

# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORT

With the normal opportunities for celebrating achievement and success somewhat limited by current restrictions, we were delighted to hold a small, physically distanced ceremony on Wednesday to honour some of our top sportsmen with the award of colours ties. Back in January, we reported that the school has been listed by School Sport magazine in the Top 100 Sporting Schools, based on the performance of our individuals and teams in a range of national competitions across a number of sports. We value participation extremely highly at Wilson's, but it is only right to acknowledge the considerable achievements of a number of boys. Colours were awarded to Jazeban (Badminton), Jaciron and Pedro (Basketball), Arjun, Pranav, Finlay, Daniel, Harry and Luke (Cricket), Tom, Taalib, Guy, Tae Woo, Yusuf, Michael and Adam (Football), James, Alec, Ollie, Kit and Oliver (Rugby), Ethan (Squash) and David (Tennis). Well done to them and to all who have contributed to sport at Wilson's during this difficult year!



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## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Mollison Drive Angels

Thank you to the "Mollison Drive Angels" – the 99% of parents who wouldn't dream of contributing to the traffic congestion on Mollison Drive. Every car slows the progress of hundreds of boys who make their way home by bus.





# WILSON'S FILM CLUB COMPETITION 2021

During the first lockdown last year, Mr Cady created a film competition to keep us busy during those isolating times, and many of us found it to be an excellent way to break the monotonous routines. I was inspired by its success to carry forward the Wilson's Film Club, which launched in the second half of Autumn, where Years 8 and 9 have been writing and filming their own ideas, guided by sixth formers.

Unfortunately, the January lockdown put the club's plans on hold, so I decided to reintroduce the Wilson's Film Competition, open to all students. We were enthralled to have so many entries, with their short films ranging from thrillers and stop-motion animations, to Attenborough-inspired documentaries, and social-message films.

As we returned to school, we hosted the school's very own awards ceremony. This was to recognise the students' efforts and celebrate their creativity.

After elaborate planning, coordination and decorating the JJ Hall, the awards were a massive success and we were delighted to have a near-full capacity hall attending the event, with gift vouchers, certificates and chocolates on offer to all participants! The panel of judges gave their feedback on the films, after students and staff in the audience enjoyed the premiers of the winning entries.

A big thank you goes to Varakan (Year 12), who spent many late nights helping me organise the competition and awards and to the other sixth formers behind the scenes operating the computer, taking photos and ushering the audience in.

The award-winning films will be available to watch on Wilson's School's YouTube channel, and we hope to start an annual film-making tradition at Wilson's.

The prize-winners are as follows:

|                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Senior Winner:     | Finlay (10C)                  |
| Senior Runner-Up:  | Junayd (12H)                  |
| Year 8 Winner:     | Sanjiv (8C)                   |
| Year 8 Runners-Up: | Raghav (8H) and Pratyush (8D) |
| Year 7 Winner:     | Neil (7S)                     |
| Year 7 Runner-Up:  | Rohan (7C)                    |
| Editing Prize:     | Arjun (7G)                    |
| Performance Prize: | Pavamaan (8S)                 |

Article by Ayush, Year 12.





# POET LAUREATE

Our Senior Poet Laureate, Soham (Y10) has been working on a set of poems throughout this year about the momentous events in the school's history. Mr Cole commissioned these opening poems about the events of 2020. We hope you enjoy reading Soham's unique reflections on the highs and lows of 2020!

## THE CLOSURE

Once they stood shoulder to shoulder, all in one fold The ones who laughed and cried in solidarity Stood and lived on the edge, feeling so bold Eyes bright like beacons, lit with hope

And now he is alone  
With all the time in the world, stacked up in front of him He stares ahead, forlorn Reality changed, sanity to be retained

Lost, adrift  
In an ocean of despair  
A dramatic shift  
Must find a beacon, must find a reason

A home lost  
And a house gained  
A vast ocean to be crossed  
A slow sense of dread, he cradles his head

A hundred pains  
That never made my acquaintance before  
Now tower up, impossible to ascertain  
A job to be done, months of effort undone

But deep inside something rumbles  
With the fire of perseverance, the finality of determination And the iron wall crumbles You head breaks water, the distance feels shorter

Yours still not to reason why  
There is a job to do  
Yours is to work and fly  
Through work we grow, through work we know

That distance is not final  
That tough waters never last  
No matter how long, no matter how vast

## THE OPENING

The floodgates let go  
As if holding back on waves on waves of sorrow A new future, an unknown Perhaps this life will be different tomorrow

The wind in your hair  
The breeze in your sails  
A new freedom, a journey to somewhere  
Another outlook from beyond the veils

A new lease on life  
A sound in the silence  
More work, sans the strife  
New roads with new guidance

More freedom undisputed  
After a reality far from ideal  
A new hope, saluted  
Which is simply why he'll heal and

Turn a new leaf  
Seize a new day

# RESULTS #700STEM SCIENTIFIC WRITING CHALLENGE

Well done to all those students who entered the #700Stem Scientific Writing Challenge. The following pupils were awarded prizes for their fantastic essays in this year's competition.

## SCIENCE

U14  
2nd Kiran (Year 8)

## ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY

U16  
3rd Ishaan (Year 11)  
U18  
2nd Prabhas (Year 12)

## MATHS

U14  
1st Rohan (Year 8)

The prizewinners (all pictured on the right) each received certificates and Amazon gift vouchers. Our congratulations go to all of them.





# CATCH-UP AND SKILL AT ARMS

by Corporal Choudhury

Throughout the first week of the Easter break, members of Wilson's CCF took part in a 3 day programme in order to learn skills essential to the CCF experience, including handling weapons, living out in the field and brushing up on foot drill. Whilst the recruits were very inexperienced having missed out on a number of opportunities due to online learning, we were very pleased with their progress and attitude to the new regiment.

For most recruits, the highlight of the programme will have been the Skill At Arms. After all, this is one of the main selling points of the CCF! Even though a rifle (not a gun) may seem simple to handle, especially with their portrayal in video games and televised media, there is a lot more safety involved. Recruits learnt on how to disassemble and reassemble the rifle, basic drills when in the field and how to effectively manoeuvre with the rifle. Whilst these may seem very minor now, they are all very important skills which will prove invaluable when in a training area or on a range.

The other day of training revolved around other CCF disciplines, namely the Field Gun, Fieldcraft and Foot Drill manoeuvres. The Field Gun, or "Gun Run" involves taking a field gun, being able to dismantle and put it back together, and then running it through an obstacle course or just as fast as the team can. This was definitely a test of teamwork, requiring all members of the section to work efficiently and fluidly to be

able to complete the course in a good time. Foot Drill involved more advanced movements in order to allow for more flexibility. Again, whilst all of this will seem mundane, foot drill is one of the most important aspects of the CCF, winning us competitions and contingent awards. The final component was fieldcraft, again vital to the recruit life when on exercise. This involved : learning how to set up a basher, and where to use different designs, moving with and without a rifle, which proved to be most entertaining when people failed to stay up all fours and finally applying camouflage, which again, whilst almost like exaggerated face paints, is essential to exercise effectiveness.

All in all, the programme went very smoothly, equipping recruits with skills which will prove invaluable to their CCF careers.



## A FITTING TRIBUTE TO MRS GILL



Mrs Gill, beloved teacher at the school until her life was so cruelly cut short in the autumn term, cherished the grounds at Wilson's. She would often remark upon how much pleasure she derived from the Lavender at the front or the blossom on the trees. Some years ago we had to pollard the Weeping Willow tree on the front lawn because we thought it might have to be removed. She told me then how much she hoped that it would survive – and it did and indeed thrives! In her memory, we have placed this Weeping Willow water feature made out of copper in the Greencoat Courtyard. It signals both our sadness in its weeping and our fond memories of Mrs Gill in the calm and beauty it brings to this newly enriched part of the school.





# SPORTS NEWS

The Summer Term is here and we are delighted that Sport is back at Wilson's!

## FOOTBALL

On Tuesday our U13 A to D Football teams travelled over to play Sutton Grammar, and it was great to see the boys out and competing in the sunshine. Mr Wilde said the U13As produced a 'rusty' performance, but won 2-1 with goals from Tito and Zeph. The U13Bs came from behind to win by the same score line, with goals from Zac and Pranjay. The U13Cs unfortunately lost 1-4, with Jack scoring the solitary goal, but the U13Ds turned in a magnificent effort to win 7-1. Well done all.

The 1st XI played a couple of games in the Easter break, with the highlight a 2-0 win away at Hampton. You can see Dmitri's super goal on our Twitter @WilsonsPE.

## CRICKET

The season starts for all teams this weekend with fixtures against Epsom College for the junior teams, and Whitgift for the U14A, U15A and 2nd XI. The 1st XI have a big weekend, taking on Whitgift and Trinity in the National T20 on Sunday, before playing our prestigious fixture against the MCC on Monday. Please look at our School Sports page for more details: <http://www.wilsonschoolsports.com/?id=353>



*Pictured above: U13A Team*

## COVID PROCEDURES FOR PARENTS

Spectators are not allowed at either Epsom College or Whitgift this weekend, so unfortunately parents will not be allowed to watch the away games this weekend. If you are driving your son to these venues you will have to drop them off and then return at the end of the game. Details for spectators for future away games will be on the team sheet page for each fixture on our School Sports website.

Parents are allowed to watch home Saturday fixtures. You will need to scan the Track and Trace QR code when entering the field via the gate in the car park. Parents must then stand or sit socially distanced around the boundary. Please do not touch the Cricket ball if it comes towards you over the boundary. There are toilets available on the outside changing rooms (please ask a member of staff), but parents are not allowed into the school under any circumstance.

All pupils will be following our COVID protocols for all fixtures. All opposing schools have also submitted their risk assessments to our Director of Sport.

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*Pictured above: U13D Team*



*Pictured above: U13C Team*





# THE HALLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

On Wednesday, our A level students gave a wonderful recital of solo performances. From Handel's Messiah to the lieder of Schumann and Schubert, from the impressionistic piano music of Debussy to the precarious waltzing of Tomasi's trombone concerto, the boys performed with such sensitivity and imagination, not to mention technical conviction, that it was hard to believe that we were at school in the John Jenkins Hall and not in the Wigmore Hall or the Barbican! Of course, current circumstances do not allow us to invite the whole school community to such events, but I am happy to say that students from the University of Surrey studying on the Tonmeister sound engineering programme captured the students' performances and these will be available to view on the music department website in the coming weeks. The performers did an outstanding job and would have been a pleasure to listen to any day, but after more than a year of such limited access to live performance opportunities—and so few opportunities to listen to live music—this concert was really an absolute treat. The students involved were Theo, Anton, Luca, Tom, Lennie, Danny and Ryan. Thanks to them for their hard work and dedication, to Jamal for his lighting expertise, and Dr Clayden and Mr Lissimore for their impressive accompanying—no mean feat with a programme such as this!

On Wednesday 5 May, we will be holding an on-line results presentation for our Young Musician competition. We had 250 entries to the competition this year, which has all been conducted on-line. The boys uploaded videos to Google Classroom, which have then been accessed by our illustrious panel of judges (find out more about them here: <https://wilsonsmusic.wixsite.com/index/meet-the-judges> Our judges will be announcing the winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) in each of the categories and then all individual feedback will be released to the entrants. Entrants and supports should see SMHW and School Comms for more details, or click here at 5pm on Wednesday: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/68837048637>.



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## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Sleep

At this time of year, we remind all pupils to review their sleep hygiene, ensuring in particular that games and electronic devices are not keeping them awake at night.





# Wilson's Update

## *Non sibi sed omnibus*

Of course not everything is yet back to normal and some meetings and events are still taking place remotely. Among these are the second and third events in our new Talk! virtual speaker series, offering pupils, alumni and parents valuable insights into the world of work.

In the session on Thursday, 27 May at 5.00pm, the speaker will be Tania Flasck, who is Head of Water Networks for the Thames Valley at Thames Water. Tania has been in the water sector for all of her 30-year career and has worked all over the

The subsequent session will be held on Thursday, 17 June at 5.00pm and will feature two Wilson's alumni, David Walsh and Adam Woolnough. David and Adam are establishing successful careers as barristers with Essex Court Chambers, a leading chambers in London's Lincoln's Inn. They will discuss the training and personality traits required to be a successful barrister as well as what brings them the greatest satisfaction in their jobs!

Please contact Mr Edge to reserve a place for either or both of the talks.





# THE ROBSON PRIZE FOR HISTORY

Well done to several Year 12 students who have worked very hard over Easter to prepare entries to the Robson Prize for History, held by Trinity College Cambridge.

Aaron put his source skills to good use by asking 'what can paintings from the Dutch Golden Age teach us about daily life', Alex B investigated the nature of New Labour, Alex T considered the cause of the violent ethnic cleaning that devastated Yugoslavia at the end of the C20th, and Theo explored how far the Meiji Restoration satisfied different definitions of revolution.

Each student worked incredibly hard to research a historical topic well beyond the confines of their A Level course. The aim of the Robson Prize is to encourage ambitious and talented Year 12 students considering applying to university to read History – each of these students certainly are ambitious and talented and we wish them well with the competition!

Do come to History Club (Thursday lunch times) or speak to your History teacher to find out about more opportunities in History.



## VIVE LA FRANCE!



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Over the Easter Holidays, Year 7 had the opportunity to complete a French project and choose a minimum of one task from a selection of 17 different activities including cooking of French recipes, researching French people who have been important in French history, recreating a piece of work from a French artist and many others.

