoyed the experience as it was something new and helpful to me. I hope to achieve the same feat when they hold the KS4 Challenge.

Article by Nabarun (Year 9)



INTRODUCING OUR POETS LAUREATE

The position of Poet Laureate is an honorary one appointed by HM The Queen. The postholder typically writes verse for the nation, aiming to reflect the public mood. The origins of the laureateship date back to 1616 (the year after Wilson's was founded), but the first official holder of the position was John Dryden, appointed in 1668 by Charles II. The UK's current Poet Laureate is Simon Armitage. Inspired by the success and popularity of our Poetry Competition during lockdown, we have now begun a new tradition of naming our own Wilsonian Poet Laureate for the middle and the upper schools.

Zaayan (Year 9) and Soham (Year 10) received their lapel badges as Poets Laureate this week from Mr Cole. Zaayan and Soham are our first ever writers in residence at Wilson's and you can look forward to reading their poems about the opening and closing of the school later this term. You can find an example of their work on the following page.

Well done to both boys!



Pictured above from left to right: Zayaan, Mr Cole and Soham.

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Deputy Head's Reminder

Now that the very hot weather has passed, normal school uniform rules will apply for everybody from 21 September! Very well done to new pupils in Year 7, who have made a great start. Teachers are describing them as "smart" and "very cheerful".

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MY MAGIC BOX

by Soham

My box will have
that first sip of water on a drought of at night
the whimsical tap dance of raindrops on my window
the sangfroid that comes from being in the right

My box will have
the petrichor in the air that connects me with my family in a
distant land
the searching hollow symbol that connotes lack of WiFi
the conjured food when the shadow of starvation looms over
me

My box will have
the jubilant words of elation and the melancholy words of mor-
tification
the words that come to my rescue, a trusted conduit for my
unfeigned thoughts
the elusive words that evade me even

My box will have
the sultry playfulness of your gaze
the carelessness of your laughter
the undulating waves of your hair

My box will be crafted of my hopes and dreams
Of velvet and with a clasp fashioned from my apprehensions
and with my maze of emotions on the sides and my passions
to the front

I shall live in my box
And live with
All its treasures and tribulations
I shall live in my box
Because it contains who I am
I shall live in my box,
Because my box is me.



OF TWO MINDS

by Zayaan

In the first week,
The sweet melody of nothing fills my ears,
it's just me and the world.
Floating down the empty roads washed with serenity
Under a violet sky emblazoned with streaks of strawberry jam
I swim in a sea of blissful peace.

The second week is indistinguishable from the first,
I play on the Creator's canvas
Watching the seeds pushing forth their shoots, rising on their
stems
The beauty of candy covered blossoms, a sower's delight.
Staring up mesmerized, I see elegant dancers and
the gleaming moon sitting proudly on a twilight throne
These all fill me with profound ecstasy.

Sometime between the third and fifth week,
The ecstatic became eerie;
Man thinking to have mastered the world by his brilliance
Now appearing to have never flourished before

Engulfed by an avalanche of nostalgia
My heart remembers them; friends
Reminiscing about the full out football matches
Which have been replaced with daily games on Minecraft.

The buzz of the bus lingers in the back of my mind
Oddly I yearn for the complete nonsensical chats to return
Yet I enjoy the solitude of quarantine
As optimism whispers to me that we will swarm the play-
grounds once again

In the seventh week,
Amidst the boredom of lockdown 'The Big Bang Theory' seeps
through
The hours melting into each other.
Sheldon's ever constant chatter drones on in the back ground
I laugh seeing him struggle to grasp sarcasm
My heart melts as the relationships unfold.

Sucked into a whirlpool of uncontrollable laughter
I am in a trance where I am bound to watch.
Every moment I have; I am pulled by an unstoppable force
towards it
Somehow, I can't defend myself from the grasp of binge-watch-
ing

Now untethered from the world
The speak of returning
Has torn my mind
How can I embrace life again?
What is normal?

WILSON'S CHESS

Despite lockdown and social distancing, Wil-
son's School Chess Club has continued to be
active. The chess team has enjoyed
playing in various online competitions against
other schools during the summer term, whilst
chess club has also met online using the li-
chess.org website.

The first (online) chess team meeting of the
term was last Friday. Of those invited 25 played
and the leading positions were dominated by
KS3 players, with Denis (7H), winning with
6.5/7, ahead of Shivam (8H) 6/7 and Raghav
(8H) 5.5/7. Kiran (U6), Ansh (U6), David (L6)
and Josh (7S) were next all on 4/7.

At present chess club will be meeting from 5.30
to 6.30 on Tuesdays. If anyone would like to
take part they should contact Dr Cooper nsc@
wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk



WINNER OF LOCKDOWN COMPETITION

During lockdown Mr Burton set a task for students to make a model car or other mode of transport using only materials available at home. The winning entry came from Adrian (Year 8) with his Lamborghini Huracan.

Adrian included the following with his submission:

"I chose to build this particular model mainly because it is one of my favourite cars and I love its style. This took about 2 days to make, working all day and all night to the best of my ability trying to finish it as soon as I could. It started when I went on the internet, searching how to build this particular model and I found a How-To video telling how to build the car. At first, I thought I would do the Lykan Hyper Sport, but it turned out to be quite hard. The person in the video was using cardboard to build the car, but I didn't have any, so instead I built it out of paper and used cardboard (from my Guitar Grade 1 book) to strengthen the car from the inside. This model of the Lamborghini Huracan was a great success and I hope you like it too."

Adrian is pictured with his winning model below.



Pictured above: Adrian with his model.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Our inter school fixtures begin this Saturday and we are very much looking forward to them! Please familiarise yourselves with the COVID 19 procedures as set out in this week's SchoolComms to parents.

COLLECTION FOR PURLEY FOOD HUB

Next week, we will be collecting non-perishable food and basic hygiene items for the Purley Food Hub, a local independent food bank for those in crisis in the community. Given the national situation, our help is as necessary as ever.

On Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September, boys can leave their donations in the foyer before school starts (7.45-8.15am). All donations will be rewarded with house points. For more information about the hub, please visit: <https://www.purleyfoodhub.net/images/PDF-s/PFH-FOOD-LIST-SEPTEMBER-2020.pdf>.

They are particularly looking for the following:

- Instant Hot Chocolate
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn
- Sugar - Small Bags (500g)
- Tinned Cooked Meat - eg, Chicken
- Jars of Honey
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice
- Shampoo
- Unisex Deodorant
- Bars of Soap

The Purley Food Hub is very grateful for the support they receive as it has helped them to provide over 195,000 meals to members of the local community since January 2013.



All food contributions are gratefully received. "NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS."



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LOCKDOWN CREATIVITY

Many members of Wilson's staff rediscovered a creative skill from their youth at weekends during lockdown, or decided to try something new, the creativity acting as a counterpoint to the challenge of remote learning. That is how the idea for the Staff Lockdown Art Exhibition was born. The exhibition will include drawings, paintings, photographs and 3D work and will be taking place in the Gallery space of the Art and DT building. The exhibition opens on Friday 25 September after school.



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Wilson's Update
Non sibi sed omnibus

PURLEY FOOD HUB

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Wilson's held its annual collection for Purley food hub, a food bank supporting local families in need. As boys approached the front doors, they were invited to leave donations for the hub on designated house tables. And they did – in record numbers! An astounding 1,262 items were donated, including rice, pasta, tinned meat and vegetables, and hygiene essentials, demonstrating the great generosity of our school community. A breakdown of house numbers is as follows:

1st Place – Southwark – 320 items
2nd Place – Brecon – 259 items
=4th Place – Datchelor – 190 items
=4th Place – Greencoat – 190 items
5th Place – Camberwell – 158 items
6th Place – Hayes – 145 items

Purley food hub got in touch to say “thank you so much for the huge donation of food which you delivered to us on Wednesday. On behalf of our clients, please pass on our thanks to all those involved - especially those 6th formers who organised the collection”.

As has been widely reported in the news, the use of food banks is rising, with record numbers of people using them during lock down. Purley food hub are incredibly grateful for our support. You can find out more information about them here: <https://www.purleyfoodhub.net/>.

Non sibi sed omnibus!



Pictured above from left to right: Students donating items to the Purley Food Hub.

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- Tuesday 6 October - Y7 Flu vaccination.
- Wednesday 7 October - EARLY FINISH at 1.05 p.m.
- Thursday 8 October - Y11 Parents' Evening (virtual meetings - more information will follow).
- Friday 9 October - MUFTI Day.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Thank you, driver!

A pupil who is self-aware and polite will always give a little wave and a smile to drivers who let him cross at the zebra crossing outside school! This is something we strongly encourage. Little acts of kindness and acknowledgement can brighten up somebody else's day.



NATIONAL CUP

Not quite in the circumstances they wanted, but the 1st XI have made history by becoming our first ever football side to reach a National Cup Final.

Even though it's not the way the 1st XI wanted to get into the final, the whole squad should be immensely proud of this achievement. From March when the semi-final was postponed they have never given up and they have not stopped training in preparation for this chance.

They will now play Repton, who have been in the final for the last three years running, at Lilleshall National Sports Complex on Thursday 15 October with a 3.15 p.m. K.O. Unfortunately no spectators are allowed, but the game will be shown live on the ESFA YouTube channel with full commentary!



Pictured above: 1st XI Finalists

WILSON'S CHESS

Chess club is continuing to meet online. There are already 64 members of the online chess club, but more are welcome to join us on the lichess server from 5.30 to 6.30 on Tuesdays. Do contact Dr Cooper (nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk) for further details.

Stronger chess players are invited to join the chess team on Friday afternoons, when there is either an internal event or fixtures with other schools. Last Friday an internal competition was held and for the second week running it was won by a Year 7 student, this time Shlok of 7B with a perfect 5/5. Second equal were William (12B), Rahul (9G) and Shivam (8H).

This Friday after school we have our first inter-school online fixture of the term, playing against 6 other schools, including Tiffin Boys and St Olaves.



Pictured above: Shlok (Y7)



Pictured above: William (Y12)



Pictured above: Rahul (Y9)



Pictured above: Shivam (Y9)

AMAZON SMILE

We are sure many of you use Amazon for your online shopping and we are pleased to confirm that Wilson's School is registered with AmazonSmile, which means that with every eligible purchase, Amazon will donate a percentage to the school and it will cost you nothing! It is the same Amazon you have always used – same products, same prices, same service, but by using AmazonSmile you generate a donation to your chosen charity, Wilson's School.

All you have to do is click on the large Amazon banner which is displayed towards the bottom of the Wilson's School website. Alternatively, you can start your shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk and select Wilson's as your chosen charity. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to the school.

Last year purchases through Amazon raised £1,539.90 for the school, and we would greatly appreciate your continued support by choosing to donate to the school.

Further information about the scheme can be found at https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_aas_redirect



FOOTBALL NEWS

MATCH REPORT

Wilson's Vs Ardingly, 19 September 2020

Player of the Week: Many Year 7s got off to a flying start playing for the school. Rithish scored an incredible 4 goals on his debut for the B's while Matthew was superb for the A's in their win. Player of the week is Tom (Yr 12) who was everywhere for the 1st XI. A goal, an assist and an excellent all-round performance.



Team of the Week: The U15C beat Ardingly 4-0 with a complete performance. The U12s got their Wilson's Football career off to a flying start with three wins and a draw against Sutton. The U12As were good defensively in battling to a 2-0 win. Ardingly is always one of the most difficult fixtures but the 1st XI put in a near perfect away performance. They were defensively excellent with Ardingly only having two shots on goal and electrifying going forward earning them team of the week.



Pictured above: 1st XI goalscorers.

After receiving the news that they were National Cup finalists the day before, the first XI arrived at Ardingly College eager to carry last season's form into the next. Despite the departure of some key players, the team was largely unchanged and filled with hope going into their new campaign.

Ardingly, which is never an easy place to go, started the match on the front foot. As soon as the referee had blown to get the tie underway, the home side enjoyed a promising spell inside the Wilson's half. However, their possession-based style of play was something that the firsts had become accustomed to, and it was not long before they had adjusted to their first competitive game in over six months. The away side quickly started to break down their opposition's free flowing passes, threatening their eighteen-yard box with early counter attacks. It was therefore no surprise when left winger Kwesi latched on to Adam's pass, before beating his man seamlessly and drawing a foul inside the box. Penalty Wilson's. After being robbed of the role last season, Tom (Yr 12) placed the ball calmly on the spot before stepping up to put his team into the lead. The goalkeeper's outstretched gloves proved no match for a well-placed conversion. 1-0 Wilson's. The remainder of the half saw Wilson's control the game well, remaining defensively robust while continuing to threaten on the counter.