The French Department was delighted to see the efforts of many boys developing interests and knowledge on the French culture. Bravo et bon travail les garçons!

Pictures of some of the entries can be seen below and left.





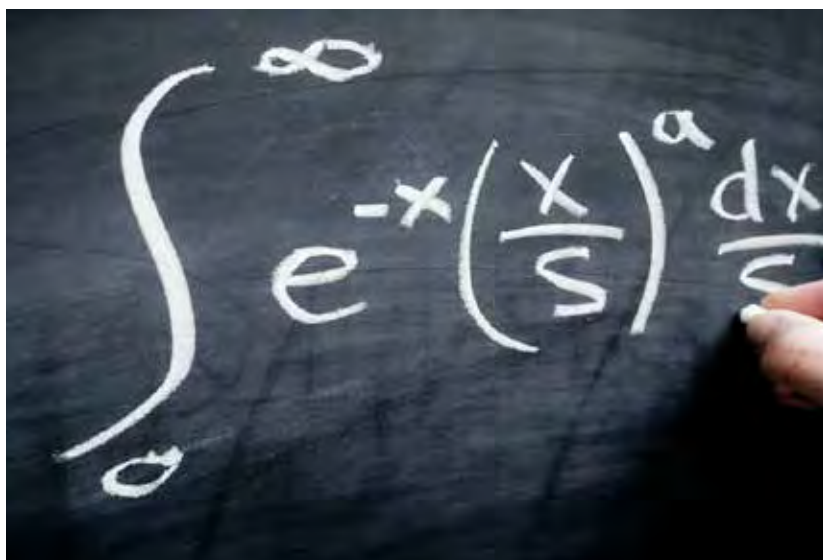
# MATHS ENRICHMENT

Even with the recent lockdown, pupils have not had to miss out on some fantastic enrichment opportunities. Last year, Wilson's School was the most successful school to take part in the annual University of Southampton Maths Challenge and this year we hope to retain our title with a staggering 88 entries across Years 7 to 10. Just this week, pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge, an essential day in the Maths department calendar (second to Pi Day of course). Elsewhere, we have our weekly Key Stage 3 Problem Solving Club and the online Parallelogram challenges, which sees Year 7 and Year 8 forms competing against each other on problems coordinated by the wonderful Simon Singh, with winners announced at the end of this half term.

Other year groups have not missed out either. Some of our Year 9, Year 10 and Lower 6th pupils have been participating in a UKMT Mentoring Scheme and we are hoping to run our postponed Key Stage 4 House Competition this term as well, so we can finally see which house is best at Maths!

Unfortunately, our Maths Circle lectures, which we host every year for Lower 6th students across the borough, were cancelled last term. We were still able to share some exciting online lectures with our Lower 6th students on a range of topics outside of the curriculum, with thanks to the various universities and organisations for putting them on. This was in addition to the Key Stage 5 Problem Solving Club that ran all through the Autumn term.

In these challenging times, it has genuinely been a thrill to see our pupils still as keen as ever to take advantage of all that we offer here at Wilson's and this is not an exhaustive list by any means! To find out more information about enrichment, pupils can ask their Maths teachers.



# STAFF ART CLUB IS BACK!

This term staff will be joined by a few A level students for some wonderful pre-recorded life drawing sessions. Life drawing is the hardest skill to master in Art and can help you to become a confident draughtsman with the skills necessary to meet any challenge. The club meets Monday lunchtimes in A2 and is tutored by Ms Cvejik-Reeve.

# FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week: Adam (Yr 13) was compared to James Ward-Prowse on Saturday with two stunning free kicks for the U18A. In the same game 1st XL stalwarts Taalib (Yr 13) and Tae (Yr 13) got on the scoresheet. Player of the week is Rithish (Yr 7) who showed all his technical ability with a fantastic hat-trick for the U12Bs.

Team Of The Week: The U18As were excellent in their win against Corinthian Casuals, after not winning the fixture for the last two years they eventually got the result with a 4-1 win. There were some excellent wins for the junior sides against Sutton, the highlight was a 7-1 win for the U13Ds which wins them team of the week. A complete performance full of effort, team work and skill.



*Pictured above: U13D team.  
Pictured below: U12C team.*



# FOOTBALL RESULTS

## Saturday 10 April Wilson's vs Hampton

|      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| U17A | won  | 2 - 0 |
| U18A | lost | 0 - 2 |

## Saturday 17 April Wilson's vs Old Wilsonians

|      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| U17A | lost | 0 - 3 |
|------|------|-------|

## Tuesday 20th April Wilson's vs Sutton

|      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| U13A | won  | 2 - 1 |
| U13B | won  | 2 - 1 |
| U13C | lost | 1 - 4 |
| U13D | won  | 7 - 1 |

## Wednesday 21 April Wilson's vs Royal Russell

|      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| U17A | lost | 1 - 5 |
|------|------|-------|

## Friday 23 April Wilson's vs Sutton Grammar

|      |      |       |
|------|------|-------|
| U12A | lost | 1 - 2 |
| U12B | won  | 4 - 2 |
| U12C | won  | 2 - 0 |
| U12D | won  | 1 - 0 |

## Saturday 24th April Wilson's vs Corinthian Casuals

|      |      |     |
|------|------|-----|
| U17A | Lost | 3-0 |
| U18A | Won  | 4-1 |



*Pictured above: Rithish and U12B team.*





# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

2nd XI v Whitgift – Whitgift batted first and scored 166 off 20 overs. Some untidy fielding and several dropped catches helped Whitgift post a competitive score. Pick of the bowlers was Ammaar with 2 wickets for 9 runs off his 4 overs. This was always going to be a tough total to chase and only Arnav showed any signs of form by scoring 24 runs.

15A v Whitgift – Wilson's batted first and scored 115 off 25 overs (agreed to bat an extra five to give us more batting and them more bowling time). Han Joon and Hriday played very well with the bat, steadying the middle order and Han Joon top scored with 32. Whitgift were too clinical with the bat and chased down the target in the 15th over. The boys can take some positives from this match which was a good test for their first game.

14A v Whitgift – after a positive start of 41 by the Whitgift opening batsmen, Wilson's bowlers got the breakthrough they needed and slowed the run rate in the middle part of their innings. A partnership of 44 in the last remaining overs helped Whitgift to a total of 138 off 20 overs. After losing Ansh in the first over Atharva and Abhi steadied the innings with a partnership of 48. After losing Abhi for 35 Shravan came to the wicket and scored 52 including a 6 off the last ball to win the game. This is our first win against a Whitgift A team.

13A & 12A & 12B v Epsom College – Wilson's came up against very strong Epsom teams especially in the batting. Pratham for the U12A batted exceptionally well and scored 53. In a pairs



Pictured above: 1st XI team.

match our 12Bs won by 61 runs. The difference between the two B teams was that Wilson's bowled extremely well with a disciplined line and length. 1st XI National T20 Cup – The boys had a rollercoaster of a day. In the first match Wilson's played Whitgift and scored 128 off 20 overs. Ellis set the tone by scoring 30 off 17 balls,

Arjun scored 29 in the middle order which helped us post a competitive score. Whitgift started positively and it was spinners Daniel and Arjun who changed the game. Bowling with both control and discipline put the Whitgift batsmen under a lot of pressure and was rewarded by taking 4 wickets between them to win the game by 16 runs. This is the first time Wilson's 1st XI has beaten Whitgift 1st XI.

In our second match Trinity batted first and scored 126 for 6 off 20 overs. Pranav was the pick of our bowlers by taking 3 wickets for 8 runs off his 2 overs. Only 5 boundaries were conceded but we could not contain them from scoring a competitive score of 126. Trinity put a lot of pressure on the Wilson's batsmen by using 4 spinners in their attack. Only Pranav (25) and Arjun (16) showed any resistance and unfortunately Wilson's were bowled out for 83 and lost by 43 runs.

1st XI v MCC – our match with the MCC is always a strong encounter. With this in mind when Wilson's won the toss they elected for field. After an opening stand of 87 Wilson's maintained their discipline in the field and bowled tightly to restrict the MCC to 228 off 40 overs. Arjun was the pick of the bowlers with only having 28 runs scored off his 8 overs. After losing an early wicket Pranav and Finley (44) put on 94 for the second wicket. Pranav continued to bat through the innings to keep us in with a chance of a win. Good support from the middle order batsmen got us to requiring 26 off the last over. Some powerful hitting and a couple of expensive wide balls got us to just 4 runs short of victory. Pranav was undefeated on 111 and will be invited to a Test Match next year for scoring 100 against the MCC.



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## CRICKET RESULTS

### Saturday 24 April

#### Wilson's vs Whitgift

|        |      |              |
|--------|------|--------------|
| 2nd XI | lost | by 84 runs   |
| 15A    | lost | by 8 wickets |
| 14A    | won  | by 8 wickets |

#### Wilson's vs Epsom College

|     |      |              |
|-----|------|--------------|
| 13A | lost | by 6 wickets |
| 12A | lost | by 8 wickets |
| 12B | won  | by 61 runs   |

### Sunday 25 April

#### National T20 Cup Round 1

#### Wilson's vs Whitgift

|        |     |            |
|--------|-----|------------|
| 1st XI | won | by 16 runs |
|--------|-----|------------|

#### Wilson's vs Trinity

|        |      |            |
|--------|------|------------|
| 1st XI | lost | by 43 runs |
|--------|------|------------|

### Monday 26 April

#### Wilson's vs. MCC

|        |      |            |
|--------|------|------------|
| 1st XI | lost | by 4 runs. |
|--------|------|------------|

## WILSON'S CHESS TEAM WIN AGAIN!

This time it was the online Surbiton Junior Invitational tournament. Our top 6 players scored 93 points, well ahead of Muswell Hill junior Chess on 84 and Welsh Dragon Juniors on 82. Over 30 teams took part from around the United Kingdom. Our top scorer was Rahul (9G) who scored 26 points. Our other leading players were Aarush (7G), William B (Y12), Laxmi (7D) and Shourya (7D).

Chess is now being played in school again, with real chess pieces! Years 7 and 8 have Tuesday lunchtime clubs, Years 9 and 10 on Thursday lunchtime clubs. Some players have been invited to join the Tuesday after school clubs.







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A photograph showing three students in a classroom setting. Two students are seated at a table, focused on a chess game. The student on the left is wearing a dark jacket and a black face mask, leaning over the board. The student on the right is wearing a dark school uniform with a crest, glasses, and a white face mask, also looking at the board. A third student, wearing a dark school uniform, glasses, and a black face mask, stands behind them, observing the game. The chessboard is set up with various pieces, and a small wooden box is visible on the table. The background shows classroom shelves and desks.

It will be possible for prospective pupils currently in Year 5 to make a short visit to the school this term. If you have friends or family members who would be interested in this opportunity, please let them know! Places can be booked via the Admissions pages on the school website.





# HOUSE MUSIC GOES VIRTUAL!

Wilson's House Music Competition is usually a sight to behold: two weeks of students from across the school come together with myriad instruments to share their musical talents with one another and receive feedback from a panel of external judges. The JJ Hall, the Lecture Theatre, the Bowden Room: they're all bursting with sound, creativity, and community. As a music department, we were torn: to postpone the competition entirely or to reimagine House Music as an online event? We opted for the latter—and we are so happy we did!

This year's competition attracted 250 entrants! Despite the technological obstacles of recording a performance, with or without an accompanist or backing track, our students rose to the challenge and submitted a dazzling array of performances. Performances ranged from pop hits on the electric drum kit, solo piano performances of works by Debussy, and songs in the Carnatic tradition. Our stellar panel of judges, which included musical director and pianist Jon Ranger and former BBC Young Musician finalist Jess Wood, then provided individual feedback for each entrant and selected their top three performers for each class. (for information about the judges, see here: <https://wilsonsmusic.wixsite.com/index/meet-the-judges>)

On Wednesday evening, we held an online presentation during which all of the winners were announced and we are pleased to be able to share these with you now.

|                 | Years 7-9 | Years 10-13        |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Voice</b>    |           |                    |
| 1st             | Vignesh   | Anish              |
| 2nd             | Sean      | Theo               |
| 3rd             | Kai       | Nicolas            |
| <b>Strings</b>  |           |                    |
| 1st             | Han       | Neo                |
| 2nd             | Poorwa    | Han-Joon           |
| 3rd             | Dennis    | Joshua             |
| <b>Guitar</b>   |           |                    |
| 1st             | Pavamaan  | Ishaan             |
| 2nd             | Marko     | Ramin              |
| 3rd             | Aarav     | Callum             |
| <b>Woodwind</b> |           |                    |
| 1st             | Tito      | Ryan               |
| 2nd             | Sam       | Alex               |
| 3rd             | Jamie     | Daniel and Pratham |

|                   | Years 7-9        | Years 10-13 |             |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Brass</b>      |                  |             |             |
| 1st               | Michael          | Danny       |             |
| 2nd               | Alex             | Theo        |             |
| 3rd               | Nicolas and Limo | Craig       |             |
| <b>Percussion</b> |                  |             |             |
| 1st               | Baodi            | Zakariya    |             |
| 2nd               | Adithya          | Koushikk    |             |
| 3rd               | Abenan           | Bavithiran  |             |
|                   |                  |             |             |
|                   | Years 7&8        | Years 9&10  | Years 11-13 |
| <b>Piano</b>      |                  |             |             |
| 1st               | Bobur            | Tanuj       | Min         |
| 2nd               | Henry            | Ishaan      | Lennie      |
| 3rd               | Sean & Yuchen    | Minhyuk     | Somanshu    |

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this brilliant event! The judges were incredibly impressed by everyone's performances and they've all told me how much they enjoyed hearing our young musicians in action! Look out for information about our live final later this term. In the meantime, enjoy the videos!