It was not long into the second half that Wilson's got their second breakthrough. After some good work by striker Seyon to win a corner, Tom whipped in a trademark in-swinging delivery. The ball was put on a plate for winger Yusuf, who messed the header up, but it still went in off his shoulder. 2-0 Wilson's. The game soon became increasingly stuck inside the Ardingly half, who struggled under the relentless press of the away side. Debutant Dmitri led the charge, working tirelessly to pressurise the opposition. Chance after chance was being created, and despite left back Tae missing an open goal (putting to bed rumours of him being the best finisher in the school) a third goal followed shortly. An excellent through ball from defensively solid debutant Michael saw Kwesi through on goal. After seeing his first attempt saved, he slotted the rebound calmly into the net. 3-0 Wilson's. The rest of the affair saw a mature Wilson's side manage their lead well, with the new and promising centre back partnership of Taalib and skipper Tom (Yr 13) staying compact. The final whistle concluded a perfect start to the season and a sign of things to come.

Report by Tom, Year 12

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 16 September

Wilson's vs. Hampton

2nd XI	lost	0 - 6
3rd XI	lost	0 - 3
5th XI	lost	2 - 6

Friday 18 September

Wilson's vs. Sutton Grammar

U12A	won	2 - 0
U12B	won	4 - 2
U12C	won	2 - 0
U12D	drew	2 - 2

Saturday 19 September

Wilson's vs. Ardingly

1st XI	won	3 - 0
2nd XI	lost	0 - 1
3rd XI	drew	4 - 4
U15A	lost	2 - 6
U15B	lost	0 - 2
U15C	won	4 - 0
U14A	lost	1 - 3
U14B	lost	1 - 7
U14C	lost	6 - 1



Pictured above:
Dmitri (Y12)



Pictured above:
Seyon (Y13)



“We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.” *O'Shaughnessy*



Recent months have done much to spur the creativity and ingenuity of musicians, both here at Wilson's and throughout the musical world beyond. As exciting and impressive as these undertakings are, nothing quite beats in-person music-making, with the electric thrill of perfect synchronization, the vibrant hum of a well-tuned chord, and the intense satisfaction of listening and playing together as one. We are extremely happy, therefore, that here in the music department certain musical activities are back on the schedule, albeit with some modifications. Mr Hann is at the helm of various choirs of boys within year groups. The Sixth Form Barbershop Group rehearses in the Board Room right next to the Finance Department, who, I hope, are enjoying the boys' dulcet tones on Tuesday lunchtimes! In the JJ Hall, Dr Clayden is leading two reduced-size wind ensembles, which are getting to grips with, amongst other things, numbers from the hilarious musical *The Producers*. Junior Strings is back in action with Ms Taylor and I have taken up the baton with

Chamber Strings, a stellar group of high-level string players, who are currently tackling Dvorak's *Serenade for Strings* and one of the set works for A Level Music, Bernhard Herrmann's film score for Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 film *Psycho*, a challenging piece of atmospheric atonality. Inevitably, there are some gaps in our current offering, all of which I very much hope will be plugged before too long. In the meantime, I am looking into ways to create more musical opportunities for boys across the school, including masterclasses, repertoire sessions and chamber ensembles. There are lots of ideas currently on the table, so watch this space!



Pictured above: Ms Burton, Director of Music



Pictured above: A socially distanced Year 7 choir rehearsal.



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Looking Ahead

- Tuesday 6 October - Y7 Flu vaccination.
- Wednesday 7 October - EARLY FINISH at 1.05 p.m.
- Thursday 8 October - Y11 Parents' Evening (virtual meetings - more information will follow).
- Friday 9 October - MUFTI Day.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Be safe, be seen!

In the winter months, pupils can wear a smart, dark, plain coat or jacket over the blazer to and from school (not instead of a blazer). Many pupils also wear a reflective band on their jackets or put reflective stickers on their bags. Even a small patch of reflective material can help drivers to see us from very far away.



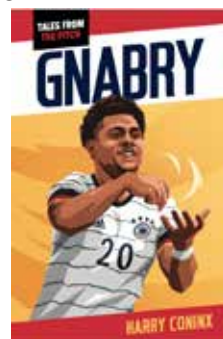
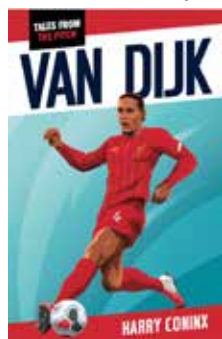
OLD WILSONIAN NEWS

We are very excited to hear that Harry Coninx, an Old Wilsonian, is launching his debut series of seven books this week. 'Tales From The Pitch' is a series of easy-to-read fictionalised biographies of major football stars, which offer something very important to most children, facts about football players and a behind-the-scenes glimpse into their world!



Harry's books have been designed to be accessible for children who are out of practice with their reading. Harry is a 23-year-old football fanatic, as well as an amateur player, amateur referee and (most important of all) professional West Ham supporter! He started writing match reports at the age of eight and hasn't stopped since, believing that you don't need fancy language to tell a truly great story – and the beautiful game offers some of the greatest stories in all the world.

We offer Harry our congratulations on his achievement.



POETRY CHALLENGE: OCTOBER

Mrs Fletcher has been overwhelmed by entries to our first ever monthly poetry challenge! The Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 winners will be published in our newsletter next week, and the full anthology of over 35 poems by Wilson's Writers will be published next week via School Comms. Let no one say that the young are not interested in politics – the writing of Wilson's students reveals a keen appetite to cut through political discourse to the human issues in society.

Next month's challenge is to write about the relationship between man and nature – in itself political but of renewed importance to us all after the enforced time in the outdoors of lockdown.

A few extracts to whet your appetite:

A human full of promise and hope.
A human destined for greatness.
A human with a future.
A human with purity.
Will never get a chance to live.
(Haider, Year 10)

From a high perch,
I look down upon a flag, held loose and low.
A hand beckons.
(Shuayb, Year 10)

We claim that we are the best civilisation on the planet.
Yet we need alarms and sensors to protect our houses from others.
(Shaan, Year 7)

Sign the petition, link in bio, a cause right in our hands,
An evolution of justice; protest against the powers and their plans
Who feel the need to make greedy decisions
And cut through communities, like doctors' incisions.
(Monmoy, Year 11)

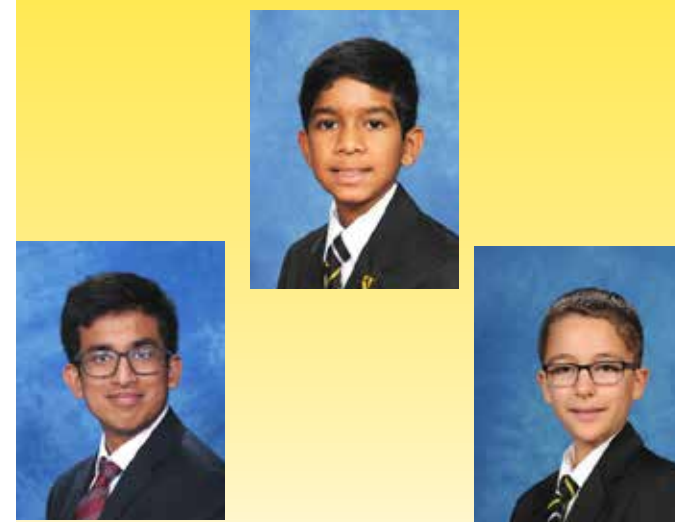


Pictured above: from left to right: Haider (Year 10), Shuayb (Year 10), Shaan (Year 7) and Monmoy (Year 11)

CHESS RESULTS

Wilson's Chess Team played and won its first online tournament of the term on Friday 25 September. Playing against 7 other schools, they scored 105 points, well ahead of second place Tiffin with 79 points. Chess prefect Shivank (13D) led the way with 20 points, followed by Raghav (8H) on 19 and Denis (7H) undefeated with 18 points. The other players with contributing scores were Shlok (7B), Aditya (8H) and Minh (8C) who each scored 16 points. In this new form of chess fixture a total of 25 people played for Wilson's. The next fixture, on Friday 9 October, will include some tougher opposition.

Wilson's online Chess Club, which meets on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 6.30pm, has proved very popular and now has over 100 members. This week 151 games of chess were played by the 61 pupils attending. One advantage of online chess is that players can easily get the computer to analyse their games afterwards and learn from their mistakes. There is no limit on how many pupils can join the club so if interested they (or their parents) should email Dr Cooper (mailto:N-SC@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)



Pictured above: from left to right: Shivank (Year 13), Raghav (Year 8) and Denis (Year 7)





FOOTBALL NEWS

Player of the Week: Kwesi (Yr 12) and Guy (Yr 13) were unplayable for the 1st XI Saturday with five assists between them. Zeph (Yr 8) was his usual commanding self to guide the U13As to an opening win of the season and Max (Yr 10) was another who did everything to stop Sutton scoring, making three big saves. The players of the week come from the U13Bs and two players share the award. Abenan (Yr 8) was sensational on his debut for the U13Bs with a goal and assist and Rohan (Yr 8) put in a man of the match performance. Well done to both of them.



Pictured above the two players of the week: Abenan and Rohan (both Year 8)

Team of the Week: The 1st XI won convincingly against Sutton with another clean sheet while the U15As and U13As both battled to 2-1 victories against the same opposition. Team of the week goes to the U13B with an excellent 4-0 win away at Sutton. A performance full of exciting attacking football and committed defending.



Pictured above: U15A vs. Sutton Grammar

CRICKET NEWS

It was great to see cricket being played at Wilson's in September. Cricket practice took place during games afternoons and after school for all teams, along with matches for the 1st XI and Y8 teams.

The 1st XI played three matches with mixed results. In the first match against Epsom College, they scored 220 off 20 overs, with Wilson's struggling to 107 for 7 from their 20 overs. In our second match against Wallington County Grammar, Wilson's 1st XI put in a strong performance, restricting Wallington to 92 for 3 off 20 overs. An excellent batting display by Arjun (48 not out) and Pranav (36 not out) guided Wilson's to victory by 10 wickets. The remaining match for the 1st XI

team was a re-arranged fixture with the MCC. The MCC batted first and amassed 220 for 3 off 30 overs. Unfortunately the match was abandoned due to rain and bad light when Wilson's was on 65 for 3.

The U13s have played 3 intra school matches on a Saturday morning at The Change Foundation and a friendly match against Wallington County Grammar. In our match against Wallington Wilson's batted first and reached 132 off 20 overs. Ishaan (19) and Aryan (15) performed well with the bat. Excellent bowling from Umer (2 wkts) and Vaibhav (2 wkts) restricted Wallington to 112 for 5 giving Wilson's the win by 20 runs.



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 19 September
Wilson's vs. Sutton Grammar

1st XI	won	6 - 0
4th XI	drew	1 - 1
U15A	won	2 - 1
U14A	lost	2 - 7
U13A	won	2 - 1
U13B	won	4 - 0



Pictured above: Seyon, who scored 2 goals for the 1st XI against Sutton Grammar



GOOD LUCK, BOYS!

Wilson's has a proud sporting history going back to 1615. The original statutes of the school state: "The scholars' play to be shooting in long bows; chess; running, wrestling, leaping etc., the Master to give licence to play but once a week". However, after the signing of the school's second Royal Charter by Queen Victoria in 1880 and the opening of the glorious new buildings in Camberwell, it was football that was to become a tradition of the school.

The first club was established at the school only three months after the opening ceremony on Wilson Road. Of the then 186 boys on roll, 70 joined the Club, with the first match played in Dulwich against Lennox Football Club 2nd XI. Facing a powerful physical side, the school archives record that the team was pleased to concede only 4 goals, managing to score 1!

Fast forward to 2020 and I think it is fair to say that the 70 boys of the original 'Club' at the school would be proud of their peers, who through hard graft, ably led by Mr Wells and

Mr Parkinson, have reached the ESFA National Final. The final will be played at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on 15 October, with a 15:15 kick off.