# FOOTBALL NEWS

## Match Report - Wilson's U15A 2-1 Carshalton

An excellent win by the U15A team on Thursday against a very strong Carshalton team. Wilson's have played against Carshalton twice before losing 5-1 and a 4-0 loss in the Sutton cup final of year 8. They were also crowned National Cup champions that year winning every trophy available to them.

Coming into the game, the team had little belief in themselves due to these previous results, they knew it would be a physical game against a good side and a game which they could not afford to start slowly in. An excellent start defensively allowed them to withstand pressure from the away side and let our dangerous players begin to get into good positions. Nazar was excellent on the right wing beating his man many times and delivering some brilliant crosses which unfortunately were not converted. However, this gave them confidence as they continued to create chances.

The first goal came through Bradley with a half volley from just inside the box after some quick interplay between Ivor, Nazar and Bradley. This renewed confidence continued throughout the first half with Chris giving Wilson's great hold up play relieving pressure from the back four and allowing them to get up the pitch.

Wilson's second goal came right after half time after a throw from Jude from which Chris cleared the ball towards their goal. Pressure from Bradley and Nazar forced a mistake from the goalkeeper, and Wilson's went 2-0 up. In the latter stages of the second half they came under more pressure but strong defending from Yousif, Ollie, Jude and Zain S kept chances at a minimum. Brilliant work rate from Sam and Freddie as well as Philo and Zayn R later in midfield. The opposition got a late consolation, but Wilson's held out and got a deserved win.

Player Of The Week: Rayyan (Yr 7) put in a man of the match performance for the U12Bs and Rithish (Yr 7) scored another goal in the same game. Penuel (Yr 9) was impressive at left back for the U14As with a determined defensive performance. Player of the week is Freddie (Yr 10) who was inspirational as captain for the U15As on Thursday and then put in another complete performance for the 1st XI on Saturday.

Team Of The Week: The U14As had a good week winning one and drawing one. On Thursday they were unlucky to only draw against Carshalton and then went one better Saturday scoring five excellent goals to beat Whitgift. Team of the week are the U15As who produced their best performance for the school to beat Carshalton 2-1. In previous games the U15As have lost 5-1 and 4-0 to National Cup winners Carshalton but all fifteen in the squad worked tirelessly together in a superb team display.



*Pictured above: U13A Team vs. Whitgift.*

*Pictured below: U15A Team of the Week*



# FOOTBALL RESULTS

**All matches played were friendlies.**

**Wednesday 28 April**  
**Wilson's vs Gordon's**  
 U17A                      won    4 - 2

**Saturday 17 April**  
**Wilson's vs Old Wilsonians**  
 U17A                      lost    0 - 3

**Thursday 29 April**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton**  
 U15A                      won    2 - 1  
 U14A                      drew   1 - 1

**Saturday 1 May**  
**Wilson's vs Whitgift**  
 U12A                      lost    0 - 9  
 U12B                      lost    2 - 5  
 U13A                      drew   2 - 2  
 U14A                      won    5 - 3  
**Wilson's vs St. Bede's**  
 U17A                      Lost    1 - 3





# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

13A v KCS – Batting first Wilson's set a competitive total of 132. Pick of the batsmen were Ishaan scoring 22 off 25 balls and Umer Khan who scored 22 off 20 balls. Consistent bowling by all the boys restricted KCS to 99 all out. The team need to work on their fielding as four catches were dropped in the match.

13B v KCS – Wilson's won the toss and put KCS in to bat. Quality bowling from Wilson's kept the score to 78 all out. Ritvik and Abhi made light work of KCS's total finishing the game in 9.2 overs.

17A v Whitgift – After losing early wickets Udith (32) and Moksh (36 n.o.) got us to what seemed a good total of 127 off 20 overs. Whitgift made light work of this total due to inconsistent bowling and finished the game in 16 overs losing only 3 wickets.

12A v Lingfield College – Wilson's batted first and made 160 for 5 off their allotted 20 overs. Rohan was impressive with the bat and scored 51 off 52 balls. In reply Lingfield never really got into the game due to some quality bowling from Neil and Pratham who both picked up two wickets apiece. Lingfield eventually finished on 128 for 6 off 20 overs.

15A v Ibstock Place – Wilson's batted first in our Nat West County Cup Game and scored 170 for 2 off 20 overs. A strong batting performance from Ahrujan (61) and in the final overs from Faizal (30) off 18 balls saw us to a competitive total. Ibstock Place started strongly by keeping up with the run rate in the first 6 overs. Tight bowling from Neel and Nithushan made the Ibstock batsmen play some indifferent shots. This led to a collapse and Wilson's won the match by 55 runs. Dillion was pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets for 25 runs.

12A & 12B v KCS – Excellent wins from our 12A and 12B teams against strong KCS teams. In the A team stand out players in the match were Pratham (45) off 32 balls and Parth 4 wickets for 11 runs. In the B team stand out players were Aryaman (35) and Roshan (24).

12C & 12D v KCS – In our away match the format was pairs cricket. Unfortunately, both our teams lost but in the 12C game there was an exciting finish but disappointingly we lost by 1 run. It was great to see these boys playing in their first competitive match.

1st XI v Ardingly – After winning the toss Wilson's started well but after Arjun was run out we lost momentum and it was only when Ellis (64) came to crease, supported by Luke and Daniel

that Wilson's regained their composure and obtained a competitive total of 228 off 40 overs. At 64 for 4 Wilson's were in a commanding position to win the game. Solid batting from the Ardingly middle order helped them steady the ship. Wilson's continued to take wickets but when their No 8 batsman came in he changed the game and produced a match winning 56 off 22 balls.

15A v Ardingly – After winning the toss Wilson's elected to bat. On a difficult wicket Hriday batted until the 15th over displaying calmness and composure to try to hold the innings together. Zain (27) top scored and Wilson's were restricted to 85 off 20 overs. Chasing a relatively low total Ardingly were always favourites. An excellent spell from spinner Neel saw the run rate stall but it was not enough to stop Ardingly winning by 6 wickets.

14A v Ardingly – Wilson's 14As travelled to Ardingly and came away with an 8 wicket victory. Chasing 134 Wilson's won by 8 wickets. An excellent batting performance from Ansh (85 not out) and Abhi (31) saw us comfortably win.

14B v Ardingly – Ardingly won the toss and batted first. They posted a score 176 for 9 off 20 overs. Advait was pick of the bowlers with 3 wickets for 19 runs. In reply Mannan (39) and Vivek (27) a partnership of 71 off 50 balls got us close to victory but unfortunately fell 5 runs short.



Pictured above: 12A Team

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## CRICKET RESULTS

### Tuesday 27 April

#### Wilson's vs KCS Wimbledon

|     |     |               |
|-----|-----|---------------|
| 13A | won | by 33 runs    |
| 13B | won | by 10 wickets |

### Wednesday 28 April

#### Wilson's vs Whitgift

|     |      |              |
|-----|------|--------------|
| 17A | lost | by 7 wickets |
|-----|------|--------------|

#### Wilson's vs. Lingfield College

|     |     |            |
|-----|-----|------------|
| 12A | won | by 32 runs |
|-----|-----|------------|

### Thursday 29 April

#### Wilson's vs. Ibstock Place

|     |     |            |
|-----|-----|------------|
| 15A | won | by 55 runs |
|-----|-----|------------|

### Friday 30 April

#### Wilson's vs. KCS Wimbledon

|     |      |            |
|-----|------|------------|
| 12A | won  | by 11 runs |
| 12B | won  | by 69 runs |
| 12C | lost | by 1 run   |
| 12D | lost | by 40 runs |

### Saturday 1 May

#### Wilson's vs. Ardingly College

|        |      |              |
|--------|------|--------------|
| 1st XI | lost | by 2 wickets |
| 15A    | lost | by 6 wickets |
| 14A    | won  | by 8 wickets |
| 14B    | lost | by 5 runs    |



# CELEBRATING STUDENT JOURNALISM

The modern history of student journalism at Wilson's dates back to 1883, with the first editions of The Wilsonian. The earliest volumes report on school activities, including plays and sporting events, as well as essays, poetry and articles on a wide range of themes. Some of the pieces are of historical importance, including an essay on the Inner and Middle Temples by the future Sir Stafford Downing. In 1938, school inspectors reported that "The magazine, The Wilsonian...is a publication of some size...each number contains original articles in verse and prose. Most of these are of fair merit, and one or two are noteworthy for originality or technical quality".

Fast forward to 2021 and, while The Wilsonian thrives as a photographic journal of school life, student journalism now takes a very wide range of different forms. Most impressively, the entirely student-initiated and student-run Wilson's Intrigue team now produce frequent editions of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) magazine and a

Humanities magazine. Chief editors Devanandh and Divy have inspired and led a large team of writers and sub-editors, with editions emerging regularly throughout the past two years. We have also enjoyed The Politeia, with its focus on politics and current affairs in the UK and abroad. Current and past editions are all available via the school website.

Furthermore, dozens of pupils have again been involved in the Young Reporter scheme, meeting monthly deadlines to submit articles about important local issues. Participants are assigned a mentor at Newsquest and all articles are published online. Once again this year, Wilson's pupils have been singled out for praise by the scheme's coordinators and we are still particularly proud of Nicholas' (L6) achievement as one of last year's overall winners! Younger pupils can be assured that there will be plenty of opportunities for them in future, including the new Intrigue Writing Competition for Years 7-9. Watch this space!



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## Looking Ahead

- Thursday 20 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening.
- Monday 24 May - Year 11 and Year 13 Book Return Day.
- Half-Term - Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June.

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Report a Concern

Any pupil who wishes to report an instance of bullying or tell us if they are concerned about their welfare or that of another person can use the Report a Concern form, found on the Quick Links page of the school website.





# ORIGAMI CLUB

This week's origami club held a 'flick football' tournament. Flick football is a game that can be played by two people using a carefully crafted paper triangle and a goal made with one's fingers (a fingerpost). The game requires you to flick the triangle over your opponent's fingerpost. The person with the most points at the end of the first one-minute game wins, and the person with the most wins by the end of the session is crowned flick football champion and gets to take home a fantastic prize: a 3D origami model. As you can see from the pictures, it is good fun. Why not come along, have some fun and make some new friends?

The prizes are:

1st place 3D origami dragon  
(crafted by Mahendra over a period of 8 hours and 32 minutes)

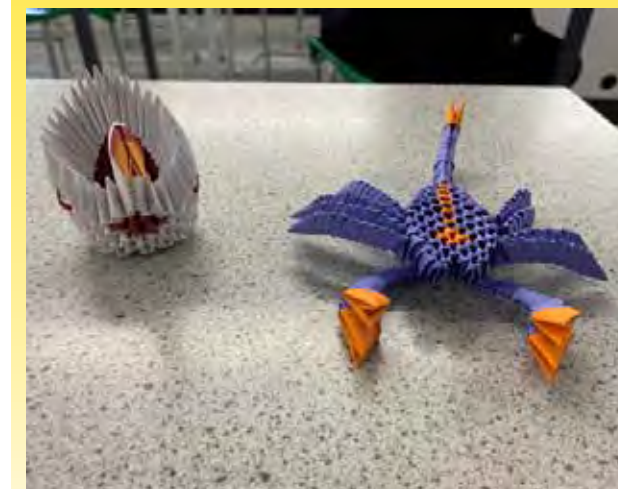
2nd place 3D origami scorpion  
(crafted by Amey over a period 4 hours 21 minutes)

3rd place origami dragon  
(crafted by Amey over a period of 30 minutes)

4th place origami penguin bookmark and a ninja star  
(crafted by Krish over a period 15 minutes)

5th place origami crane  
(crafted by Krish over a period of 10 minutes)

3D origami is a technique where you craft individual pieces that can be joined in an intricate way to create dynamic and ornate designs. The pieces that are created are simple to assemble, however the process can be time consuming as there are many pieces to collect and make. This is one of the amazing things that are done at origami club.





# SPORTS NEWS

## Football

*Player Of The Week.* Tito (Year 8) covered every blade of grass for the U13As and completed his fine performance with a goal. It was a tough Wednesday afternoon for the U17Bs who faced a football academy but Ayolunke (Year 12) never stopped giving his best winning tackles and headers. Ellis (Year 12) has continued his superb form from last season for the 1st XI with every facet of his game outstanding and Dmitri (Year 12) added to his goal tally with a fine header against Ardingly. Player of the week is Kwesi (Year 12) who was influential for the 1st XI in their two games. He captained the 1st XI for the very first time and in both games showed his fantastic technical ability.

*Team Of The Week.* The U13As narrowly went down to Winston Churchill despite showing some excellent attacking play. Team of the week are the 1st XI who have been preparing for next season with a young side. Playing up an age they acquitted themselves well showing promising signs for next season.



*Pictured above: Ellis*



*Pictured above: Dmitri in action.*

## Cricket - Team Reports

1st XI v KCS – A competitive score of 137 for 5 was a good total to chase for the 1st XI away at KCS Wimbledon. Unfortunately, a heavy downpour made it impossible to complete the match and it was abandoned by the umpires.

Unfortunately, Kingston Grammar School have made a decision not to start their cricket programme until after half term meaning that the block fixture that we have with them has been cancelled.

As a result of this a fixture with Sutton Cricket Club for the 12A team was arranged as was an intra school match between the 13C and 13D teams. Unfortunately both games had to be cancelled as once again we were thwarted by the weather.