Six thousand teams entered this competition and given we will be playing an established and formidable side, the boys will need to go into it with a plucky attitude, albeit knowing that we are all behind them. We are naturally hugely disappointed that we cannot spectate given the current restrictions, but Wilsonians, young and old will be with them in spirit, cheering them on whilst watching virtually at <https://www.youtube.com/esfatv>. Indeed, we are tremendously grateful to the Old Wilsonians' Football Club for purchasing a special kit and indeed the Old Wilsonian's association who have provided their warm up tops: NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS in action!

Whatever the final result, this team enter the history books of our 405 year old school and we are exceptionally proud of all that they have achieved.



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- Tuesday 13 October - Y10 Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 15 October - Y7 Parent/ Tutor meetings.
- 19-23 October - Half Term
- 26-30 October - Half Term
- Monday 2 November - Term Continues
- 2-6 November - Y11 Mock Exams
- Tuesday 3 November - Y9 Afternoon Concert
- 2-5 November - Oxbridge Entrance tests.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Report a Concern

Pupils have been reminded this week that they can use the 'Report a Concern' link on the school website to alert the school to any incidents of bullying, racism, extremism, radicalisation, homophobia and sexism. Pupils can use the form to tell us if they are concerned about their welfare or that of another person.



WINNERS OF THE FIRST POETRY CHALLENGE

Mrs Fletcher is proud to announce the winners of our first monthly poetry challenge! Students wrote poems inspired by "Animal Farm", on the topic of "Political Language". Our three winners all showed great control of their writing; it is tricky to write about passionately held beliefs in a controlled and subtle way, and these three students in particular struck the delicate balance between strength of feeling and measured expression. A full anthology of all students' work will be distributed this week via School Comms, in which runners-up for each category will be announced too. Well done to all our entrants and in particular to our winners! Next month's challenge is about man and nature – a project for half term? The details are on the school website and will be published on Show My Homework by your son's English teacher.

Key Stage Three Winner: Sanjiv, 8C

Two Faced Hope

They crossed with hope in their hearts,
And the long miles held dangers,
And the arduous miles held suffering .
Some never made it;
They were lost in strange places,
Lost to thirst and hunger,
Lost to exhaustion.
But retreat was not an option,
For Death waited there like an old friend.

They crossed because of an old tale of the great land,
They crossed for an old promise
Of sanctuary,
Of a better future,
Of a new page,
But the promise was broken,
By a tyrant,
By a fool,
Who torn children,
from mothers' arms.
Who kicked them back out,
Back to Death.
And the tyrant rejoiced;
His minions chanted,
Smug in their hate.
They had crossed with hope,
But hope was betrayed.

Judge's comment: Sanjiv's moving poem about the migration crisis urges us to see migrants with compassion and empathy. This poem is mature in expression and rich in meaningful repetition. Well done, Sanjiv.



Key Stage Four Winner: Monmoy, Year 11

Link in Bio

Sign the petition, link in bio, a cause
right in our hands,
An evolution of justice; protest against
the powers and their plans
Who feel the need to make greedy
decisions
And cut through communities, like
doctors' incisions.

And big-named men in suits and pride
Who show no fear and refuse to hide,
And refuse to listen, stubborn as ever,
The truth in front of them, always, wherever,
And it's blatantly obvious. The road they take
To sacrifice us for their privilege's sake.

"But who do they sacrifice, you may ask?" It's easy enough to say.
Whilst an American black man is killed almost every single day
And the Muslim population in concentration camps in China
And the Native brethren of America excluded by outsiders
And Eastern Asian friends left as scapegoats of the media.

"We'll be greater countries again!" say those who live at ease:
Capitalist conmen and the politicians to please,
And they can talk the talk; but they won't walk the walk
Yet the healthcare for our bruised feet is what they want ridden of

Their overly convincing speeches and radiant, false smiles
As they take on board the ignorant who fall for them, all the while,
These ignorant, either know or love the hellish things they do,
Or they just sit in silence, unable to really choose
What was only a hundred years ago powerful government voices
Now seizing lives, one by one, ruining their livelihoods and choices

Because it's one thing to orate, a Cicero or Caesar
And another to be a strong queen: Elizabeth and Victoria
Another to be a Cromwell and asserting one's power
And another to be a dictator, another Stalin, Mussolini or Hitler

Yet it's the vilest thing to leech away; our lives with pretty words,
And empty promises, flowerless vases, as we once again, gullibly, believe your every word.

Judge's comment: Monmoy's poem is a carefully crafted and passionately written critique of political language. He takes a global and historical perspective and, rather than condemning individuals, explores the power of language. Monmoy has also included rhyme effectively in his poem – as regular readers know, this is not a pre requisite – but here, it gives his words force and power. Well done, Monmoy.



Key Stage Five Winner: Nabeel, Year 12

'Antagonist'

For many an hour
do they sit in
rows,
Facing each other
across the thin
dull green.
Heads dead-
steady, lips
paper-thin;
Silently vowing to this time sweep clean.

In front of the stands their chiefs do perch,
Gesticulating wildly with dazzle and spasm;
Feigning respect to the figure above;
Tones oozing with honeyed sarcasm.

And at every slight slip in syntax,
The chamber erupts with cheer and derision;
Jibes at character and linguistic ability.
Yet still the spokesmen continue to speak,
Tussling forever in hostile civility.

Judge's comment: Nabeel's poem is neatly and carefully constructed; it is clear that writing in a concise form helped him to express complex ideas neatly (this is why sonnets have been so popular as a poetic form throughout history). His critique of the ways in which language is used in the Houses of Parliament is piercing and, like Monmoy's, benefits from rhyme. The final oxymoron is a little like the conclusion of "London" by William Blake in that two opposing ideas are tied together in order to highlight the contradiction at the heart of the problem. Well done, Nabeel!





FOOTBALL NEWS

Team of the Week: The U15As put in two improved performances against Lingfield and Ardingly; a first clean sheet in a long time against Lingfield and a battling performance versus Ardingly. The 2nd XI got their season going with a fine victory over Ardingly, but it is the U12As who win team of the week. Against an exceptionally good Lingfield, side they battled to a brilliant 2-1 win to continue their perfect start.



Pictured above: U12A Team of the Week

Player of the Week: Matthew (Year 10) put in a defensive masterclass for the U15A against Lingfield winning every header. Alexander (Year 9) covered every blade of grass for the U14Bs in their much-improved performance. Ellis (Year 12) has been instrumental to the 1st XI's superb last twelve months and he showed his ability yet again with an almost perfect goalkeeping display against Ardingly. Player of the week goes to Ved (Year 7) for his remarkable performance for the U12As against Lingfield. Ved not only scored from one of his kicks but he also assisted a last-minute winner with another kick.



Pictured above: Matthew (Year 10)



Pictured above: Alexander (Year 9)



Pictured above, Ved (Year 7), Player of the Week



Pictured above, Ellis (Year 12)

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 28 September

Wilson's vs. Lingfield

U14A won 8 - 1

Tuesday 29 September

Wilson's vs Lingfield

U16A won 4 - 3
2nd XI drew 1 - 1

Wednesday 30 September

Wilson's vs Hampton

1st XI lost 0 - 1
U16A lost 3 - 4

Wilson's vs Lingfield

U12A won 2 - 1
U13A won 3 - 0

Wilson's vs Royal Russell

2nd XI lost 0 - 6

Thursday 1st October

Wilson's vs Lingfield

U15A won 4 - 0

Saturday 3rd October

Wilson's vs Ardingly

1st XI drew 2 - 2
2nd XI won 6 - 2
3rd XI lost 1 - 6
4th XI lost 0 - 2
U15A lost 1 - 4
U15B lost 4 - 5
U15C lost 0 - 7
U14A lost 2 - 3
U14B lost 0 - 2
U14C drew 1 - 1





'NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS'

The Ryan MS Therapy Centre would like to thank the pupils of Wilson's School for raising a fabulous £1200 for The Ryan MS Therapy Centre from their Reading Week earlier in the year, and a recent Mufti Day. This is such a large sum of money which will make a big difference to the people in our community who suffer from Multiple Sclerosis.

We invite anyone with Multiple Sclerosis to come to our Centre in Coulsdon to have physiotherapy assistance each week. This concentrates on helping our members with their balance, strength and coordination. Not only does the support they receive help them with their exact physical needs, our Members hugely enjoy the camaraderie and fun that is to be had at the Centre.

Marion, one of our Members had this to say about attending the Centre,

"I was impressed that the physiotherapy sessions were designed to keep me as mobile as possible, and I found that the exercises had a good effect on my balance and overall strength from the start. I instantly made friends, and enjoyed the fun atmosphere at the Centre"

With very best wishes and thanks from everyone at The Ryan MS Therapy Centre.



Pictured above: The Ryan MS Centre in Coulsdon.



The team at St. George's and Queen Mary's hospitals sent the following message for students and staff at Wilson's:

"Thank you so much for your generous gift of £211.76 which was raised by pupils from Wilson's School Readathon during lockdown.

Your donation will be put towards our Thank You Appeal where it will make a real difference to the lives of thousands of patients and their families, as well as benefit the amazing team at St George's and Queen Mary's Hospitals.

Supporting the Thank You Appeal means the most urgent needs of the hospitals are addressed quickly, helping any area to secure items that are 'over and above' what is normally provided. That could be new medical equipment, facilities, research, support group funding for those living with chronic conditions, arts and musical therapies, and so much more.

Everything we do at St George's and Queen Mary's Hospitals is made possible because of supporters like you who care so much and want to make them better places for the whole community. We can't thank you enough."



Pictured above: A visual thank you from the team at St. George's and Queen Mary's hospitals.

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- 19-23 October - Half Term
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- Monday 2 November - Term Continues
- Tuesday 3 November - Y9 Music Concert (4.00 p.m.)
- 2-6 November - Y11 Mock Exams
- Tuesday 3 November - Y9 Afternoon Concert
- 4-5 November - Oxbridge Entrance tests.
- 10 November - Y9 Music Concert (4.00 p.m.)
- 11 November - SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS

Deputy Head's Reminder

Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

This week, a member of the public reported that two Year 11 boys had stopped on their way home to help her to rescue a family pet. Having made strenuous efforts to save the animal in the pouring rain, they then stayed with the lady and comforted her. As this half term draws to a close, we are reminded what our school motto means in practice. Well done, gentlemen.



FOOTBALL NEWS

Team of the Week: The U13As made it three wins from three with a 5-2 win against Lingfield while the 2nd XI battled to a good 1-1 draw away to the Old Wilsonian's. Team of the week are the 6th XI who in their first game of the season travelled to Hayes to beat the Old Wilsonian's 3-2.



Pictured above: U13A Team

Player of the Week: Tito (Yr 8) was again instrumental for the U13As with two good goals in their win against Lingfield. Tom (Yr 12) scored one of the goals of the season with a stunning free kick for the 1st XI. Ollie (Yr 13) switched sports this week, leaving his scrum cap at home to score two goals for the 6th XI. Player of the week though is Luke (Yr 13) who was in inspirational form to keep the Old Boys' attack at bay, producing several fine saves.



Pictured above: Luke (Year 13), Player of the Week

Old Wilsonians 2nd XI vs. Wilson's 2nd XI 1 - 1

Wilson's travelled to a cold and wet Hayes for the annual battle against the Old Wilsonians. Coming out of a convincing 6-3 victory over Ardingly College, we were confident we could secure an underdog victory against the old boys, so we were in high spirits before the game. Captained by Alfie (Yr 13), we kicked off and maintained the majority of the possession for the first 20 minutes of the game, trying to work our way into the opposition box for strikers Joel (Yr 12) and Emmanuel (Yr 12) to test the keeper. Old Wilsonians nonetheless showed signs of quality on the ball and clipped one in behind the Wilson's back line for a tidy finish to go 1-0 up. Following their goal, the Old Wilsonians continued to pile on the pressure, and might have gone 2 up had it not been for the acrobatics of the Wilson's keeper Finlay (Yr 13), who saw us through to half time with the score at 1-0.

After the break, Old Wilsonians hosted most of the possession and glazed a few shots wide of the goal. Wilson's fought well to get back into the game, and an excellent run down the left side of the pitch by Emmanuel yielded a penalty as he was brought down just inside the box, which was coolly converted by Tom (Yr 13) to level the scores. Both teams had chances to win the game as the second half progressed, with Finlay continuing to make impressive saves, and the help of the crossbar preventing the old boys from getting another. Left back Leon (Yr 13) found himself with an opportunity to strike one at the keeper just inside the box, however his effort was saved. Defensive work from Jacob (Yr 12) down the left wing helped to ease the pressure on Wilson's, and the game ended 1-1.