We look forward to less rain and more cricket in the coming weeks!



## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## RESULTS

All matches played were friendlies.

## Football

**Tuesday 4 May**

**Wilson's vs Winston Churchill**  
U13A lost 4 - 5

**Wednesday 5 May**

**Wilson's vs Kinetic Football Academy**

|        |      |       |
|--------|------|-------|
| 1st XI | lost | 3 - 2 |
| U17B   | lost | 1 - 6 |

**Saturday 8 May**

**Wilson's vs Ardingly**

|        |      |       |
|--------|------|-------|
| 1st XI | drew | 1 - 1 |
|--------|------|-------|

## Cricket

**Wednesday 5 May**

**Wilson's vs KCS Wimbledon**

Match Abandoned.





# TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES!

Pupils' experience in the classroom is inextricably linked with the school's ethos and with the provision for their wellbeing and personal development. Accordingly, the development and improvement of teaching at Wilson's continues to be highly prioritised – even amid the demanding process of determining GCSE and A level grades this summer. A team of senior teachers works together to provide stimulating research and the opportunity to discuss and debate ideas in regular staff meetings.

Last Wednesday afternoon, teachers met (using an online platform) to consider the principles behind effective revision lessons. Teachers discussed how previously marked work can be revisited in order that pupils are provided with further 'actionable' feedback to enable them to work on aspects they found challenging. During an innovative segment of the training, teachers explored how research into the explaining skills of successful business leaders and entrepreneurs can be used to help teachers to present challenging concepts to pupils!

Finally, teachers considered how the youngest pupils in the school can be introduced to suitable and motivating revision techniques and study skills in each subject. The objective is to reduce pupils' anxiety about revision so that their work is more productive and cheerful. Exams are nobody's idea of fun, but they are a fact of life - and we can teach pupils that the opportunity to prove a range of knowledge and skills in synoptic assessments can be gratifying.

Our research assistant, Dr Cook (who is also an experienced Biology teacher at the school), has continued to produce an online newsletter for teachers, promoting research-engaged teaching at Wilson's and drawing teachers' attention to CPD opportunities beyond the school, as well as wider reading. Evaluating the impact of professional development and pedagogical approaches is core to our approach and all teachers are given an insight into high quality classroom research methodology. We are always delighted to answer any questions about our approach to CPD.



[Photographs taken prior to social distancing requirements.]

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## Looking Ahead

- Monday 24 May - Year 11 and Year 13 Book Return Day.
- Monday 24 - Friday 28 May - Year 12 mock exams
- Half-Term - Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June.
- Monday 7 June - late start for pupils 10.50 a.m.
- Monday 7 - Friday 11 June - Year 12 mock exams

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### E-safety Evening

Our annual e-safety evening will take place next half term. This will be an interactive online session, exploring some of the current risks and trends with direct reference to the experiences of young people within and beyond the school. Look out for details from your son's Head of Year.







# GARDENING CLUB

Gardening Club is a new addition to our co-curricular timetable and the club has now met for two weeks. In the first session students met in a Science lab to learn about potting and sowing seeds. Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Higgs explained the process by which the plants take root, and the students carefully re-potted some sweet peas, studying their roots carefully. The following week the club met outdoors in order to prepare the ground and plant some seeds outside the sixth form centre. This included improving the soil using some bags of compost and measuring out the distances between the seeds to ensure the plants grow well and have enough space. By choosing plants that grow quickly, such as radishes and sunflowers, we hope that the students will get to see the fruits of their labours before the Summer Holiday. Some students are regular gardeners at home or with family, but some are trying it for the first time. Kaivy in Year 8 said “it is a great chance to interact with other people, and shows that Wilson’s is a community where we care about the environment. It has given me a new budding interest, which I haven’t had the chance to explore before.” Gardening gained more popularity over the last year, with people spending more time at home and looking for new ways hobbies. It is also known to be fantastic for stress relief, improving mood and giving people a self of purpose and achievement. Later in the term Gardening Club will join up with Wildlife Club in making a new Wildlife garden at school and plans for this are already underway. We can’t wait to show you our gardening progress over the coming months.





# FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week: Dmitri (Yr 12) continued to score goals for fun with another three this week for the 1st XI, the pick of the goals was a first time volley versus Carshalton. Tom H (Year 12) was outstanding for the 1st XI against Whitgift with an all-round performance. Tom will captain the 1st XI next year and next season will break the 1st XI appearance record. Adhrit (Year 8) was the hero for the U13As saving two penalties in their exciting shoot out win over Winston Churchill. Player of the week is in form Asa (Year 9) who showed his customary composure to score two goals again for the U14As.

Team Of The Week: It was an excellent week for the U13As, U14As and 1st XI. The U13As beat Winston Churchill who the previous week they lost to. Jonathan (Year 8) with the two goals to send the game to penalties which they won 3-2. The 1st XI was outstanding in both their wins against Carshalton and Whitgift. They started fast against Carshalton racing into a three-goal lead and then on Saturday they put together a fantastic performance to beat an exceptionally good Whitgift side 4-0. Team of the week are the U14As who continued their fine form with a hard fought 2-0 win over Harris.



*Pictured above: U14A Team of the Week*

Wilson's 1st XI 4 VS 0 Whitgift - Match Report: Tom H (Year 12)

With an early kick off and cricket-cancelling weather, there were worries that the boys would be slow out of the blocks. Far from it. The opposition came under instant pressure from a young Wilson's side with the same energy and desire as 11 Tobi's (Year 12) charging down a loose ball. Tobi set the tone in the middle of the park, picking up more second balls in five minutes than he has done in six years playing for Wilson's. With the ten others following suit it was only a matter of time until a breakthrough was made heading up the slope. It came from Dmitri (Year 12), whose singular clean strike per game seemed to come earlier than usual. A floating ball from Jasper (Year 12) was cushioned into the path of Dmitri. One touch and a strike across goal left the goal net bulging. 1-0.



*Pictured above: Tom*

Whitgift proved keen to bite back with a flurry of attempts failing to get the better of Ellis (Year 12), who finally joined the team after a series of cricketing priorities in the preceding weeks. The rest of the half was constant pressure from Wilson's. A barrage of shot's, crosses and chances came from the team in yellow. Josiah (Year 11) was particularly unlucky with his shot goal bound for the top corner before the Whitgift keeper produced a world class save.

With the back four seemingly ridden of their dangling leg syndrome (three penalties conceded in the previous three weeks), the lads came out after half time in the mood for goals. Captain Tom (Year 12) opened the floodgates with a 30-yard glove-stinger, the movement on the ball proving too much for the opposition shot-stopper. 2-0. The front four's fun had begun. Dmitri was next to the party, with a near post effort finding its way under the keepers scrambling hands. 3-0.

The yellow army were well into their flow now, with the rare threat on their own goal being swiftly dealt with by a rock-solid Joel (Year 12) performance. The pick of the goals came in the closing minutes, with a liquid counterattack concluded by a beautifully weighted Tom pass and equally eloquent Kwesi (Year 12) finish. It was nice to see these two talents combining after an unfortunate delegation of penalty duties. The final moments of the game were closed off maturely by the tireless work of midfielder George (Year 12), with full backs Jacob (Year 12) and Clint (Year 12) proving impermeable as ever. Special mention to youngsters Freddie (Year 10) and Yousif (Year 10) who continued to prove their commitment and talent despite also having a game in the afternoon.

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## RESULTS

**All matches played were friendlies.**

**Tuesday 11 May**  
**Wilson's vs Winston Churchill**  
U13A won 3 - 2 on penalties (2 - 2 AET)

**Wednesday 12 May**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton**  
1st XI won 3 - 0

**Thursday 13 May**  
**Wilson's vs Harris**  
U14A won 2 - 0

**Friday 14 May**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton**  
U12A lost 0 - 8

**Saturday 15 May**  
**Wilson's vs Whitgift**  
1st XI won 4 - 0  
U17B drew 3 - 3  
U15A lost 1 - 5  
U15B lost 1 - 3



# WILSON'S CHESS

Wilson's continues to participate in team chess competitions online. Twenty six pupils played in the inter-school Mammoth battle on Friday 14 May and Wilson's finished second out of 37 schools. We finished behind Reading School, but ahead of KCS Wimbledon, St Paul's, Judd and Eltham College amongst others. Our leading scorers were:

- David Y, 12B
- Denis D, 7H
- Ronik P, 7H
- Shivam A, 8H
- Shlok V, 7B

The next event of this type will be on Friday 28 May, from 6 to 7pm.

Chess clubs are now meeting regularly in school, with Year 7 and Year 8 on Tuesday lunchtime and Year 9 and Year 10 on Thursday lunchtime. In addition, after school on Tuesdays we have rated chess for ECF members.



*Pictured from top left  
Wilson's leading scorers:*

*David, Denis, Ronik,  
Shivam and Shlok*

# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

**U13A v Royal Russell** – In our County Cup match with Royal Russell our U13As put in a strong performance. On winning the toss Wilson's elected to field which proved a good decision as we restricted Royal Russell to 89 for 8 off 20 overs. Vaibhav V was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets for 10 runs. Wilson's started their innings aggressively with hard hitting and quick running between the wickets. Wilson's reach the target off 11.2 overs with Adhrit S scoring 30 off 22 balls.

**U12A & U12B v Sevenoaks** – the boys came up against a tough opposition away at Sevenoaks with the U12As playing against Sevenoaks U13As. Although we put in a good performance by scoring 140 for 6, Sevenoaks cruised to victory by 4 wickets and 3 overs to spare. Unfortunately, in our other match our U12Bs lost by 10 wickets to a talented B team opposition.



*Pictured above: U12A Team*



*Pictured above: U13A Team*

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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# RESULTS

**Monday 10 May**

**Wilson's vs Royal Russell**  
U13A won by 8 wickets

**Friday 14 May**

**Wilson's vs Sevenoaks**  
U12A lost by 4 wickets  
U12B lost by 10 wickets

All Saturday matches against Lingfield College and Ewell Castle were cancelled due to the weather.



*Pictured above: U12B Team*







# School Captain and Prefect Team Announcement

We are delighted to announce Ronnie (pictured) as the new School Captain for 2021-21. During his time at the school Ronnie has been involved in a wide range of activities, with CCF, Duke of Edinburgh, working as part of the school's outreach programme and fundraising (through his cycling to Paris) just a few of the things he has been involved with. He has an excellent record and has embodied the school's motto 'non sibi sed omnibus' throughout his time at the school. His record of service to the school was a significant factor in his selection, as was his humility and good-humour.

The selection process for School Captain is a rigorous one. Letters of application are carefully assessed alongside a range of other factors, culminating in an interview with the Head and Director of Sixth Form. Our congratulations go to Ronnie and to his team of five Deputy School Captains (also pictured), six House Captains, sixteen Senior Prefects and fifty-one Duty Prefects who will together make a formidable Prefect Team. They will receive their ties of office in a formal school assembly as soon as possible.



While we welcome the new team, we must also say our thanks and a fond farewell to Alec and his team who have been a model of excellence over the course of the past year, even though many of their opportunities for public recognition have been denied by circumstance. They have been true role models to the student body and have performed their duties efficiently and with kindness, thanks in no small part to the hard work and strong leadership of the outgoing School Captain.



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## Looking Ahead

- Half-Term - Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June.
- Monday 7 June - late start for pupils 10.50 a.m.
- Monday 7 - Friday 11 June - Year 12 mock exams
- Tuesday 15 June - Junior Maths Kangaroo and Olympiad

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Pupil safety

The PSHE curriculum emphasises the importance of personal safety and care for others in school, out and about, at home and online. This week, we held a special series of talks for each year group, discussing a range of threats and safety measures from "money mules" and online addictions to indicators of domestic abuse. Parents are urged to listen to their sons' reflections on these talks.





## Summer Sounds

Our musicians here at Wilson's have demonstrated impressive resilience this year as they have grappled with new-fangled methods of rehearsal and very different styles of performance. Every time, they rose to the challenge, producing incredible concerts and recitals--and we now have a robust cohort of Year 7 instrumentalists awaiting their Trinity examinations on instruments they first picked up just nine months ago!

Looking ahead to the second half of the summer term, we are very happy to report that we will be casting aside live-streaming and digital recording equipment in favour of live audiences, enthusiastic applause, and interval refreshments!

*Here are some dates for your diaries:*

### **Thursday 24th June**

Senior Vocal Concert

Featuring members of the Sixth Form Barbershop

### **Thursday 1st July**

#### **Summer Concert**

Featuring a reunited Chamber Orchestra, Middle-School Wind Band, Guitar Ensemble, Junior Strings, the Year 7 Wind Band—and much more!

### **Tuesday 6th July**

#### **House Music Live Final**

Join the winners of our first-round categories (voice, piano, strings, wind, brass, percussion, guitar) as they compete to become Wilson's Young Musician of the Year!

Numbers will be limited at these events so keep an eye out for information after the holiday on how to reserve your spot!

In other news, Mr Berxwedan Koçkaya has just joined our team of peripatetic instrumental staff as a classical and acoustic guitar teacher. If you are interested in taking guitar lessons, please see Ms Burton in the Music Office.

You can find out more about this year's House Music competition, keep up-to-date with departmental events including the co-curricular timetable, and download a form to register interest in lessons with our peripatetic instrumental teachers on our departmental website. Check it out! <https://wilsonsmusic.wixsite.com/index>

## Medical Society

Medical Society has continued to meet weekly throughout the spring and summer term, switching to meetings via Zoom during the period of remote learning.

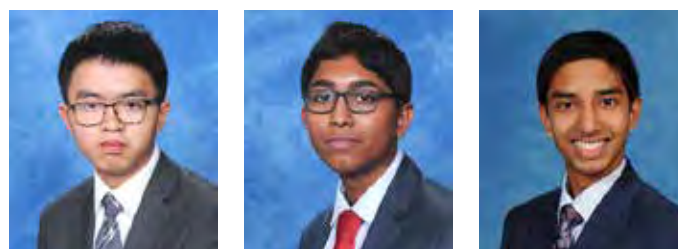
We have seen record numbers this academic year with in excess of 30 students regularly attending, making for some lively debates and thorough questioning of our student speakers. Presentation topics have included past and current uses of leeches in medicine, neuroplasticity and how a vaccine centre operates. Students have also taken part in a group problem solving activity devising a government strategy for allocation of funds in response to a new COVID variant!

In a year in which applications for medicine have increased by 21%, our Y13 students have worked incredibly hard preparing for interview and congratulations to the 15 students who have been duly rewarded in securing at least one university offer, with many of them having a choice of which medical or dental school they wish to select as their first choice.

Most recently Y13 students took the opportunity to pass on their advice and tips gained from first-hand experience to Y12 students on a range of topics including interviews, personal statements, aptitude tests and writing projects. A special thanks to Ken who produced a highly detailed and informative guide on applying to Oxbridge for medicine.

It has long been an ambition for Medical Society to become a genuinely student-led society and our outgoing Chair, Devanandh, has made an exceptional contribution in helping us achieve this over the last academic year. As a regular speaker, contributor to discussion and judge of debates, the society has benefitted from his excellent organisational skills in enhancing student communication and devising the content of meetings. True to his altruistic nature, in his last presentation Devanandh shared his reflections on how best to maintain a positive mindset, balanced perspective and good mental health in the face of competing pressures and the demands of Y13. Finishing with a motivational and engaging talk was a both a fitting end to his tenure and a great way in which to welcome to the new leadership team.

Congratulations to Nabeel who has been appointed Chair of Medical Society for 2021-22, supported by Aditya as Vice Chair, both of whom have shown themselves to be very competent in running recent meetings. Andrei and Calum have also been appointed to the new roles of Outreach Lead and Work Experience Coordinator respectively. We look forward to another year of busy activity and one in which we can (hopefully) genuinely get back to normal!



*Pictured above: Ken, Devanandh, Nabeel*

## POETRY WRITING

This week we had a gathering of interested writers in room 17 to gather ideas for this year's Wilson's Writers anthology.

Abbas in Y12 has put together two poetry challenges for students, and you can enter even if you didn't come to our meeting.

You can write either an activist poem about climate change, or a "remix" poem which places historical or fictional characters in unexpected modern contexts. We discussed Macbeth at the corner shop! There is lots of inspiration for these challenges on the Young Poets' Network. Try <https://ypn.poetrysociety.org.uk/workshop/august-challenge-1-re-mixing-history-fiction-and-the-unexpected/> for inspiration for the "remix" challenge and <https://ypn.poetrysociety.org.uk/workshop/the-climate-crisis-and-you-a-new-poetry-challenge/> for the climate change challenge.

You can write poems in response to both challenges, too. All writing will be published in an anthology and Abbas and Mrs Fletcher will pick winners and runners up from the different key stages.

Email your entries by Friday 11 June to [krf@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:krf@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk).

If any students would like to create an artwork for the cover of the anthology, please let Mrs Fletcher know! We would love to publish some original drawings, too.







## Wilson's U15A 6 VS 0 Harris CP

A young man with dark skin and short black hair stands in the center of a large, green grassy field. He is wearing a black tracksuit with white stripes on the sleeves and a crest on the left chest, black track pants, and red and white sneakers. His hands are on his hips. In the background, there is a large, multi-story brick building with many windows and a dark roof. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

A young man with curly brown hair is standing on a green football pitch. He is wearing a black football kit with white stripes on the sleeves and a crest on the chest. A red football is on the grass in front of him. In the background, there is a large, multi-story brick building with many windows, likely a school or sports center. The sky is overcast.





## Athletics News

On Saturday, the Junior Boys Athletics Team finally got their chance to don the gold vest and represent the school at a triangular match against Epsom College and RGS Guildford. Having been postponed the previous two Saturdays due to poor weather, at last the rain stopped and the sun shone (slightly) on what proved to be a fantastic morning of track & field.

Arriving at Epsom College, the boys were somewhat in awe of the facilities but never daunted by the prospect of their opposition. This was proven in the first event of the day, the 200m, where Nana A-A (7G) blasted round the bend and powerfully strode down the straight, looking like he'd been running the event for years.! First across the line and a personal best to boot; what a start.!

In the field, Alex R (7G) showed all the promise and potential unearthed in PE lessons, launching the shot putt well over 8metres and taking the win. This was backed up by Hong-Zhou (7S), throwing just short of the winning mark and earning a well-deserved silver.

In Year 8, there was stiff opposition in the sprints, with even lightning-fast Ethan (8G) having a challenge keeping up with the pace over the 100m & 300m distances. He did show his all-round talent however, coming 2nd in his Shot Put event and impressing over the first leg of the relay, so much so that it was commented on by event organiser, GB athlete and Wilson's alumni, Jacob Paul.

Over on the Long Jump, Zeph W-J (8C) produced a series of jumps over 4metres and a well-earned win. At the opposite end of the arena, Henry L (8B) was showing his prowess in the Javelin. The fast and powerful arm honed over many months of Mr Molyneux's badminton sessions was proving a transferable asset, as he propelled the javelin way beyond 20metres and into first place.

The final event of the day was the 4x100m Relay. Having practiced in PE lessons during the week, along with a ten-minute refresher in the warm-up area, what was to follow was like the 2004 Olympic Final in Athens all over again...!! The Year 7 Team of Matthew F (7H), Nana A-A (7G), Theo N (7H) and Nana O (7B) set the track alight with slick changeovers and speed across the ground. Another win to end the day in style...!!

At the time of writing, the Junior Boys squad is preparing for a home meet against local rivals Sutton Grammar and Wallington Boys. With a competition already under their belts, I can only see their season getting better and better.!

## CRICKET NEWS

### Team Reports

U14A v Trinity – Trinity won the toss and elected to bat in the Anderson County Cup Match at Trinity School.

A disciplined bowling performance from all the Wilson's bowlers restricted Trinity to 115 for 3 off their 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Ashutosh Chauhan (4 overs, 1 wicket for 16 runs). Wilson's reply started positively with Ansh Bansal (32) and Abhi Kapoor (18) but it was left to the hard-hitting batsman Shravan Ganesh (31 from 18 balls) and Aditya Tiwari (26 from 19 balls) to finish the match with four overs to spare.

In the next round we will play either Dunottar or Caterham School.

A disappointing week for all our cricket teams as all matches apart from the U14As on Thursday were cancelled due to the weather.

We look forward to next week where our U15As play Whitgift in the ESCA National T20 competition and our U12As play Trinity in the Jubilee Trophy.



Year 7 and Year 8 Relay Athletics team



Year 7 and Year 8 Athletics Teams

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## RESULTS

**Thursday 20th May**  
**Wilson's vs Trinity**

U14A won by 7 wickets



*Pictured above: U15A Team*





# INGENIOUS VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Many pupils at Wilson's have enjoyed very fulfilling experiences of volunteering, including as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Regular volunteering is widely believed to boost wellbeing by promoting physical activity, social interactions, as well as experiencing the great value of making a contribution to the community. Unfortunately, the pandemic has limited the opportunities available for young people to volunteer and made completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award particularly challenging. We have been particularly impressed by the creativity shown by some of our students in finding their Volunteering, Physical and Skills opportunities. One great example is Ali in 9D (pictured right), who has taken part in transcription for the Smithsonian Institution (based in America), which is one of the world's largest museums, founded in 1846 "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge". Ali's work has included looking at challenging



documents from the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, often referred to as the Freedmen's Bureau. This was established in 1865 to provide practical aid to 4,000,000 newly freed African Americans their transition from plantation slavery to freedom. Ali's transcriptions shed light on the issues of poverty and lack of education and resources initially experienced by these people, and has a direct link to his studies on the History GCSE unit Year 9 started this term, The Development of the USA 1929-2000. We are so impressed at his ingenuity in finding this incredibly interesting opportunity, and his work in supporting a world-class educational institution. Well done Ali and well done to all pupils who have continued to volunteer their time for the benefit of others.

If you have been motivated by this story to finish your own DofE Volunteering, but are not sure how, then do go and talk to Mr Elwood who will be more than happy to help.



Pictured above: Students participating in DofE activities.

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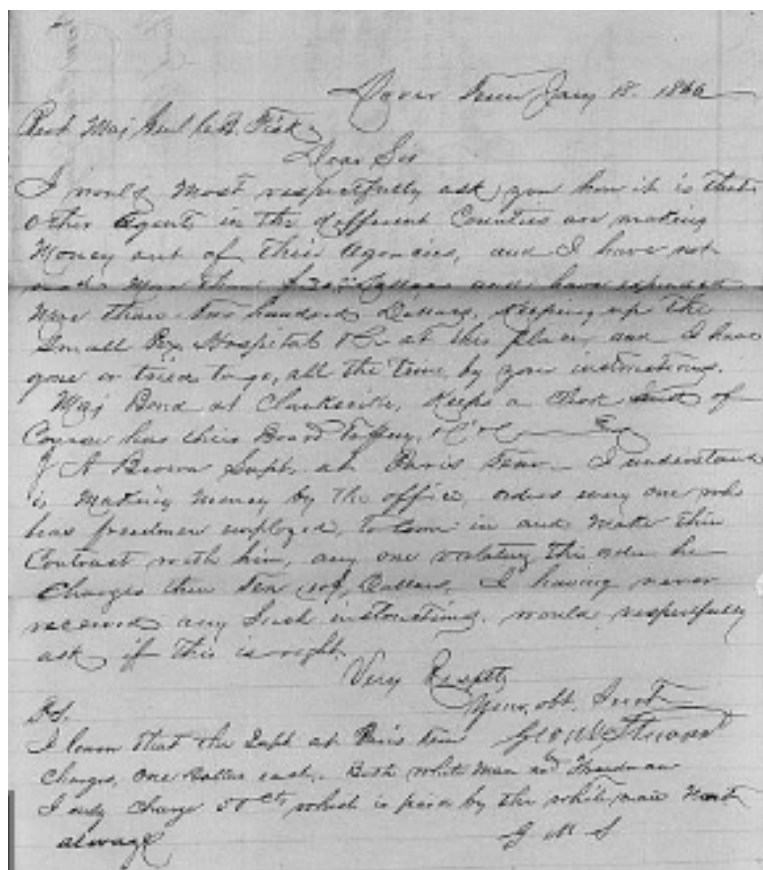
## Looking Ahead

- Tuesday 15 June - Junior Maths Kangaroo and Olympiad
- Wednesday 16 June - E-safety evening (6pm)
- 21 - 25 June - Year 8 and Year 10 internal exams.
- 21 - 23 June and 28 - 30 June Pre-booked visits for prospective parents.
- Thursday 24 June - Senior vocal concert (7pm)
- Friday 25 June - CCF Competition at Frimley Park

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Year 10 duties - well done!

The Year 10 pupils who have helped out with duties this term (while Year 12 students have exams and continue to work on their Templeton Scholarship Project) have done brilliantly and been a great credit to their year group. Very well done!



To view more transcription opportunities, please use the following link to the Smithsonian Institution: <https://transcription.si.edu/>



## BIRDING

Arjun (Y13) presented on the BBC's Springwatch on 28 May, delivering a section on how sound informs his love of birdwatching. Beyond being a keen birder, Arjun is a high-profile name in local environmentalism and conservation and he regularly interacts with a number of local, and national, charities in his work. His passion for his pursuits has always been a source of inspiration to those who encounter him in the school and has motivated many students and staff to follow his lead. Given his comprehensive birder knowledge, his kind personality and his comfort with the camera, we wouldn't be surprised at all if Arjun is a future presenter of Springwatch!

Arjun's section can be found just after 37 minutes into the episode:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000wgzw/springwatch-2021-episode-4>

His blog can be found at

<http://wildthingsandwings.blogspot.com/p/about-me.html>



## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

All our year 7 and 8 pupils sat the Junior Maths Challenge (JMC) at the end of April. Their results were fantastic with 156 gold awards, 125 silver and 72 bronze. Top scorer was Shreyas (8S) with only one question wrong whilst the second highest score was by Houting (7C).



*Pictured above: Shreyas and Houting.*

All those who gained a gold award have qualified for a follow-on round. The fifteen Wilson's pupils who scored 98 or more in the JMC have qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad, to be sat in school next Tuesday 15 June from 1.30 to 3.30pm. This is a more challenging paper where full written solutions are required for some problems. The remaining 141 are invited to take part in the 'Junior Maths Kangaroo', which has multiple choice questions like the JMC. This will be done online and at home next Tuesday.

## CHESS NEWS

Twenty one Wilson's players took part in the Southern Counties Chess Union "Junior Jamboree" on Saturday 5 June 2021.

Henry (10D) and David (12B) both played for the Surrey U18 team, on boards 3 and 6 respectively. They helped Surrey to achieve third place in the Event by scoring 2.5/5 and 3.5/5 respectively. The Wilson's team in this event also did well scoring 10.5/20 with their top scorer being Laxmi (7D) with 3.5/5. Wilson's entered a team of six players in the U14 Open event and came fifth overall (and the leading school team) with a total score of 17.5/30. Shivam (8H) won a prize for being the top board 2 with 4/5 whilst Idhant (8G) scored 3.5 on board 3.