MOTM Finlay

Match Report by Alfie (Yr 13)



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 10 October

Wilson's vs. Lingfield

U12A	lost	1 - 5
U13A	won	5 - 2

Wilson's vs. Old Wilsonian's

1st XI	lost	1 - 3
2nd XI	drew	1 - 1
4th XI	lost	1 - 5
6th XI	won	3 - 2

ONLINE CHESS - GET INVOLVED

Wilson's Chess Team stormed to victory with 147 points in last Friday's online chess battle, almost double the score from Tiffin who came second with 77 points. Leading scorers were Vinny (9D) with 21 points, Raghav (8H) 18 points, Denis (7H) and Eeshaan (11C) both scored 16 points. Shivam (8H) and Rahul (9G) both scored 14 points and Shlok (7B), Sanjiv (8C), David (12B), Limo (8C), Hongyu (9G) and Ansh (13H) all scored 12 points.

The 'B team' went even better as their 62 points were more than double Tiffin's 30 points. Top scorers in this match were Laxmi (7D) with 20 points, Hritesh (8S) 16 points, Shreyas (8S) 14 points and Dan (11H) and Akhil (8S) both 12 points.

A total of 50 Wilson's pupils played in one or other of these two fixtures. Whilst over 100 pupils have joined the Wilson's online chess club there is space for many more. Please email Dr Cooper at nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk for more information, including information about events taking place during the half term holiday.





REMEMBRANCE 2020 - LEST WE FORGET

In the Great War, 730 Old Wilsonians and staff went to fight. 120 never came back. To this day they are commemorated on the school's War Memorial which was unveiled in the old school (Camberwell) in 1921 paid for by donations from the OW community. It was one of the few items brought from the old school to Sutton in 1975, demonstrating its spiritual and moral importance to our community. Given the circumstances in which we find ourselves, Major Burton has prepared an online tribute to the fallen which will be shared with you in due course. Included is a talk from the Headmaster focused on the significant (but often overlooked) contribution of troops and labourers from all over the world. The India of

1914 (modern day India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) contributed 1.4million troops up to 1919 and saw action at Ypres, Neuve La Chapelle, Gallipoli and Mesopotamia. Two million men from the African continent were involved, with 10% being killed or dying of disease. The Chattri in Brighton, unveiled by the future King Edward VIII, commemorates the Hindu and Sikh troops who died of their injuries in nearby military hospitals, as do the burials at the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking. A wreath will be placed by the School Captain (accompanied by members of the CCF) at the school's War Memorial to remember all who have fallen in conflict, exactly as has been the case at Wilson's since 1919.



Pictured above: photographs from Wilson's School battlefields tours.

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Looking Ahead

- Wednesday 11 November - SET Test
SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
- Thursday 12 November - Y13
Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Parking

When it is essential for parents to collect their son by car, it is especially important – now that it is darker in the mornings and afternoons – that parents park and manoeuvre safely. Many parents have found it best to wait on quiet roads (e.g. to the west of Redford Avenue) in order that they can avoid the heavy traffic on Link Lane and Redford Avenue itself.





Y9 GCSE PERFORMANCES

This week we saw a very welcome return of live performance in the music department. With appropriate precautions and as the light of the day dissipated outside the Bowden Room, a small group of Year 9 GCSE musicians gave solo performances to an audience of their peers and staff.

The Year 9 students took us on a wonderful musical tour from the intricate ornaments of the Baroque era to the show-stopping songs of the West End, from the Carnatic traditions of South India to the rolling hills of the Malvern countryside. The recital began with a confident rendition of two movements from Galliard's Sonata V for the trombone by Michael, who executed the running passages with aplomb! Shravan and Jamie brought different kinds of jazz to Wilson's with laid-back performances and Kai gave us a swinging performance of the title number from Frank Loesser's musical Guys and Dolls. Akshat shared with us a captivating piece of his own, Mridangam Neraval, and Han brought the recital to a close with Elgar's heart-wrenching and unforgettable cello concerto. Everyone shone and the audience were delighted. Next week, the rest of the Year 9 GCSE class will be performing also - and we can't wait!



FOYLES YOUNG POET COMPETITION

Article by Zayaan, Year 9

If someone had told me 12 months ago to enter a poetry competition, I would have laughed so hard I probably would have broken a couple of my ribs. Lock-down however, changed everything. To my surprise I received an email that read 'Congratulations Zayaan you have been selected in the top 100 out of 16000 entries for the Foyles Young Poet competition 2020'. This put a massive smile across my face and as I read further, I found out that I was invited to a prestigious event which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid. Yet they tried to recreate the ceremony, as best they could, over a massive Zoom call with the 100 winners from around the world.



The Zoom call was extremely insightful as everyone read out a little section from their poems followed by the award-winning authors and poets Maura Dooley (author of The Silvering) and Keith Jarret (author of Burning Eye Books) each reading a poem they had written. The poems were touching and heartfelt yet light and cheerful. It was fascinating to hear everyone's reflections on the pandemic, the Black Lives Matter protests and the climate crisis. It was heart-warming to realise that even in the most troubling times poetry still thrives.

As prizes I was mailed 2 poetry books, a poster featuring motifs from all 100 winning poems and a dairy milk chocolate bar – which sadly no longer exists. In addition, I am invited to attend an online writing workshop with the other winners. Overall, this was one of the highlights of my life that I will treasure forever even though I wish it could have been in person and without my mum's constant praise!

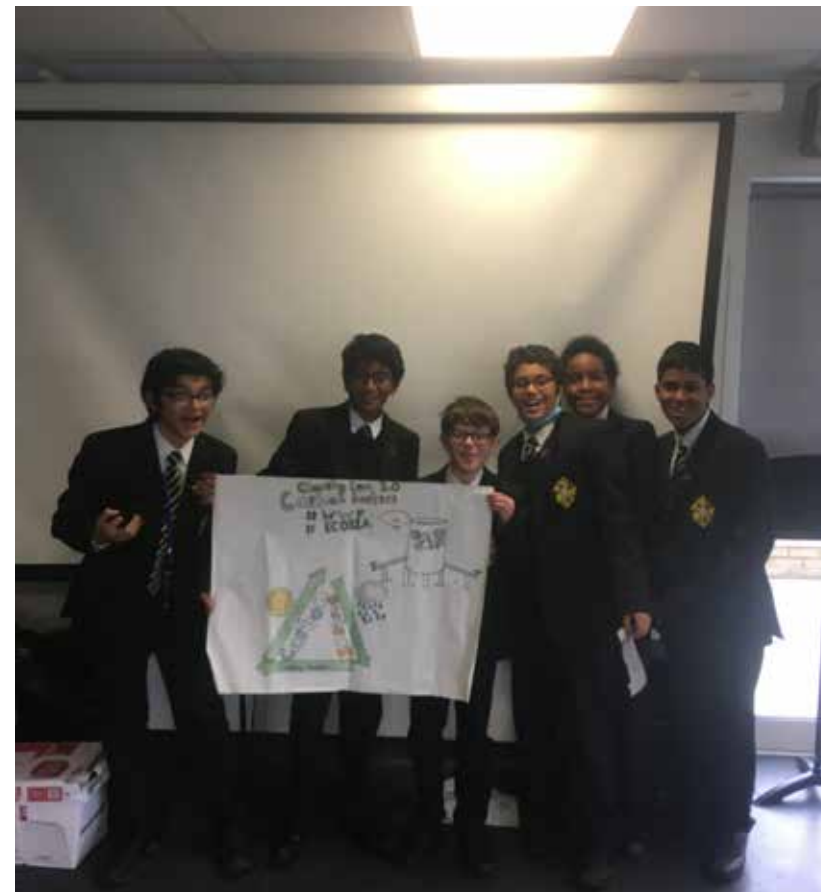


YEAR 7 ENTERPRISE DAY

Friday 16 October was the day for the Year 7 Enterprise event. Run by the Ryman's Enterprise team, Year 7 Students were able to develop a marketable product from redundant cylinders. This required teamwork, imagination and discipline.

Working in groups, the boys had to produce a product, identify a target audience and finally create a marketing campaign that would be persuasive and informative. It is very pleasing to report that all of the students got involved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of using their skills in this very practical way.

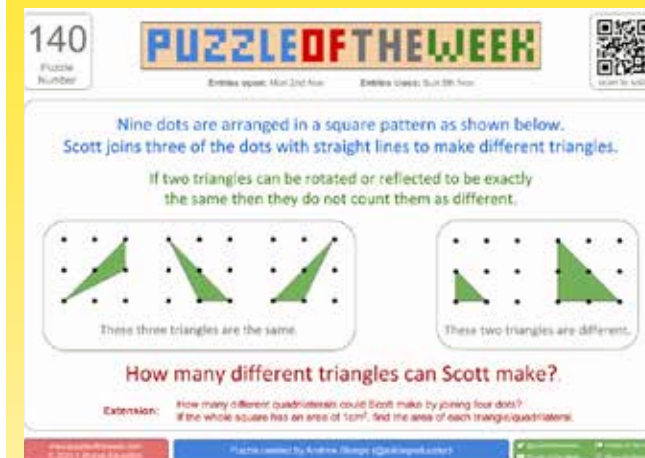
The winners of the event were 'Carbon Busters'. The team comprised Arka G, Kaneesh D, Joshua D, Yusuf A, Isaac B and Jayden B. Carbon Busters delighted the audience and judges (Ms Horton and Mrs Brice) with an energetic and entertaining, not to forget creative presentation that managed to just pip to the post a strong field of fellow contenders. Well done to all for a great day!



Pictured above: Arka, Kaneesh, Joshua, Yusuf, Isaac and Jayden

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YEAR 9 RECITALS

On Tuesday afternoon this week, a small but enthusiastic audience of Year 9 students and staff were dazzled by the musical prowess of some of our Year 9 GCSE musicians. The programme began with Sunthosh's passionate rendition of Sérénade Espagnole by the Russian composer Alexander Glasunov. The national flavour of this piece set the tone for many of the programme's items: Tom gave a confident and energetic performance of Jan Faulkner's Czardina on the xylophone, William breathed new life into the famous tango La Cumparsita by Gerardo Matos Rodriguez with his oboe, and Antonio realised the various moods and styles of "Cossack Dance" by Timothy and Natasha Kraemer with flair on his violin.

There were a number of funky tunes in the programme too. Dominic got us dancing in our seats with a dynamic performance of Kit Morgan's Crop Duster on electric guitar and, at the piano, Ilyas conjured the swirl of Il vento d'oro, one of the main themes in the Animé television series JoJo's Bizarre Adventure: Golden Wind. Another of several percussionists in our Year 9 cohort, Janagan, gave a precise and energetic performance of Kanda Saapu Aavarthanam on the mridangam, and Ray played a tender lullaby Am Abend by Heinrich Hoffmann on the piano. The fanfare at the opening of Richard Strauss's first horn concerto signalled the last item in the afternoon's recital. Monty gave a poised performance, which showed off the dynamic range and varied timbres of the horn beautifully.



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Wilson's Remembers

In this year of socially distanced events, you may wish to watch the school Remembrance tribute which is just over 20 minutes long and can be found using the following link:

https://youtu.be/kfFBvW_RR6g

Deputy Head's Reminder

Healthy Debate

Pupils have been reminded this week about the importance of reaching out to people with opposing views – working hard to understand them and to take them on with arguments rather than insults. When political debate is left only to those who are prepared to be threatened and insulted, it makes us all poorer. It is possible to stand up for noble causes of all kinds without denigrating others.

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ARKWRIGHT ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured above: Arthushchan with his certificate.

An Arkwright Engineering Scholarship is the most esteemed scholarship of its type in the UK, designed to inspire students to pursue their dreams and change the world as future leaders in engineering.

The scholarships are awarded to hard-working 16 year old students through a rigorous selection process, supporting them through their A levels, Scottish Highers or equivalent qualifications.

Every scholarship is sponsored by a commercial company, trade association, university, professional institution, armed service, government organisation, worshipful company, charitable trust or personal donor. This means that support is offered in various different ways, for example, valuable hands-on work experience, support for curriculum projects and a personal mentor to help with aspects of studies and career planning.