In the U14 minor Wilson's had two teams, with the Year 8/9 team coming fourth on 18/25 with Sanjiv (8C), Sivan and Advik (8D) scoring 4/5 on boards 1, 2 and 4 respectively. The Year 7 team also did well on 15/25 with Shourya (7D) scoring 4/5 on board 1 and Shubhransh (7D) 3.5/5 on board 4. Sanjiv, Sivan and Shourya all won a trophy for their results.

## PFA - NEW BOOK CAFE

Wilson's PFA has started a new Book Café! Our books (listed on the page below) need a home! Can you help us re-house them? There are a wide variety of books to suit everyone.

Info at - <https://wilsonspfa.org/fundraising/book-cafe>

Donation at - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/book-cafe>

Available books will be offered on a 'first-come-first-served' basis. All money raised will be donated to Wilson's School.







# TENNIS NEWS

Wilson's U13 and U15 tennis squads have been very successful so far during the summer term. The U13 squad remain unbeaten after five matches, which include convincing victories over Trinity, Ewell Castle and Whitgift. Mark, Dennis, Rajadithan and Vivaan have all played in every match and have produced consistent performances in both singles and doubles matches. Sean, Jack and Shyamak have all chipped in with vital wins when called upon.

The U15 squad of Ekow, Satvik, Bruno, Ben, Yohan and Ashutosh have had similar success on court, winning 4/5 of their matches. They enjoyed some late drama in their most recent fixture against Trinity School. The match was tied at 3-3 after seeds 1,2 and 4 had finished playing. The overall result was to be decided by the outcome of Ben and Bruno's doubles match. Our chances were slim as the boys were match point down at 4-2 in the tiebreak. However, Ben and Bruno showed good resilience and some excellent tennis to come from behind and win the tie break 4-6, meaning we took victory in the match and therefore won the overall fixture!

Well done to all boys who have represented Wilson's this term.

*Pictured below: Yohann (Year 9) Dennis, (Year 8), Ben, (Year 9), Satvik (Year 10), Ekow (Year 10) and Bruno (Year 9)*



*Pictured above : Dennis (Year 8) and Mark (Year 7)*

*Pictured below: Rajadithan and Vivaan (both Year 8)*



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*Pictured above: Jack and Sean (both Year 7)*  
*Pictured below: Shyamak and Sean (both Year 7)*





# CRICKET NEWS

## TEAM REPORTS

U15A v Whitgift – Wilson's U15A came up against a very strong Whitgift U15A team in Round 2 of the ESCA T20 Cup. Whitgift batted first and in the first six overs of the powerplay they scored 65 runs. This set them up for a large total where they finished on 204 for 4 off 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers were Nithushan (2 wkts for 18 runs) and Ahrujan (4 overs for 21 runs). Both bowled a controlled and disciplined spell when the Whitgift batsmen were looking to increase their run rate. Our fielding was not at its best and the Whitgift batsmen punished our bowlers after having several catches dropped.

204 was always going to be difficult to chase down. The Whitgift opening bowlers by comparison only went for 25 runs off their first six overs. A combination of good bowling and excellent fielding kept Wilson's behind the run rate required. Ahrujan (67 from 67 balls) showed real class with the bat but it was not enough to trouble the very talented Whitgift team.

U14A v Glyn – On winning the toss Wilson's elected to bat on what seemed to be a very slow and low wicket due to the amount of rain earlier in the week. The Wilson's batters found the conditions difficult with the ball keeping low and not able to strike the ball with any consistency. Ashutosh (25) and Aarush (20) put on a valuable partnership with some excellent running between the wickets to get us to a total of 115 for 7 off 20 overs.

Glyn's reply started slowly due to some controlled bowling from Shravan Ganesh (1 for 4 off 3 overs). It was the leg spin from Ansh that changed the game by taking 3 wickets for 12 runs in his 3 over spell that kept Glyn to 96 off their 20 overs. This gave Wilson's the win by 16 runs.

U12A v Trinity – Wilson's U12A came up against a strong Trinity U12 team in their Jubilee Trophy Cup match. Trinity batted first and scored 155 off their allotted 20 overs. Wilson's reply never really troubled the Trinity total. A lack of match experience in chasing a large total showed and were bowled out by 99.

U12B v Trinity – Trinity scored 137 for 9 off their allotted 20 overs. Wilson's reply fell short by 49 runs and were bowled out for 88. Only Saisarya showed any resistance with a top score of 17.

Congratulations to Ahrujan for being selected to play in the Hobbs Trophy at the Oval Cricket Ground on Thursday 10 June.

The Hobbs Trophy named after Surrey and England legend, Sir Jack Hobbs, is an annual contest held at the Kia Oval. The Trophy is contested by the U15 Surrey Schools Cricket Association (SSCA) and the London Schools Cricket Association (LSCA).

We wish Ahrujan all the best for what will be a memorable experience.



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## RESULTS

**Wednesday 26 May**

**Wilson's vs Whitgift**

U15A lost by 92 runs

**Thursday 27 May**

**Wilson's vs Glyn**

U14A won by 19 runs

**Friday 28 May**

**Wilson's vs Trinity**

U12A lost by 51 runs

U12B lost by 49 runs



# CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF ECLIPSE

On Thursday of last week, the UK was treated to a partial solar eclipse, where the moon moves in front of part of the sun taking a noticeable chunk out of its circular form. The timing of the eclipse couldn't have been much better, reaching its peak (20% coverage of the sun) during morning break. The weather, however, was less accommodating. Despite the preceding days being gloriously sunny with clear skies, the morning of last Thursday was cloudy. Not to be deterred by this, the science department was out in force, handing out pinholes for students to try to project an outline of the sun on to the ground, whilst reinforcing the important safety information not to look directly at the sun! There were occasional breaks in the cloud but getting an image with the pinholes proved challenging. There was, however, some success using our homemade portable pinhole projector box (see picture below) which was able to get a successful projection of the sun that was seen by a small group of students that had persevered with trying to get an observation during the episodes of thick cloud.



The thick cloud wasn't all bad news however. Although it was still dangerous to look directly at the sun even when in thick cloud, it was possible to take a picture of the eclipse using the camera on a phone without the need for a filter, producing the shot as seen below.

Mr Luck used a more conventional approach using his DSLR camera with a solar filter over the lens, along with his patience, to produce the impressive image seen below when a break in the clouds finally came.

If you missed the partial eclipse or want to witness it again, then the next partial eclipse in the UK will be on 25 October 2022 and 29 March 2025 after that. If you are wondering when the next total eclipse in the UK will be, unfortunately you are going to have to wait until 23 September 2090!



*Above left: Mr Luck's image taken using a solar filter   Above right: Mr Carew-Robinson's image taken with the camera on a phone  
Below left: A mystery student tries out our homemade portable pinhole projector   Below right: Projection of the Sun in the portable pinhole projector*



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## Looking Ahead

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- Thursday 24 June - Senior vocal concert (7pm)
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## Deputy Head's Reminder

### E-safety resources

Thank you to those parents who attended Wednesday's E-safety Evening. A range of resources is available from the Google Forms link that was sent to parents and these will continue to be available for those who were unable to attend the evening.





# YEAR 8 COMPETITION MUSICAL AMBITIONS

## Y8 Maths & Creative Writing Competition

In the first half of the Summer term Year 8 students were given the opportunity to take part in the Maths department's creative writing competition, which gives students the opportunity to blend their mathematical and literary skills.

Congratulations to the following prize-winners:

First – Sam P (8C)  
Second – Vivaan V (8B)  
Third – Lewis D (8G)

In addition, two additional entries were awarded a special prize for creativity:

Irvin R (8G) and Sachit B (8C)

The following pupils are also congratulated on their highly commended entries:

Hasal H (8S)  
Pratyush J (8D)  
Idhant L (8G)  
Aarush R (8G)  
Dilakshan S (8S)  
Dev S (8S)  
Kiran S (8B)  
Abilash S (8B)  
Oscar W (8D)

With the return of year assemblies in the McAlister room, the whole year group was given the chance to hear the best entries read out by their authors, as well as an inspiring introduction and commentary by Dr Cooper. Below are extracts from the assembly. Further extracts can be found on the school website.

Dr Cooper - I enjoyed reading all your entries which were very creative and interesting – from someone having to solve four simultaneous equations to help a plane land to a poem about lemon pi. But the five prizewinners all had something a bit special about them.

Irvin's 'The Math Rick Roll' reminded me of the James Blunt song about 'My Triangle', using a popular song tune to describe some maths. Lewis wrote a very positive poem about maths. I loved the way it starts: "This is going to be fun", and the whole poem is indeed fun!

Sachit took the idea of a football match commentary but full of mathematical words. He might not know it but at Cambridge University the undergraduate maths society is actually called "The Pythagoreans", so I thought of them when reading his entry."

We are very proud of our peripatetic music team here at Wilson's and encourage all students to take instrumental or vocal lessons. Musical pursuits develop all sorts of invaluable skills, including perseverance, resilience, self-expression, time management, and teamwork. Our peripatetic teachers are now looking ahead to September and have spaces available to take on new students. Year 7 students, who have enjoyed the music programme this past year, may be continue with their instrumental or vocal lessons, and others throughout the school might be looking for a new hobby.

If you're interested in lessons, you can download a form to be completed on the website below. The form should then be returned to the music department in order for it to be processed and lessons to be scheduled for September.

## New Guitar teacher

Please note: we have a new guitar teacher, Mr Berxwedan Kockaya, who is especially experienced with beginners.

We hope that this is an opportunity many of you wish to take up and look forward to receiving your forms!



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## WILSON'S CHESS FESTIVAL

Forty Wilson's students received an invitation to take part in the Chess Festival on Saturday 12 June. As part of the Covid precautions taken at this event the four sections split by year group rather than chess rating.

The year 7 group was the largest with 14 participants. After a close battle there were 3 joint winners, Denis (7H), Shlok (7B) and Anuj (7D) on 4/5. The trophy winner was Denis based on the computer tie-break.

The year 8 group was won by Shivam (8H) with a perfect 5/5 with Limo (8C) second and Vedant (8G) third.

There was a single group for Key Stage 4 which was also close, with Rahul (9G) on 4.5/5 just beating Ian (11C) who was also undefeated on 4/5.

The Sixth Form section had the largest upset as a new player Sahil (12H) won with 5/5 beating more experienced players Varun (12D) second on 3.5/5, Adam (12C) and Aurideep (13H). It just goes to show you are never too late to take up chess!





## GOLFING FOR PLEASURE

Hello my name is Lewis and I play golf. I have a handicap of 9 and I play for Surrey in the under 14 age group. Golf is when you have a 'club' and a 'ball'. The aim of the game is to hit the ball around a golf course (the venue where golf is played) and then get it into a small hole on the green. In one round, there are 18 holes and the course is around 4 miles long. I like how the sport involves nature itself which is incorporated into the sport unlike most sports the sense of calmness. I started golf when I was 4 and I immediately loved it. I used to play at Cuddington Golf Club in Banstead but then after several years, I moved to Walton Heath Golf Club in Tadworth. I have played many golf tournaments and have played in tournaments in America, Portugal, and Scotland. I have also played in tournaments across England like in Sussex and Kent. Some people think that golf is quite boring but I think that it is a way to get involved in nature and it is a sport that is calm and peaceful. However, it can be challenging especially when you play at a county level but I think that even at my level golf can still be a fun sport that you can play with your friends. In the future, I hope to play for England and play golfing tournaments all around the world. I wish to go to America where I can develop my golf further as there are many big events there and then hopefully, I hope to go on to the pro tour which involves some of the best in the world and then win some tournaments. I would recommend that even though you are maybe not the best, you can perhaps give golf a try.



*Pictured above: U13 and U15 English Schools Athletics Teams*

*Pictured left: Lewis D*

*Pictured right: Lewis D with his trophy*

## ATHLETICS SUCCESS

On Tuesday, the U13 and U15 Athletics Teams travelled to Guildford to compete in the English Schools Track and Field Cup. This is the largest athletics meet of the season, a prestigious competition with schools from all over London and the south east taking part.

The U13s had shown great potential in an earlier competition, whilst also turning out excellent performances in lessons and during training. There were several standout performances, with Limo Z sprinting a superb 12.6s over 100m and Jonathan O 26.3 over 200m. The (friendly) rivalry between Zeph W-J and Ethan L continued in the 300m, with Zeph winning the race (42.0s) and Ethan following a close third (43.1). It was over the gruelling 1500m that all eyes really were glued to the track. Alex L set out on a one-man solo mission, to post a time and score the highest points total possible. To say he succeeded would be an understatement. Leading from 'gun to tape', Alex finished in 4m24.0s, earning an amazing 32 points for the team. In the field, the throwers and jumpers were backing up the performances on the track. Henry L continued his winning form, throwing the Javelin out to an impressive 28.25m. Jonathan O showed he could throw as well as run, hurling the shot putt out to an excellent 10.27m. After all the points for each event were amassed, Wilson's finished with a fantastic 391pts, topping the leader board and seeing WCGS (342pts) and Trinity School (340pts) finish a distant 2nd and 3rd.