We were delighted to hear that Arthushchan (Year 12) has been awarded one of these scholarships and this is what he has to say:

"It was a wonderful feeling when I received the email saying that I had won an Arkwright scholarship. This award will help me plan out my future in Engineering. The scholarship not only provides me with a financial award but also with support from the sponsor, a mentor from the field, invitations to competitions, industry-based Connect days and also to lectures run by some universities. As someone aspiring to have a leading role within Engineering, this opportunity feels like one of the main first steps in my career and is something I definitely recommend people in the younger years, with a similar mindset, to try for."



MEDICAL SOCIETY INTERVIEW PREPARATION

Year 13 students applying for medicine and dentistry have been busy honing their interview skills. An interactive mock MMI (multiple mini interview) experience delivered by St. George's university provided students with valuable advice on how best to prepare for interviews, emphasising key competencies that will be assessed, how to reflect on voluntary and work experience, and enhancing their awareness of NHS core values. Working in small groups, students discussed and shared their responses to a range of questions and were fortunate to receive feedback from a fifth year medical student. Year 13 students were then able to put the guidance and tips into action for their own one-to-one interviews with an external interviewer and in a second mock MMI experience run by Wilson's staff. Good luck to all students waiting on invites to university interviews!



ICR VIRTUAL CAREERS SESSION

A Level Biologists from Years 12 & 13 had the opportunity to take part in a virtual careers session this week delivered by staff from the Institute of Cancer Research. Whilst external trips are not going ahead at this time, it is great to see a number of online opportunities are becoming available to develop students understanding of science and careers above and beyond A Level specifications. Students had the opportunity to learn about the role and career path of Nafia, a Scientific Officer working in the Molecular and Systems Oncology team and Yexin, a 4th year PhD student working in the field of structural biology. They also took part in an interactive quiz using Menti-meter and posed a range of questions to the scientists about their work. We look forward to continuing to develop our links with the ICR and are hopeful we can resume visits to these institutions in the future.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGES

Every year the University of Southampton runs a Junior Maths Challenge (Years 7 and 8) and Senior Maths Challenge (Years 9 and 10) which sees pupils tackling a range of difficult mathematical problems. We had an overwhelming number of entries from Wilson's School, which led to Wilson's being the most successful school in the whole competition, with a staggering fifteen pupils achieving a Certificate of Distinction in the Junior Challenge and three pupils in the Senior Challenge! In addition to this, the following pupils managed to achieve second and third prizes in their categories.

Junior Challenge:

Poorwa	Year 9	Third Prize
Pratyush	Year 8	Second Prize
Shreyas	Year 8	Third Prize

Senior Challenge:

Ayush	Year 11	Third Prize
Bavithan		Third Prize
Bhuvan	Year 10	Third Prize
Ishan	Year 10	Second Prize
Jonathan	Year 11	Third Prize
Shanjai	Year 11	Third Prize

Well done to all who took part and congratulations to our winners. Full solutions can be found here: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/~assets/doc/maths/20ch-solutions.pdf>



Pictured above: Pratyush and Ishan who both received second prizes.

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PUZZLE OF THE WEEK
Entries open: Mon 08:00 Entries close: Sun 10:00

Heather makes a pattern using some shapes.

The shapes are yellow regular hexagons and green equilateral triangles.

If the pattern carried on forever in every direction, what percentage of the area would be green?

Hint: Consider the ratio of triangles to hexagons. The percentage of the area that is green in the image above is not the same as for the infinite pattern.

Extension: Can you design a different repeating pattern to the one above that only uses regular polygons? Regular polygons are shapes with straight sides whose angles and sides are the same.





LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION WINTER NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

My first win at the National Tour, by Mark (7D)

“During the autumn half term I travelled to the Sports Training Village of the University of Bath to play in the Winter National Tour. As it was a National event, only the 16 highest ranked players were eligible to compete in this tennis tournament.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only one adult could spectate, either your parent or your coach. My coach Matt Smith supported me during my matches.

Earlier that week, I was lucky enough to receive a wildcard into the age category above mine in the National event. The level of tennis was very high and while performing well, there were so many things to improve on and I am grateful to my brother for helping me to warm up and play my best level of tennis. I think playing older boys helped me to win in my own age group.

It was a very strict environment; you were only allowed to warm up on a court for 20 minutes very early in the morning before the whole day. Plus, you have to eat the right food and hydrate to perform well. However the venue's facilities were exceptional, especially the indoor tennis courts.

As there were only one or two matches each day, I spent four days overall at the University of Bath. Until the final I did not drop a single set. But in the final things became much more intense. My opponent and I both felt the pressure and importance of that match, because the winner would be moving up to the national ranking of Number 1 in the country. I lost the first set 6-3 but managed to pull through in the second set winning 6-4 and closed match tie-break with the score being 10-7.

Last but not least, I would like to say a huge thank you to the community of Wilson's school for helping me to do well!”

Our congratulations go to Mark on his remarkable achievement.



Pictured above: Mark with his medal.

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HOUSE COMPETITIONS

Whilst we have had to halt fixtures for a month, our House Competitions are providing the pupils with some internal competition. The Sports Captains in Years 7 to 10 have divided their forms into teams for 11 a side Football, Astro Football, Astro Cricket, Badminton and Table Tennis. The competitions will run over the course of this half term, and the boys have already shown great efforts and pride in playing for their House.



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NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS
In tribute to Mrs Kamaljit Gill

A fortnight ago, the Wilson's family lost a kind and considerate teacher and friend and I have been moved, but not surprised, by the many messages of sorrow expressed by old boys and staff alike. Despite being the beating heart of our charity work for so many years, I have struggled to find even this meagre selection of photographs of the events she organised with such passion and flair raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity. This tells a story in itself. A story of a woman who had no interest in the limelight, or in glory, but simply a desire to champion the underdog and serve the needy. I have my own memories of Kamalljit's kindness - she looked out for me even when her battle against cancer was getting harder to fight. But what I have learned in the last week or so is that almost everyone on the staff has a story of her selflessness. Her family would like to thank the Wilson's community for its kindness

and consideration; your messages have been of some small comfort to them. In line with the family's wishes, if you wish to make a donation in Kamaljit's memory, please consider St. Christopher's Hospice, whose staff cared for her and her family in their darkest hour <https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/donate> I shall end with words from some of her form group – Camberwell. *"She was more than a form tutor to us; we came to view her with the awkward affection teenage boys reserve for their favourite aunt. Despite all of her personal struggles, she never failed to make time for each and every member of the rabble that was our form, encouraging our antics and always believing in the best of us regardless of our flaws. We will endeavour to do her proud in the years to come"*. I too will try to make her proud in the years to come as I continue to lead the school she loved as best I can.

N J Cole, Headmaster



Pictured above: Mrs Gill in the John Jenkins Hall during Wilson's Got Talent and at the House Cake Competition.

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- Tuesday 24 November - Year 11 Afternoon Music Concert (4.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 26 November - Year 11 Afternoon Music Concert
- Saturday 28 November - Second Stage Entrance Examination
- Friday 4 December - School Closed to Students

Deputy Head's Reminder

Anti Bullying Week

Pupils have been reminded this week about the role of the 'helpful bystander' and how this can help to minimise bullying in school. Bullying can be reported anonymously using the 'Report a Concern' function on the school's website.



YEAR 10 STOCK MARKET COMPETITION

A key part of the GCSEPlus curriculum for the GCSE Business course is to help students develop an understanding of the stock market and trading. At the beginning of this term, Year 10 Business students were given an introduction to the workings of the stock market and how to analyse company performance using websites such as Bloomberg. They were then set the challenge of investing in four companies from the FTSE 100 for a month. With high levels of volatility in the market, this was not an easy decision for them to make. At the end of the trading period each Business class found out the best performer in their group.

The overall investor champion across all Year 10 students was Kritin with a very impressive 11.2% profit in one month. This is particularly commendable given the average returns being experienced at the moment. We hope all Business students have found this task interesting and may consider becoming potential investors in the future!



Pictured above: Kritin (Year 10)

WILSON'S CHESS NEWS

Wilson's online chess club keeps growing and now has more than 120 members – but there is space for more. Players of all abilities are welcome and we 'meet' weekly online on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 6.30 for chess club and fortnightly on Fridays between 6 and 7pm for fixtures against other schools. We will be circulating details of an online year 7 inter-form competition soon.

In our most recent inter-school Lichess 'Battles', 57 Wilson's pupils represented the school. In the A team event our top scorer was Denis (7H), who not only won 5 of his 6 games, but was playing the toughest of opponents. Other leading scorers were Sahil (L6), Shourya (7D) and Shivam (8H). Wilson's came second behind Brighton College and just ahead of Reading School. Our B team also came second in their event with our top scorers being Gajan (7H) who won all his games and Mark (7B).



Pictured above: Denis (7H) and Gajan (7H)



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PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Vicky ran a knitting course and gave her students some wool. Each student was given three different colours of wool.

Each ball of red wool was shared between 2 students.	Each ball of blue wool was shared between 3 students.	Each ball of green wool was shared between 4 students.
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In total Vicky used 26 balls of wool. Every ball was completely finished.

How many students did Vicky have on her course?

Extension: How many students would there have been if she used 156 balls of wool? Or a balls of wool? If she also gave shared balls of yellow wool between 5 students, how many balls would she need for x students?





HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Year 10

Brecon 4 VS 10 Camberwell
Southwark 7 VS 0 Datchelor
Hayes 1 VS 5 Greencoat

Year 9

Brecon 4 Vs 4 Camberwell
Southwark 5 VS 4 Datchelor
Hayes 9 VS 0 Greencoat

Year 8

Brecon 0 VS 14 Camberwell
Southwark 1 VS 5 Datchelor
Hayes 14 VS 3 Greencoat

Year 7

Brecon 3 VS 1 Camberwell
Southwark 3 VS 8 Datchelor
Hayes 7 VS 0 Greencoat

There were goals galore in the House football competitions with over 100 goals scored in 12 games. Han-Joon (Year 10) got Camberwell off to a flying start with a 25-yard thunderbolt in their win over Brecon. In the same game Sopithan (Year 10) starred for Brecon. Tito grabbed a stunning hat-trick for Camberwell in their big win in the Year 8 Competition. Game of the week came in the Year 9 Competition between Southwark and Datchelor. Datchelor found themselves 5-1 down with ten minutes remaining owing to a Jae-Min hat-trick, but a fantastic comeback from Southwark and captain Zayaan produced a thrilling end to the match.



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WILSON'S UNDAUNTED!

This week, Mr Coop spoke to Years 7 and 9 about the need for an indomitable spirit. A desire to succeed against the odds. Never has this been more important than now. Although we continue to face significant challenges, I would like to celebrate the Wilson's community and pay tribute to both the extraordinary efforts of the staff and the resilience of the boys. Wilson's has a history dating back to its foundation in 1615, and has endured through war, plague and political turmoil aplenty. Perhaps this knowledge that triumph and disaster come and go and Wilson's remains is part of what has enabled the school to feel so

positive, cheerful and industrious since September. However, whilst the country finds itself in the eye of the storm, herculean efforts have ensured that Wilson's remains an oasis of calm. Hard work and team spirit are seeing us through. As such, as just a little good news, I am pleased to announce that The Sunday Times has named us as London State School of the Decade. This does not in any way encourage complacency or self-satisfaction on our part, but perhaps allows us all just a moment of understated pleasure at this difficult time.



Pictured above: Photographs taken over the last decade.

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Looking Ahead

- Saturday 28 November - Second Stage Entrance Examination
- Friday 4 December - School Closed to Students
- Friday 11 December - Drama Soiree

Deputy Head's Reminder

Charity Fundraising

School staff are currently pondering how to build on Mrs Gill's legacy in relation to charity fundraising. Pupils are urged to raise ideas of their own via their form tutors. Spring 2021 will see the formation of a new formal Charities Committee for pupils and members of staff.

Every man must decide whether he will walk in the creative light of altruism or the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgement. Life's persistent and most urgent question is "What are you doing for others?"
Martin Luther King Jr.



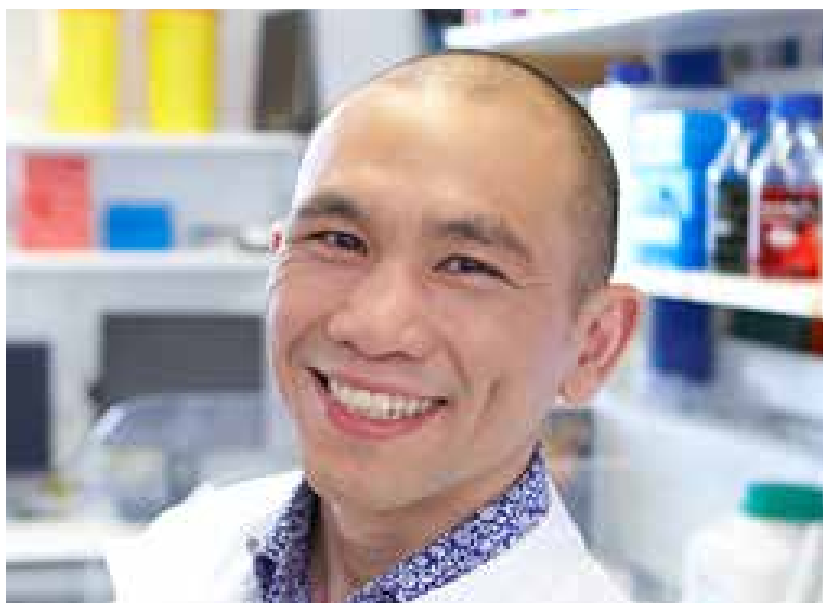


DR. FOO CAPTIVATES AND INTRIGUES!

Hundreds of Sixth Form Biologists. Many intrigued. Some eager. And, as ever, a select few grumbling about other places to be on a Thursday evening in the middle of a nationwide lockdown. But as soon as Dr Shane Foo of the Institute of Cancer Research began to speak, all eyes rose, all backs straightened and any disinterest was suddenly dispelled. Right from the outset, there was a sense that this was no ordinary presentation, a supposition which was gradually confirmed as the evening unfolded.

Dr Foo, a Senior Scientific Officer in the Targeted Therapy Team of the ICR, spoke first of his unlikely journey from childhood life in Denmark to scientific research at a world-leading cancer research organisation, having been inspired (somewhat remarkably) by the 1995 medical disaster movie 'Outbreak'. This unique backstory led into an explanation of the biological principles underpinning cancer and the immune response, as well as the endless medical possibilities offered by modern-day advances in immunotherapy. It was here that the talk truly stood out, thanks to Dr Foo's ability to explain detailed scientific concepts with unparalleled clarity and precision, to an audience yet to experience the intricacies of oncology on a professional scale. Ultimately, all the T-cells, CTA-4s and other complex-sounding words came down to a single basic idea: the endless battle between the body and the invaders, each using all resources at their disposal to take control over each other. Interweaved within the technical knowledge, however, was a case study that we could all understand and relate to, at least in an emotional sense. The trials, the tribulations and the life lessons from years of professional dedication, condensed into just one and a half hours. Tales of triumph, of controversy and - inevitably - of failure. A masterclass in cancer and charisma.

Article by Nabeel, Year 12



Pictured above: Dr Shane Foo

We had the honour of hosting Dr Shane Foo, a senior scientific officer at the ICR in London, in our lecture theatre last Thursday. Dr Foo took us on a journey through his life and career and highlighted some key messages that weren't necessarily to do with his work but life in general; he inspired us to aim higher than the walls society has built around us and not to succumb to the dogma that is dictated to us as we progress.

However, aside from these eloquent messages, his work at the ICR is what I found most fascinating. Dr Foo is working on a ground-breaking treatment for cancer known as oncolytic virus immunotherapy and, while this may sound quite terrifying at first, it involves nothing more than letting viruses do what they do best- infiltrate cells, hijack the cell machinery to replicate and lyse (break out) of the cell. Although, with regards to oncolytic virus immunotherapy the cells being targeted are not part of normal, healthy tissue but rather cancerous tumours and in this way viruses have now become our best friends, rather than sworn enemies- quite ironic considering the circumstances we are all in at the moment.

Now, immunotherapy is a term that you may have heard of, whether that's through the media or your own research, and this is the part which makes the treatment so unique. Once the baby viruses lyse out of the cancerous cells, T cells (part of the immune system) are then alerted to their presence and rush to the area at which point they destroy the viruses and cancerous cells.

The lecture (during which 2 fire alarms went off) was comedic, insightful and spontaneous and I think that everyone who attended had a great time and definitely took something away from it. I'd like to personally thank Dr Foo for his time and kindness in coming to speak to us face-to-face, which is a welcome change to all the online lectures going on at the moment. If you would like to learn more about oncolytic viruses, do have a read of the article titled 'CF33: The Cancer Killer' in the latest issue of The Wilson's Intrigue, or if you would like to look into Dr Foo's work in more detail the ICR website is the place to go.

Article by Aditya, Year 12



BLACK HISTORY MONTH (OCTOBER)

During Black History month, a number of Sixth Form Students helped Miss Riddle and Mrs Webber prepare daily information bulletins shown to form groups during morning registration. These included information on Sybil Phoenix OBE (the first Black woman to be awarded an OBE, for her community work in Lewisham), Walter Tull (a footballer and officer of the First World War, at a time when military rules typically prohibited Black people becoming officers), and information about the Dogon people of Mali.

Students were encouraged to visit the Black History Month website to learn more about a number of events taking place in London, of which the following stand out as particularly exciting cultural opportunities:

Windrush: Portrait of a Generation – A photo-story by Jim Grover, Brixton Library. This photo-story by award-winning social documentary photographer Jim Grover, received widespread acclaim when it was first exhibited at the Oxo Gallery on the South Bank in 2018 as part of the 70th anniversary celebrations of the arrival of 'SS Windrush'. 1 October to December 2020

Tate Modern presents the first major retrospective of visual activist Zanele Muholi in the UK. Wed, 29 April – 18 October 2020

The NEU is running the 'Black Britons' competition and aspiring historians are strongly encouraged to enter using the following link: https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=abf5d4cd3c-EMAIL_CAM-PAIGN_2019_09_24_01_26_COPY_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_02029bddfd-abf5d4cd3c-326227815&mc_cid=abf5d4cd-3c&mc_eid=de42c1f74f

Help is available at History drop-in (Monday's at 1.10 p.m. in Room 26).



DEBATING UPDATE

Debating at Wilson's has continued to meet every week, with all attending regular sessions. Motions debated so far this term have included "This house believes that Donald Trump should not be allowed to contest the US General Election results", "This house believes that legalising cannabis is bad news for UK health policy" and "This house would freeze out China as a rising superpower". Debating Society has continued to flourish under the calm, committed leadership of Adithya Vishwanathana as Debating Prefect.

Wilson's has actively participated in competitions already this year. The School sent a team to contest the Warwick Schools Competition last weekend. Two formidable pairings – Kiran and Daniel in one pair; Adi and Finley constituting the second – saw competition against rival schools debating the motions "This house would punish sporting teams for the violent or disruptive behaviour of their fans" and "This house would implement term limits for all elected politicians". In the first debate, Adi and Finley finished third whilst Kiran and Daniel finished fourth, with both pairs speaking as Closing Opposition. Both pairs spoke with nuance and artfully devised novel talking points in spite of the strategic disadvantage of speaking as Closing Opp.

Both teams won their respective debates for the second motion. Both spoke as Opening Opposition, successfully fought off the proposition and demonstrated impressive resilience. The day was an enjoyable experience and a welcome return to formal debating competitions after a long summer and a host of cancellations. Going forward, Wilson's now looks forward to participation in the London Open later this term, with an eye towards Debating Matters in 2021 alongside the hopeful re-opening of more competitions as the academic year progresses.

2020-21 so far has also seen the relaunch of Model United Nations, with students meeting regularly to enjoy this heady mix of political intrigue, diplomacy and oratorical precision. It has been fantastic to see Public Speaking go hand-in-hand with Debating provision throughout the year in spite of trying circumstances; both MUN and Debating have provided invaluable enrichment to all participating students and the future looks very bright for their continuation for many years to come. Looking ahead, plans are already in motion for the return of the Jack Petchey "Speak Out" Challenge, which is hoped to run – albeit in a revised format – in 2021.

Hearty congratulations must go to the eight Sixth Form boys who are all soon to receive Colours for their long and distinguished record representing the School in both Debating and Public Speaking across many years during their Wilson's career. Well done, boys! My thanks go to Harsh and to Adi for their unfailing commitment and dedication.



Pictured above: Debating in action.

THE AGE OF REVOLUTION COMPETITION

Following their historical enquiry that asked 'Why are some revolutions so violent' a number of students took the opportunity to enter the Age of Revolution competition, which asked students "What does Revolution mean to you?". Students combined their historical knowledge and technical skills to create animations based on this title.

We are thrilled that two groups of Year 9 students have been placed as joint winners! As part of their prize, their films will feature on historian Dan Snow's History Hit TV, and on the Age of Revolution website. The school will also receive £500 to spend on equipment to support further cultural, historical and digital learning. Congratulations to Frank, Dan, Evan, Athar, Yusuf, Hersh and Euan (see pictures below and in the column to the right)!

To see their videos, click the links below:
https://youtu.be/Zg0poni_F0Q
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-V35My_2G0



CHESS NEWS

Wilson's was very successful in the latest Inter-School lichess Battles. 42 members of our first team squad played and won the Large Battle with 130 points ahead of QEH (Bristol), Tiffin School and Eton College. Leading scorer for Wilson's was again Denis (7H), with Henry (10D), Minh (8C), Josh (7S) and Sambuddha (7H) also contributing highly.

Our B team won their Battle with Meikum (8C) being top scorer and Ben (10H), Advik (8D) and Tito (8C) being the leading scorers out of their 22 players.

This week we are back to the normal internal events on Tuesdays and Fridays, but next Wednesday (2nd December) sees the Year 7 Inter-from lichess Battle. If you are in year 7 do make sure you join your official team.





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HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

HOUSE RESULTS

Year 7
 Hayes 7 VS 1 Camberwell
 Brecon 10 VS 1 Southwark
 Datchelor 4 VS 5 Southwark
 Brecon 7 VS 2 Greencoat
 Hayes 18 VS 1 Datchelor
 Camberwell 15 VS 6 Southwark

Year 8
 Southwark 7 VS 0 Brecon
 Southwark 0 VS 6 Camberwell
 Hayes 2 VS 0 Camberwell
 Hayes 3 VS 0 Datchelor
 Datchelor 1 VS 1 Greencoat
 Greencoat 2 VS 1 Brecon

Year 9
 Camberwell 2 VS 6 Hayes
 Brecon 4 VS 8 Southwark
 Greencoat 10 VS 6 Datchelor
 Southwark 1 VS 9 Camberwell
 Hayes 18 VS 11 Datchelor
 Greencoat 4 VS 8 Brecon

Year 10
 Southwark 5 VS 2 Brecon
 Hayes 3 VS 0 Camberwell
 Greencoat 2 VS 1 Datchelor
 Southwark 0 VS 0 Camberwell
 Hayes 3 VS 0 Datchelor
 Greencoat 3 VS 1 Brecon

It was a fantastic week for Hayes who won every game in every year group with 8 wins from 8!

HOUSE POINTS

Hayes	22
Greencoat	13
Camberwell	12
Southwark	10
Brecon	9
Datchelor	5

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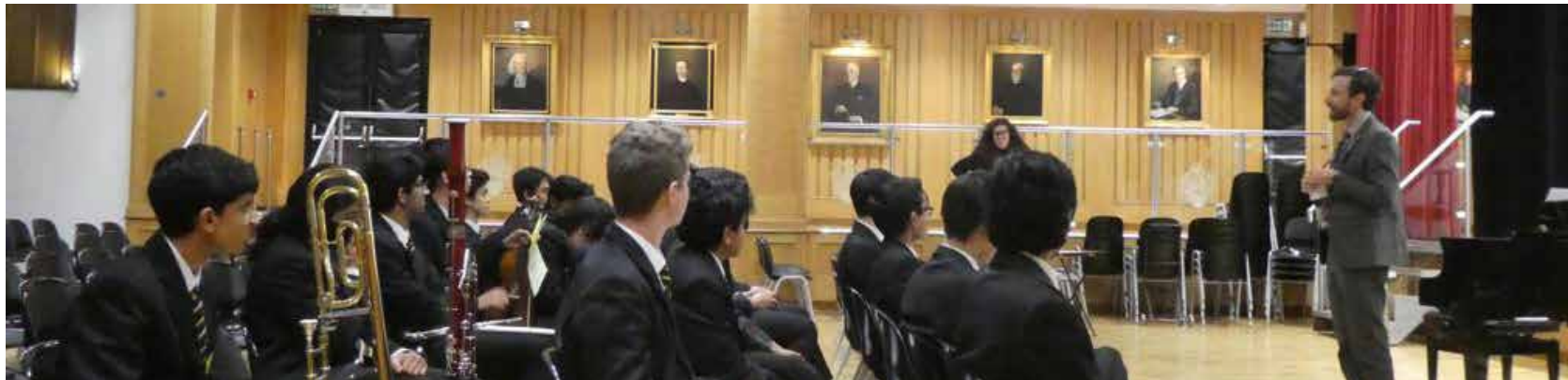




THE SOUND OF MUSIC RECITALS

Last week saw the Year 11 GCSE Musicians take part in an important musical event: on Tuesday and Thursday we enjoyed hearing very successful performances from all the students in preparation for their final exam. Whilst this socially-distanced event felt a little unusual compared to "normal", there was still a sense of occasion and it was

clear from their playing that a lot of time and thought had gone into preparing their pieces. We enjoyed hearing a varied range of styles on display from show-tunes on the trombone to Bach performed sensitively on the flute — we applaud them for their efforts!



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Looking Ahead

- Friday 11 December - Drama Soiree

Deputy Head's Reminder

Thank you

As the Headmaster has mentioned in assemblies this week, this is the season to be thankful. We are abidingly grateful to parents for their support of the school's Code of Conduct, which helps to make the school such a safe place for the boys.

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Wilson's Update
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PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Entries open: Mon 30th Nov

Entries close: Sun 5th Dec



Ekta has 23 fidget spinners to sell.

After selling some of them, Ekta increased the price by \$2 and then sold all of the rest of her stock.

In total the 23 fidget spinners sold for \$95

How many fidget spinners did Ekta sell before she changed the price?

Extension: Why would this puzzle not work if Ekta was selling 30 fidget spinners?

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Puzzle created by Andrew Sharpe (@asharpe4educator)

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HOUSE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

HOUSE RESULTS

Year 7
 Hayes 0 VS 0 Brecon
 Brecon 1 VS 0 Datchelor
 Hayes 6 VS 0 Southwark
 Greencoat 2 VS 0 Southwark
 Camberwell 4 VS 1 Datchelor
 Camberwell 4 VS 0 Greencoat

Year 8
 Brecon 0 VS 5 Hayes
 Brecon 0 VS 7 Datchelor
 Camberwell 4 VS 1 Greencoat
 Southwark 2 VS 2 Greencoat
 Hayes 5 VS 1 Southwark
 Camberwell 2 VS 0 Datchelor

Year 9
 Brecon 0 VS 2 Hayes
 Brecon 3 VS 1 Datchelor
 Southwark 2 VS 0 Greencoat
 Southwark 2 VS 3 Hayes
 Camberwell 5 VS 2 Datchelor
 Camberwell 5 VS 0 Greencoat

Year 10
 Brecon 1 VS 1 Hayes
 Brecon 0 VS 3 Datchelor
 Camberwell 1 VS 0 Datchelor
 Camberwell 4 VS 0 Greencoat
 Southwark 3 VS 6 Hayes
 Southwark 4 VS 3 Greencoat

FINAL HOUSE LEAGUE TABLE

Hayes	36
Camberwell	28
Greencoat	16
Southwark	15
Brecon	15
Datchelor	10

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SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LOWER SIXTH

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- Who has demonstrated an unwavering work ethic throughout this academic term?
- Who has done all they possibly can to make the best possible progress?
- Who has shown commitment to their A-level course that goes beyond their classwork or homework?

Commendations are awarded to students who demonstrate excellent effort in their studies and who regularly go beyond what is expected of them. Students who are nominated have shown a truly commendable attitude to their studies. We want to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge and celebrate their work ethic, diligence and resilience.

Nominations were as follows:

Art	Jack
Biology	Luke
	Aditya
Chemistry	Aditya
	Alex B
	Josh
Computing	Mann
Economics	Anish
	Divy
English	Andrei
French	Alex B
Geography	Divy
German	Syed S
Government & Politics	Alex C
History	Alex C
Latin	Joseph
Maths	Junaid
	Syed S
	Prashanth
Philosophy	Emmanuel
Physics	Tahir
	Tathushan
Spanish	Alex A



Pictured above: Some of those nominated for the L6 Subject Commendation.

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Looking Ahead

- Friday 18 December - MUFTI Day (House Colours or Christmas jumper)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Age UK gift appeal

It's not too late to contribute to Age UK's gift appeal! If you have items you would like to donate, please pass these to the member of staff on duty in the foyer in the morning.





The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing.

The Bebras challenges are made of a set of short problems called Bebras tasks and are delivered online. The tasks are fun, engaging and based on problems that Computer Scientists often meet and enjoy solving. The tasks can be solved without prior knowledge but instead require logical thinking.

The aim is to solve as many as you can in the allotted time, 40 minutes. Unlike many other competitions this is suitable for students of all abilities.

The competition runs for different year groups, as below, and this year the school entered into two categories, Elites and Intermediates.

Elite:	Years 12 & 13
Seniors:	Years 10 & 11
Intermediates:	Years 8 & 9
Juniors:	Years 6 & 7

In the Elite group the school entered 39 students. "Best in School" went to Ansh (Year 13) with 160 points. An additional 5 students achieved "Gold Award Certificates", signifying that they were in the top 10% nationally. Collectively, the students were over 10 points above the national average.



In the Intermediate group the school entered 50 candidates. "Best in School" was jointly awarded to Kai (Year 9) and Tom (Year 9) who both achieved a perfect 200 points. Of the 50 students, 37 were also awarded the "Gold Award Certificate". Collectively, the students were 70 points above the national average, a very strong showing.



Congratulations to all students that participated this year. Next year we anticipate opening up Bebras so that all year groups have the option to participate.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Since starting the Outreach project over two years ago, I have been astounded by how generous and enthusiastic Year 12 are to help and get involved, and this term has been no different, even with everything else that has been going on. The Wilson's Outreach project was set up to help disadvantaged pupils in our local primary schools get additional support to help raise academic achievement, as well as raising aspirations to encourage them to apply to Wilson's. We have seen great success running football coaching, specialist Maths and English sessions as well as practical Science lessons for local primary students. This year we have had to think and run things a little differently! Normally during the Autumn term, volunteers from Year 12 would be going out on Wednesday afternoons to our link Primary schools, to work with the children and help directly in the classroom. As this has not been possible, they have been working tirelessly to prepare resources for a new Outreach web page which will provide challenging, fun and inspiring resources. This will enable us to provide support and encouragement to a lot more children in the area in the near future. If this was not enough, they have also worked through their lunchtimes to assess the Primary Maths Challenge papers (a National Maths competition) to facilitate nearly 200 pupils from our local schools to take part. "Non sibi sed omnibus"

If you would like to find out more about the Outreach programme at Wilson's, you can email us at outreach@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk



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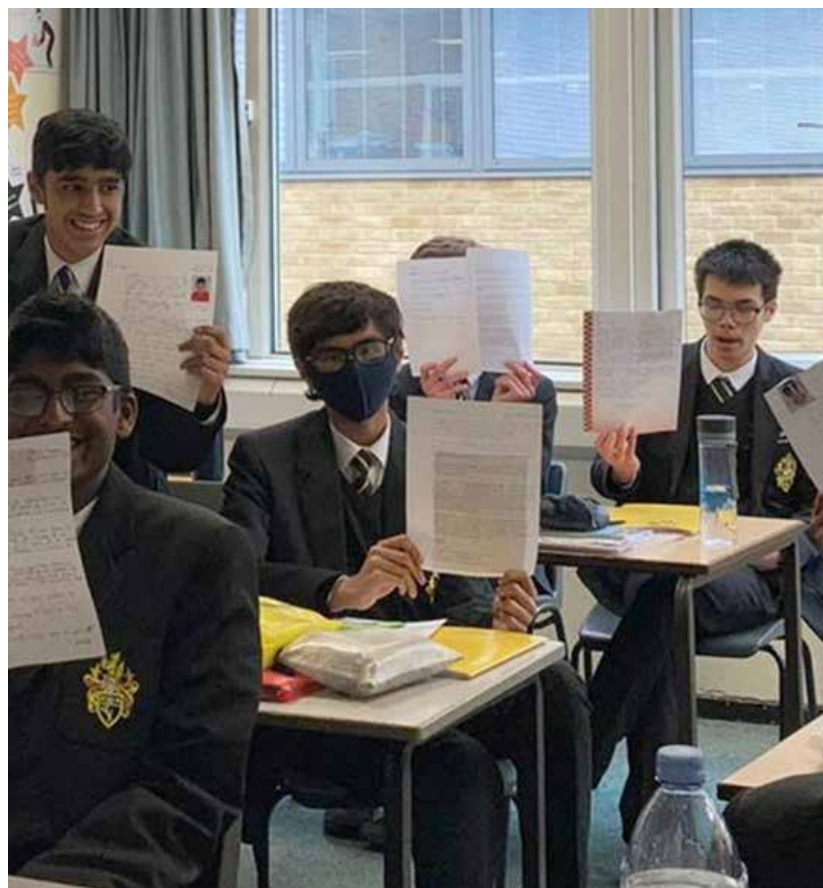
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INTERNATIONAL PENPALS REVISITED!

When was the last time you wrote a letter or even sent a postcard to someone? At a time when so many of us are limited to communicating online, the MFL Department has given our Year 10 students the opportunity to connect with other students in France in the old-fashioned, and even nostalgic way of letter-writing.

Having missed their annual French trip last summer, this is an opportunity to develop international friendship with French peers. "Le collège de l'Étang de l'Or" is a mixed state secondary school, situated in Mauguio, near Montpellier with a gorgeous view of the Mediterranean! This week, all our students received their first letter, including photos of their penpals and even little presents (local lavender bags/ sweets / football stickers...). With new international links with Spain and Germany we look forward to having more to report on this initiative during the following weeks and months!



Pictured above: Some Year 10 students with their letters.



INTERNATIONAL FILM CLUB

International Film Club makes a welcome return in the Modern Languages Department!

With social distancing, windows open and remaining in our bubbles, we are delighted that our International Film club is back! Once a week, groups of students are invited to watch popular movies from different parts of the world. It is a brilliant opportunity to expand their vocabulary of languages, such as French, German and Spanish, which could also help them in their lessons. We have previously watched 'Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis' (Welcome to the Sticks) – a French comedy film and 'Monsieur Batignole and Sophie Scholl: The Final Days', which we thoroughly enjoyed.



Pictured above: Some attendees at a recent session of the film club.

CHESS NEWS

Congratulations to 7H on winning a very close year 7 inter-form Battle by 1 point from 7D with the other forms not far behind. It was great to see 63 participants in this event playing a total of 216 games of chess. 7 Hayes were greatly helped by Denis scoring a fantastic 32 points ahead of Shlok (7B) with 20 and Anuj (7D) on 19.

In the latest inter-schools battles the Wilson's A team fielded 34 players and came 3rd behind King's Wimbledon and Brighton College – but ahead of St Paul's and Tiffin, amongst others. Just 5 players scores counting towards the team total: Shivam (8H) with 28, Denis (7H) 26, Rahu (9G) 25, Henry (10D) 23 and William (12B) also 23. The B team faced stiff opposition in their Battle with our school's first teams, but hopefully their 27 players will have learnt from the experience.



Pictured above: Denis, Shlok and Anuj (all Year 7).



FOOTBALL NEWS

Player of the Week: Dylan (Yr 8) put in a man of the match performance for the U13Bs in their win and topped his fine performance off with a goal. Yusuf was unplayable for the 1st XI, beating players with ease and creating chance after chance. Player of the week is Joshua (Doyle, Yr 7) who was everywhere for the U12Cs in his first game for the school.

Team of the Week: It was a good week back for the U13s with both the A and B teams gaining convincing wins against Sutton. The senior teams of the 1st XI and 2nd XI were delighted to come away unbeaten against the always strong Royal Russell. The 1st XI despite going a goal down in the first minute were outstanding in coming back to draw the game. Team of the week are the U12Cs who not only scored six goals but worked extremely hard to as a team to get a clean sheet.



Pictured above: U12A team back in action!



Pictured above: U14A vs. Hampton

Wilson's 1s XI I VS I Royal Russell Match Report by Tom (Year 13)

After a tough four weeks of training the first XI arrived at Royal Russell excited for their first competitive game since the national cup final. The new look starting line-up had no time to ease themselves in as they were playing against one of the toughest opponents in the country who were managed by a familiar face in Mr Simmons.

Russell immediately showed their quality when a cross into the box found their striker who tapped in after just thirty seconds. A disastrous start could've been made worse if it wasn't for goalkeeper, Finlay (Yr 13), making a fine stop to deny the home side a 2-0 lead. As the half drew on Wilson's were slowly finding their feet and thought they had equalised when a lofted pass from Tae (Yr 13) found Dmitri (Yr 12) who unleashed a stunning drive into the bottom left corner only for the offside flag to be raised. This seemed to spur the away side on as they began to pose a real attacking threat with Kwesi (Yr 12) using his dazzling feet to terrorise the Royal Russell defenders. Just before the end of the half another chance fell to Dmitri who somehow managed to fire his shot over the bar from 4 yards which left Wilson's 1-0 down at the break.

After being made to wait by the opposition, the second half began, and Wilson's maintained the momentum they had established at the end of the first period. Although some may doubt his creativity, it was inspiring captain, Tom (Yr 13), who finally managed to unlock the Royal Russell defence. After collecting a loose ball he played an outrageous one two before firing a shot which the keeper could only parry into the path of Yusuf (Yr 13) who instinctively put the ball in the back of the net to level the game.

For the next ten minutes Wilson's were all over their opponents with Tom (Yr 12) and Adam (Yr 13) dominating the midfield. However, it was Man of the Match Yusuf who stood out as he consistently tormented his man and looked the most likely person to give Wilson's the lead.

As the final whistle neared they had some defending of their own to do with new centre back partnership of Taalib (Yr 13) and Jasper (Yr 12) repelling every attack alongside full backs Tae and Michael (Yr 13) who restricted the wingers to nothing but a few hopeful strikes at goal. George (Yr 12) also showed promise, gaining his first competitive minutes for the team. The game finished 1-1, a fair result in all. This left the first XI with a slight sense of disappointment that they could not get the win but there were signs that this team could be a real force once again.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 5 December Wilson's vs. Royal Russell (Friendlies)

1st XI drew 1 - 1

2nd XI drew 2 - 2

Wilson's vs Hampton (Friendlies)

U14A lost 0 - 2

U14B lost 1 - 7

Wilson's vs Sutton (Friendlies)

U12A lost 1 - 3

U12B drew 2 - 2

U12C won 6 - 0

U13A won 3 - 1

U13B won 4 - 1



Pictured above: 1st XI goalscorer, Yusuf.

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ensure that every elderly resident in a care home will receive a letter or Christmas card from a child in the Borough, showing them that someone beyond their own immediate family is thinking of them.

Links

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Calendar

- Friday 18 December - LAST DAY OF TERM.
- Monday 21 December - Friday 1 January - School closed for Christmas Break.
- Monday 4 January - Term begins for students (late start 10.50 a.m.)

Remote Learning

All pupils in Years 7-10 must make sure they are geared up for remote learning during w/b 4 January, as instructed by the Department for Education! Over the holiday, pupils should try to think about what will make their workspace at home as suitable as possible for learning: it should ideally be a light and open area in the home, but free from too many distractions. Any problems with the technology or any other worries should be directed to the Head of Year. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Pictured above: Some of the gifts donated to the campaign and students helping to load the gifts for delivery to Age UK.



U6 COMMENDATIONS MUSICAL SPLENDOUR!

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Art	Sam	German	Sachit
Biology	Matthewsom	Govt & Politics	Conran
	Conran	History	Dawood
Chemistry	Daniel R	Latin	Alex
	Daniel W	Maths	Shivank
Computing	Marvel		Daniel R
Design & Technology	Aditya	Music	Danny
Economics	Rahul	Philosophy	Danny
	Zain	Physics	Ken
English	Kevin		Neo
French	Abiram	Spanish	Tom
Geography	James		



Pictured left and below: Some of the boys who received commendations.



Our Music Department pulled out all the stops this week to welcome final year university students from the prestigious Tonmeister Music Recording course to professionally record our fantastic music ensembles. We spent two days in multiple locations to record a Carol Service video and footage for the upcoming Winter Concert. The students from Surrey University were truly impressed by the music making they heard and they remarked that after an extraordinary year where they have had little opportunity to hear very little live music they had really enjoyed being part of something so very special. Our students had a taste of what it would be like to be professional musicians with multiple takes and great attention to detail, microphones and cables running everywhere.

Despite the challenges that this term has presented we have managed to keep music at the heart of the Wilson's experience. Ensembles have adapted and choirs have split into year group bubbles. Our visiting excellent peripatetic teachers have been flexible and enthusiastic. They have coped with masks, sanitisers, freezing draughts, and distant conversations not to mention multiple room changes and zoom lessons. This year has seen everything requiring ten times more planning than usual. The music department would like to thank everyone involved for their continued support.

We hope that you and your families will enjoy watching what has been recorded when we send out the links! The recordings will also be shared with local nursing and care homes.



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PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Bundles spent: \$100.14 \$100.14

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Karen is arranging the plates for Christmas dinner.

Naomi wants the turkey to be next to the stuffing.

Will hates it when two things that start with the same letter are next to each other.

Dave doesn't want his sprouts and parsnips to be next to each other.

Karen wants everybody's plates to be the same and to make everyone happy.

There are six items to put on the plate as shown above.

Plates are arranged differently if they cannot be rotated to be the same.

How many different ways could Karen arrange the plate?

Extension: What would the answer be if there was also Cranberry Sauce (as a 7th item on the plate)?





CAROL SERVICE AND WINTER SPECTACULAR 2020 IN PICTURES



Wilson's Update
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NEW YEAR, NEW CLUB, NEW YOU?



This year has brought with it much uncertainty. But in all the commotion, uncertainty and upheaval the preservation of a buzzing co-curricular offer at Wilson's was always important to us. We have been incredibly pleased to be able to run an almost full timetable of clubs, activities and societies. A few weeks ago, two pupils who had not yet attended any lunchtime clubs but who were both keen to see what was available to them, set off on an adventure to try a different club almost every day of the week.

Joseph 7H

At Wilson's, there are many clubs which can be attended by the students throughout all years, which help people make new friends, learn new skills or gain new knowledge. On Mondays, there is Year 7/8 Maths Problem Solving Club, where you can tackle Maths challenges whilst helping and discussing with others how to solve it. The club is quite enjoyable, and it is easy to talk to each other and make friends. When I went to Problem Solving Club, the problems were mainly composed of word problems about averages and ranges or pie charts, as well as a few slightly different questions in between. On Tuesdays, there is Year 7 Chess Club, a club about, obviously, playing Chess, as well as seeing who is better and who can rise up the ranks! The club gets you to think and evaluate each other's moves carefully and slowly, or, if you are playing with a timer, try and outsmart people swiftly. I competed against a few of the people who had previously been to the club before I had, and one of the older children who helped run the club, however, since they were more skilled and experienced than me, they bested me. On Wednesdays, there is Politics Club, where you can discuss and debate things which have happened in Politics and the Media. The club is enjoyable, and it is easy to share your opinions with other people about current topics. This club is available for all years. When I went we discussed how Brexit would split Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, and possible theories on why Trump wanted to become president and what he might do after he is out of the White House. I enjoyed some of the clubs so much I have been going back again (politics and chess). I learnt that there is more to school than the regular subjects.



Dilakshan 8S

Clubs give you the opportunity to meet a diverse range of people that allow you to expand your thinking, interests and other people's thoughts. A specific club may satisfy several aspects of interest for a student such as networking, to learn more about an academic subject or make friends. I attended several clubs this week. On Monday I went to Pride Club where we talked about LGBT bullying and how it affects people. Regular attendees told me that they enjoy the non-competitive nature of the club, wanting to learn about the world from all directions and said it was an



'accepting place'. On Tuesday I went to Geography Society, where pupils give speeches or watch geographical documentaries.

We watched one by David Attenborough about animal adaptations. Members of the club said they enjoyed learning about the world, our society, the natural environment and the people around them. On Thursday I went to Year 8 Origami Club where pupils make objects out of colourful paper. Origami has many benefits as it helps to develop hand-eye coordination, sequencing and attention skills and patience. It can also help to reduce stress. We made baubles, which amazingly you could inflate by blowing into them (you could then deflate them to get them home safely to hang on your Christmas tree!) There were lots of people here so it was a very social space. I finished my week in Classics Club where Ms Banner gave a talk about Roman fashion. It was interesting to find out about the many different types of toga that were worn for specific reasons and that there were social and political meanings tied up in them. I enjoyed Origami club the most as I made new friends and I am going to continue to attend.

Jamal, the Wellbeing Prefect, and I also attended some clubs and what we found was a wide range of activities going on in every corner of the school. I enjoyed listening to the Year 7 and 8 debaters planning an argument about American politics. I was in awe of the concentration of the Year 7 chess players who played fast paced games to the accompaniment of relaxing Classical music. I popped into both History and Geography Societies and was happy to see a room almost full of students, socially distanced within bubbles, watching documentaries and listening to talks. And in between the running about between clubs I was able to hear various ensembles practicing in the JJ Hall - a treat usually reserved for the more secluded music rooms, and also bump into pupils, here on their day off, to rehearse for the upcoming school production.

I am truly amazed at the varied activities on offer, especially in this current climate. Thanks to Joseph, Dilakshan and Jamal for giving up their lunchtimes to help show you all the fun there is to be had. The full and dynamic list of activities can be found on the website and a new Wellbeing Noticeboard in the Foundation Board will contain more information and updates about the different clubs on offer. So what's stopping you trying something new in January?



WILSON'S CHESS EVENT RESULTS

Tuesday 15th December

KS5 Tournament:

1st Adam (12C) 6/7; 2nd Shivank (13D); 3rd Sahil (12H)

KS4 Tournament:

1st Henry (10D) 7/7; 2nd Minh (9C); 3rd Pratyush (9S)

KS3 Tournament:

1st Shivam (8H) 7/7; 2nd Denis (7H); 3rd Limo (8C)

Over 100 Wilson's pupils played in one of the 3 sections

Friday 11th December:

Bullet Tournament:

1st Denis (7H), 2nd= Pratyush (9S) and William (12B)

King of the Hill:

1st Ian (11C); 2nd Josh (7S), 3rd Deevam (10H)

Rapidplay:

1st Shlok (7B); 2nd Aditya (8H); 3rd Adi (12H)

More details of all Wilson's Chess Club events at <https://lichess.org/team/wilsons-school-chess-club>. Whilst over 160 Wilson's pupils have already joined the online chess club, there is room for more if you would like to join.





FOOTBALL NEWS

Player of the Week: Jonathan (Yr 8) was again in the goals grabbing himself a hattrick while in the same game Zac stepped up from the B team to produce an excellent performance. Leon (Yr 13) was exceptional at left back for the 1st XI away to the always strong Hampton. Another person to shine at Hampton was Kit (Yr 13) who was in dominant form as centre back for the 6th XI. Player of the week is Theo (Yr 7) who worked tirelessly and showed an outstanding attitude in both Year 7 games.



Pictured above: U12A team back in action!

Team of the Week: Two teams showed good character this week to bounce back from defeats. The 4th XI after a difficult game against Hampton showed their resilience to beat Sutton away from home 4-2 and the U14A after losing to Grey Court played some excellent football to beat Sutton 4-1. Team of the week are the U13As who showed great team spirit and battling qualities to beat Grey Court 3-2 in difficult wet conditions.



Pictured above: U14A vs. Hampton



Pictured above: 1st XI goalscorer, Yusuf.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 7 December

Wilsons vs. Royal Russell (Friendly)
U12A lost 1 - 6

Wednesday 9 December

Wilsons vs. Hampton (Friendlies)
2nd XI lost 1 - 8
4th XI lost 2 - 4
6th XI lost 2 - 3

Thursday 10 December

Wilsons vs. Grey Court (Friendly)
U14A lost 0 - 4

Saturday 12 December

Wilsons vs. Hampton (Friendly)
1st XI lost 3 - 4

Wilsons vs. Grey Court (Friendlies)
U13A won 3 - 2
U12A lost 0 - 3

Wilsons vs. Sutton (Friendlies)
U15A lost 2 - 6
U15B lost 2 - 4
U14A won 4 - 1
U14B lost 2 - 3