The U15s also performed admirably. Up against some tough opposition, they set the example in terms of application, effort and professionalism for their younger peers. Highlights of the day were Luka J's High Jump, an amazing leap of 1.71m. He followed this with 39.7s over 300m, meaning His individual points total was 43pts, outstanding. Freddie S and Ivor A ran very good 800m and 1500m respectively, plus Ben B showed he'd lost none of his hurdling prowess, clearing the 80m barriers in 12.7s. Chris O, like his younger brother, threw the shot a fantastic distance (12.24m) and Atel R continued to prove a specialist in the Discus, swinging a throw out to 28.52m. When the overall points were collated, Wilson's finished in a very respectable 3rd place.

Whilst finishing first and third overall was very satisfying, what was most pleasing was the way in which all pupils approached the day with such positivity. In hot conditions and with some athletes competing in their less favoured events, it really was great to see the Wilsonian spirit and resilience come to the fore. An excellent day and well done to all the pupils





# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

**U15A v Carshalton Boys** – On winning the toss Wilson's elected to bat. Powerful batting from Han Joon (24 from 29 balls), Ahrujan (33 from 26 balls) and Zain (48 from 34 balls) helped us reach a total of 164 off 24 overs. Excellent bowling kept Carshalton behind the run rate and finished on 64 off their allotted 20 overs. Bowling highlights came from Nithushan (4 overs, 2 wickets for 3 runs) and Neel (3 overs, 2 wickets for 8 runs).

**U13A v Caterham School** – Caterham won the toss and chose to bat. Caterham amassed 94 for 7 from their 20 overs. Standout bowlers were Umar taking 2 for 12 off 4 overs and Ali with 1 for 10 off 4 overs. We opened the batting with Adhrit (52) and Viabhav (23) who put on 44 in the first 4 overs. Wilson's finished 98 for 3 in 10.3 overs winning by 7 wickets.



**1st XI v Carshalton Boys** – After a positive start, batting first, it was down to some creative batting from Arjun (51 from 29 balls) supported by Arnav (42 from 50 balls) to reach a total of 168 for 5 off 20 overs. Carshalton's reply was thwarted from the start with their opening bat being run out by some quick reactions from Nick. Carshalton found it difficult to score as all the Wilson's bowlers bowled a disciplined line and length resulting in restricting Carshalton to 79 from their 20 overs. Udith was the pick of the bowlers with 4 overs, 2 wickets for 7 runs.

**U14A v Dunottar** – A disappointing end for our U14As as they lost to Dunottar by 18 runs in the Anderson Cup 3rd round. Dunottar scored 152 off 20 overs in which Artharva was the pick of the Wilson's bowlers with 3 for 24 off 4 overs. Wilson's batsmen were always under pressure and only Aditya (36 from 26 balls) troubled their bowlers. Looking back at the match a poor fielding display by Wilson's probably was the difference between the two teams.

**U14B v Carshalton Boys** – Carshalton Boys won the toss and chose to bat and scored 134 for 5 off 20 overs. Standout bowler for Wilson's was Mayuraharish bowling 4 overs for 11 runs taking 3 wickets. In reply, a good partnership of 58 by Ishan and Kian put Wilson's in a strong position, Ishan went on to score 52 off 42 balls but it was down to Ansh by hitting 18 runs off 5 balls including three 4s and one 6 to win the game by 2 wickets.



**1st XI v Lingfield College** – On winning the toss Wilson's elected to bat. On a slow wicket the batsmen found it difficult to score but Finlay mastered the conditions and scored 55 off 54 balls to get us to a reasonable total of 111 off 20 overs. In reply, Lingfield kept up with the run chase and needed 11 off the last over in a nail biting last ball Lingfield needed 3 to win but some excellent fielding by Jackson on the boundary managed to through the ball in and run out the Lingfield batsman giving Wilson's the victory by one run.

**U12A v Carshalton Boys** – Wilson's won the toss and chose to field first. Umair opened the bowling and produced a double wicket maiden. Carshalton never recovered from this start and were all out for 46 off 15.4 overs. Standout bowlers were Umair (2 for 2 off 2 overs), Yash (2 for 8 off 4 overs) and Pratham (2 for 6 off 2 overs). Wilson's batters made light work of the Carshalton total and won by 7 wickets. Ayan hit 18 from 18 balls and Shankar hit 18 from 21 balls.

**U15A v Sutton Grammar** – Sutton Grammar won the toss and elected to bat. A strong start from Wilson's with the ball and in the field helped to gain early wickets. Standout bowling performances from Dylan (3 for 8) and Han Joon (3 for 15) restricted Sutton Grammar to 71 all out. In reply Wilson's started positively with 24 off the first 5 overs then lost 3 quick wickets in succession, however, the innings was eventually stabilised by captain Zain (25) and opener Hriday (24) to win by 7 wickets in the 19th over.

**U14A v Sutton Grammar** – After a disappointing end to our Cup run on Thursday the U14A's bounced back to score 145 off 20 overs with their match against Sutton Grammar. In reply, our bowlers were too strong for the Sutton Grammar batsmen which resulted in being all out for 56 runs. Highlight of the match came from the bowling of Aarush who took a hat trick to win the match.

**U13A v Sutton Grammar** – Sutton Grammar won the toss and elected to bat. Some fine bowling from Viabhav (5 for 7 off 4 overs) stopped Sutton Grammar scoring a large total and were bowled out for 68 in 16 overs. Wilson's batters made light work of this total by reaching the target in 7 overs and only losing 3 wickets.

**U12A v Sutton Grammar** – A good performance with the ball and fielding restricted Sutton Grammar to 53 all out. In reply, Wilson's lost 3 early wickets but some sensible batting from Rohan (14 not out) and Rayyan (20 not out) saw us win the match by 7 wickets.

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# RESULTS

**Monday 7 June**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton Boys**  
U15A won by 100 runs

**Tuesday 8 June**  
**Wilson's vs Caterham School**  
U13A won by 7 wickets

**Wednesday 9 June**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton Boys**  
1st XI won by 89 runs

**Thursday 10 June**  
**Wilson's vs Dunottar School**  
U14A lost by 18 runs  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton Boys**  
U14B won by 2 wickets

**Friday 11 June**  
**Wilson's vs Lingfield College**  
1st XI won by 1 run  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton Boys**  
U12A won by 7 wickets

**Saturday 12 June**  
**Wilson's vs Sutton Grammar**  
U15A won by 7 wickets  
U14A won by 89 runs  
U13A won by 7 wickets  
U12A won by 7 wickets  
U12B won by 44 runs

## CORRECTION OF U12B TEAM REPORT FROM LAST EDITION:

Last week's U12B team report for the game vs Trinity should have read: Trinity scored 137 for 9 off their allotted 20 overs. Wilson's reply fell short by 49 runs and were bowled out for 88. Only Shourya showed any resistance with a top score of 17.



# POETRY WINNERS

Mrs Fletcher and Abbas (Y12) were very impressed by the quality of the poetry entered by students into our Poetry Anthology. We read lots of wonderful poetry, particularly about climate change. It was fabulous to see so many students interested in this important issue and in expressing their ideas creatively. An anthology of the students' poetry is being put together, so do look out for this in next week's ParentMail!

We selected two winners: Joshua (7S) was the Key Stage Three winner for his highly original "Useless Poem" and our Haayad the Key Stage Four Winner for his moving and very carefully constructed poem about the overwhelming impact of climate change. Highly commended were Egemen (7S) and Vedang (9H), and commended were Sanjiv (8C) and an anonymous Year 7 student! We have printed Joshua and Haayad's poems below, and you will be able to read all the other works, including judges' comments on the commended and highly commended poems, in our forthcoming anthology.

Useless poem - by Joshua, 7S

This poem has no use.  
It's not like nobody knows  
The catastrophe we've caused.  
It's not like 'climate change'  
Is an unfamiliar phrase  
It's not like we'd all vote  
To continue the destruction.



This poem has no use.  
It's not like you'll change your habits  
To protect the future of our planet.  
It's not like you'll spend extra cash  
To save friends and loved ones.  
It's not like you'll endeavour  
To save our species and others.

This poem has no use.  
It's not like you'd stay calm  
While your natural habitat perished.  
It's not like you'd just move on  
If your home had been cut down  
It's not like you would shrug  
At the sight of roaming wildfires.

This poem has no use.  
It's not like it's a lonely voice  
A plea to be heard, listened to.  
It's not like you'll think 'Wow!  
Reading such a well-written, emotive poem has inspired me to  
become a dedicated environmentalist'  
It's not like it'll stand out  
From the other young voices like mine.  
And change your mind.

by Haayad 9H2

One night, I sit on a couch  
My young hands dashing to snatch the remote  
From the toy box – the TV is on  
And now I'm tuning in to the news. And I think  
The presenter is mentioning them rising sea levels  
But I don't care a bit: but I look on, and I swear  
I see a boy younger than me drowning in the middle of the  
slum --  
I see a girl screaming desperately for help as her humble  
house  
is torn apart.

Another night, I sit on a couch  
My large adult hands stretching to pick up the remote  
From the coffee table – the TV is on  
And now I'm watching the news. And I think  
The spokesman is talking about that climate agreement  
But I don't care a bit: but I look on, and I swear  
I watch America's President pull his country out of it --  
I watch a shocked and heartbroken Mrs Thunberg as she  
faints in shock.

Tonight, I fall on my couch breathless  
My feeble hands fumbling to lift the remote  
That is missing – the TV is also gone  
There is a power surge in the area, and I think  
I see all my furniture floating now, and now  
I watch as my frail body subducts beneath the surface. I know  
now  
How it must have felt to be that boy drowning  
How it must have felt to be that girl screaming



But how can I be sure?  
For I cannot feel anything anymore.

Abbas (Y12) must be credited with the inspiration and impetus behind the collection; he came up with the idea and the challenges, led the student session, wrote his own poems and is working on digital artwork for our front cover!

We hope to run similar poetry challenges in the future and would encourage any student with an idea for a collection to speak to Mrs Fletcher.



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## Looking Ahead

- Friday 25 June - CCF Competition at Frimley Park
- Thursday 1 July - Summer Concert (7.00 p.m.)
- Monday 5 July - New Year 7 Parents' Welcome Evening (7pm)
- Tuesday 6 July - House Music Final (7pm)
- Friday 9 July - Mufti Day

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Dealing with bereavement and loss

Following our participation in the National Day of Reflection back in March, members of staff have been further considering how to support those in our community who have been bereaved. Last Monday, we were delighted to welcome back Mark Denney (an Old Wilsonian), who has worked extensively with Child Bereavement UK and who gave an excellent presentation as part of a staff meeting.





# BIRDWATCHING ON ROUNDSHAW DOWNS

On Tuesday evening members of the Wildlife Club were treated to a fantastic bird watching experience on Roundshaw Downs. Arjun in Year 13 is currently being filmed for a documentary all about his environmental and ecology work, and so we were followed around on the trip by a camera and boom mic, the director and the producer. They were keen to film Arjun disseminating some of his knowledge with younger students, who were all engrossed and asked some probing questions. Arjun specialises in bird call, and showed the students how to use some equipment he had brought with him. As soon as we stepped out of the school grounds, Arjun was recognising the different calls with ease and kept stopping mid-speech to point out White Throats, Dunnocks and Chiffchaffs. He came prepared with sheets containing a list of the birds that are known to frequent the Downs, most notably the Skylark, which is a species that is considered threatened in the UK. As we approached the fenced off area, where the Skylarks are

currently nesting, we indeed spotted a male high up in the air, making the most beautiful sounds, before 'parachuting' back down to the ground and perching on a branch. There was a great chance to look at it with binoculars, and also to try out the zoom on Arjun's hi-tech camera. Arjun also talked about the insects we saw en-route including the common blue butterflies and a huge Emperor dragonfly. It was such a shame when we had to turn around and head back to school, especially as the weather was so beautiful. It truly is amazing to find nature so close to busy environments and such a treat to have an expert at hand to explain it all to us. Great thanks go to Arjun for sharing his passion with us all. I know the walk piqued the interests even further of the students (and staff) who attended and we are already planning another trip before the end of the school year. (If you haven't already watched the BBC Springwatch episode from 28 May which Arjun features on, it is still available on BBC iplayer.)



## INTERNATIONAL TENNIS EUROPE

Hello, my name is Mark, I'm a Year 7 student and I play tennis nationally. During half-term I played my first international Tennis Europe event in Wales. Usually those events last 5-6 days. Despite a few difficult opponents I managed to reach the final and win it!

After Wales, I took part in another Tennis Europe competition in Halton tennis club in Buckinghamshire. It was the highest grade event in Europe for the 12&under boys. And what a beautiful club with a great clay courts! It was an eventful week with extreme heat and pouring rain. And my least favourite 8.30am match start times.

My coach Matt Smith did a great job by helping me to work on different game plans for different opponents. Finally, on the last day I was able to lift a winner's trophy!



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## WIMBLEDON BALL BOYS

This year we had 26 students ranging from year 10 -13 who reapplied for ball boy selection for Wimbledon 2021. We also had 3 new applicants from year 10. All 29 of these students were selected for The Championships and will be on court throughout the two week event from Monday 28 June to Sunday 11 July.

All students have shown an excellent commitment to the ball boy programme and trained regularly in school during their own lunchtime. The coordinator for the ball boy programme from The All England Lawn Tennis Club, Mrs Goldson, said 'some of the performances they delivered were flawless' regarding Wilson's students at the selection sessions. A big thank you must go to the year 13 students (Charlie, Michael, Adam, Humza and Guy) who helped run ball boy training sessions over the past few months. Well done and congratulations to all students involved.





# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

**U15B v Sevenoaks** – An impressive batting performance by Sevenoaks saw them reach a total of 131 off 20 overs. Sulaiman was the pick of the bowlers with 4 wickets for 5 runs off 4 overs. After losing early wickets the Wilson's middle order Sulaiman (18), Sudhir (18) and Koushik (13) kept us within reach of a possible win. It was Curran (27 not out) who showed great composure throughout his innings and with 4 runs required off the last ball despatched it to the boundary giving Wilson's a great win.

**U13A v Reigate** – A disappointing end to our Cup run in the Watcyn Evans Trophy match with Reigate Grammar. Reigate batted first and scored a challenging 161 for 5 off 20 overs. Their main batsman scored an impressive 110 but unfortunately he was dropped when he was on 4 and 52. With 8 runs an over required it was always going to be difficult to chase down. Wilson's fell 49 runs short and finished on 112 for 8 off 20 overs.

**U13A v Emanuel** – A poor batting display by Wilson's saw 3 of the top 4 batsmen run out and then subsequently were all out for 55 in 13 overs. Excellent bowling and fielding from Wilson's put the Emanuel batsmen under pressure by taking 7 wickets but was not enough to stop Emanuel winning the game in the 18th over.

**U13B v Wallington County & Emanuel** – A good performance by Wilson's 13Bs saw them beat both Wallington County and Emanuel in a Triangular 10 over Tournament hosted at Emanuel School. In the first match against Wallington Wilson's won by 41 runs and in the second match against Emanuel Wilson's won by 9 wickets. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the day and experience of a 10 over competition.

**1st XI v Langley Park** – On winning the toss and what looked like a dry and slow wicket Wilson's elected to bat first. Wilson's batsmen found the conditions hard to score runs freely but patient batting and selective hitting from Pranav (19) and Finley (26) kept us in sight of a competitive score. When Arjun arrived at the crease he was very watchful of the conditions. In the last 2 overs of the Wilson's innings Arjun hit some impressive and powerful shots to all parts of the ground including 3 sixes in the last over. This took us to a total of 147 off 20 overs with Arjun finishing on 59 not out. A disciplined bowling performance from the Wilson's bowlers made it difficult for the Langley Park batsmen to score. Two wickets from Jackson and three wickets from Niruthihan helped restrict Langley Park to 107 for 8 giving Wilson's the victory by 40 runs.

**U15A v Kings College** – On winning the toss Wilson's elected to bat in the Nat West County Cup 3rd round. After a good start from Hriday (29) and Ahrujan (16) the middle order had no answer to the spinners of Kings College School and was subsequently bowled out for 78. Spirited bowling and fielding saw Wilson's take 4 wickets but with a low total Kings College School won in the 13th over by 6 wickets.

**U14A v Sevenoaks** – A good performance from the Wilson's bowlers restricted Sevenoaks to 124 for 6 off 20 overs. In reply, an opening stand of 90 by Ansh (63) and Atharva (39 not out) helped Wilson's comfortably to victory by 8 wickets.

**U14B v Sevenoaks** – Sevenoaks won the toss and posted a score of 111 for 5 off their allotted 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Advait taking 3 wickets. A positive reply from the Wilson's batsmen Jeet (27) and Mannan (48 not out) made light work of the Sevenoaks total winning by 7 wickets.



*Pictured above: U14A Team*

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## RESULTS

### Monday 14 June

#### Wilson's vs Sevenoaks

U15B won by 1 run

#### Wilson's vs Reigate Grammar

U13A lost by 49 runs

### Tuesday 15 June

#### Wilson's vs Emanuel School

U13A lost by 3 wickets

U13B won by 9 wickets

#### Wilson's vs Wallington County Grammar

U13B won by 41 runs

### Wednesday 16 June

#### Wilson's vs Langley Park

1st XI won by 40 runs

### Thursday 17 June 2021

#### Wilson's vs Sevenoaks School

U14A won by 8 wickets

U14B won by 7 wickets

#### Wilson's vs Kings College

U15A lost by 6 wickets



# SENIOR VOCAL CONCERT

This year’s senior vocal evening, featuring ten of Wilson’s most talented singers, was a truly wonderful event. With a broad repertoire, ranging from Torelli to Elgar, Handel to Browne, it had a highly diverse and brilliantly executed programme. We were all thrilled by the joint performance of four pieces from Vaughan Williams’ *Songs of Travel*, sung beautifully by Aaron (Year 12), Kiran (Year 13) and Siobann (Year 12). This had been preceded by Daniel’s (Year 12) tender and soulful renditions of two French songs, *Le Colibri* (Chausson) and *Après un rêve* (Fauré), which brought tears to all our eyes. Ryan’s (Year 13) incredible performance of the aria *Il Mio Tesoro* by Mozart was matched in his next song, Elgar’s

*Fain Would I Change This Note*, in which Ryan stunned us all with his precision and virtuosity as a tenor. I am sure we would all agree that singing together in a setting like this was long overdue; the nostalgia of Aaron’s *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*, and our own stirring performances in the Barbershop choir, captured this sentiment and brought the evening to a glowing close. We would also all like to thank Mr Lissimore for his excellent accompaniment on all of the songs, and of course Mr Hann’s vital contribution and kindness in keeping events like this possible for us.

Article by Theo, Year 12



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## Looking Ahead

- Friday 2 July - Year 10 Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge
- Monday 5 July - New Year 7 Parents' Welcome Evening (7pm)
- Tuesday 6 July - House Music Final (7pm)
- Friday 9 July - Mufti Day

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Young Reporter Scheme

Congratulations to all students who have been involved in the Young Reporter Scheme this year – and particularly to Nicholas (Year 12), who has been named winner in the Event category! I am pleased to confirm that the school will take part in the scheme again next academic year and students in Year 10 and above will receive more information in September.





## SOUTHAMPTON MATHS CHALLENGE

Following on from our success over the last 2 years, we had a record number of students enter the Southampton Maths Challenges this year. We received the results last week and are proud to announce a number of students have achieved prizes in both the Junior and Senior Challenges. All prize winners have an exciting opportunity to attend a virtual award event on Wednesday 30 June, which will feature a keynote lecture from Professor James Anderson. Families of the prize winners have already had further details. Prize winners from last year are also invited to attend the award event.

We would like to congratulate the following students in the

Senior challenge:

1st prize Arun (10H2)  
2nd prize Boris (10G2)  
3rd prize Minyuk (9H)  
Certificates of distinction to  
Isa (10C2) and Ishan (10S)

Junior Challenge:

2nd prizes Gautam (7B) and  
Vedant (8G)  
3rd prizes Abhinav (7D),  
Shreyash (8G)  
Aditya (8H) and Shreyas (8S)

Certificates of distinction were awarded to 14 students.



## HERNE HILL VELODROME

Last Thursday a group of year 9 cyclists were given the opportunity to take part in a track cycling session at Herne Hill Velodrome. The boys have been working closely with Cycle Coach James Hey during games sessions in order to develop their skills in preparation for the visit. The session was fantastic with the students gaining experience of what is required in track cycling as well as being able to compete in track races and heats. The coaches were very complimentary about the boys' ability in what was their first track session and are looking forward to welcoming them back again in the near future.



*Pictured above: Year 9 cyclists ready for action at the Velodrome.*

## SURREY SCHOOLS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Our congratulations go to Lewis who recently took part in the Surrey Schools' Golf Championship and with the handicap allowance ranked 5th out of 50 players.

The picture below right shows Lewis on the first tee at Guilford Golf Club. Lewis was playing against particularly good and experienced players from the U14 league squad. Lewis was aware that despite age differences, if he played well he still had a chance of finishing near the top of the leaderboard.

The picture top right shows Lewis' birdie putt on the 8th hole. Unfortunately it didn't go in but his game started to pick up from this putt and he started to play much better. This is when he started to hit more greens in regulation and started to make a comeback. Without playing well on these particular holes, he would not have done as well as he did overall.



*Pictured above: Lewis' birdie putt on the 8th hole.  
Pictured below: Lewis on the first tee at Guildford Golf Club*



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*Pictured above: Year 9 cyclists arriving at the Velodrome*



# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

**1st XI v Emanuel School** – On winning the toss, Wilson's elected to bat. Pranav (21) was watchful on what was a slow and low wicket. It was down to the middle order batsmen Arjun (78 not out) and Ellis (20) who got us to a total of 140 off 20 overs. The Emanuel batsmen found the conditions difficult chasing a large total with quality bowling from the Wilson's bowlers. Pick of the bowlers were Niruthihan (3 overs 2 wickets for 8 runs) and Mustafa (2 overs 2 wickets for 2 runs). The Emanuel batsmen struggled throughout the innings and Wilson's won by 66 runs

**2nd XI v Emanuel School** – Emanuel elected to bat. Excellent bowling saw Wilson's dismiss Emanuel for 51 all out. Ibrahim & Janam both taking 3 wickets. The Wilson's batsmen made light work of this low total winning by 10 wickets in 7 overs. Udith top scored with 24 off 24 balls.

**U14A v Wallington County** – Wilson's Captain Ansh opted to bat first. A positive opening partnership between Diyath (14) and Aditya (17) paved the way for Ashutosh (35), Abhi (20) and Xanin (23) to post a total of 126 off 20 overs. The Wallington batsmen found it difficult to score runs from our leg spinners Artharva (3 overs for 7 runs) and Ansh (3 overs, 1 wicket for 7 runs) fell 49 runs short finishing on 77 for 5 giving Wilson's the victory.

**1st XI v Kingston Grammar** – KGS won the toss and elected to bat. A good start by KGS due to some indifferent bowling and sloppy fielding saw them score 40 off the first 4 overs. In the middle of the innings Niruthihan (2 overs, 1 wicket for 2 runs) helped slow the run rate and KGS eventually got to 114 off 20 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Ellis (4 overs, 3 wickets for 18 runs). Chasing a relatively low total on a good pitch with short boundaries the Wilson's top order batsmen didn't capitalise and it was left to Ellis Jarrold (37 from 28 balls) to see Wilson's to victory by 3 wickets.

**2nd XI v Kingston Grammar** – KGS decided to bat and made 86 all out in 16.1 overs. The stand out bowlers for Wilson's were Ibrahim Hossain (3 overs, 3 wickets for 8 runs) along with Pradyumn Sharma (3 overs, 3 wickets for 6 runs). The Wilson's openers Udith Molanguri (41 off 57 balls) and Aditya Kalel (19 off 39 balls) took the score to 59 in 13 overs before Aditya Kalel was stumped. Pranav Kulkarni helped accelerate the game by scoring 6 runs off 7 balls and running hard between the wickets. Wilson's got to the total of 89 in 16 overs to win by 9 wickets.

**U12A v Wallington County** - With a much changed team, Wilson's were bowled out for 65 runs. The Wilson's bowlers gave a good account of themselves but came up against two determined Wallington batsmen who saw them to victory by 10 wickets.

**1st XI v Reigate Grammar** – Reigate elected to bat in their 40 match at Hartwood Sports Ground. After a couple of early break throughs two of the Reigate middle order batsmen put on a 100 run partnership and looked like posting a score over 250 runs. Jackson bowled superbly at the end of the innings taking a hat trick (all bowled) and returned figures of 3 wickets for 27 runs off 8 overs which helped contain Reigate to 225 off 40 overs. In reply, Wilson's lost early wickets by playing too many loose shots when patience was needed in a 40 over match. There were some good performances from the middle order Luke (36), Adam (26) and our U14A player Ansh (19) but Reigate won comfortably by 60 runs.

**U15A v Reigate Grammar** - Wilson's elected to bat, Ahrujan and Hriday built a steady 50 run opening partnership from the first 13 overs. Ahrujan hit 56 but steady wickets reduced Wilson's to 104 for 8 from their 25 overs. Reigate Grammar started the run chase well, but the turn to Ahrujan's spin (4 for 16) led to a collapse. With Reigate at 79 for 8, a sensible 9th wicket partnership saw them home with a couple of overs to spare winning by 2 wickets. Credit to Adhrit, Umer and Ishaan who stepped up from the Wilson's 13As and made great contributions to the team.

**U15B v Reigate Grammar** – An excellent performance by the U15Bs posted a competitive score of 141 for 8 off 25 overs. In reply, Reigate were bowled out for 72 due to quality bowling and fielding from Wilson's giving them the victory by 69 runs.

**U14A v Reigate Grammar** – A very close game played on a challenging wicket saw Wilson's beat Reigate by 4 wickets. Wilson's used 10 bowlers where Shravan took 2 wickets and Xanin and Ashutosh restricted Reigate to 103 in 25 overs. Opening batsman Atharva held the innings together with a very sensible 34 not out to see Wilson's home with 2 balls to spare.

**U14B v Reigate Grammar** – Wilson's opening batsmen, Jeet (18) and Shriyans (26) put on 62 for the first wicket. We then lost regular wickets to reach a competitive 104 all out off 20 overs. There was good bowling from Ishan, Advait and Vivek all taking 2 wickets ending Reigate's run chase to 94 for 9 in their 20 overs. This gave Wilson's the victory by 10 runs.

**U13A v Reigate Grammar** – Reigate won the toss and put Wilson's into bat. Wilson's managed to reached 79 for 6 with Vaibhav (24 off 54 balls). In reply, the Wilson's bowlers bowled a good line and length but the Reigate batsmen consistently found the gaps in the field and won by 8 wickets.

**U13B v Reigate Grammar** – Wilson's batsmen were all out for 56 runs off 16 overs. A combination of poor shots and two run outs saw Wilson's post a below par score. The Wilson's pace bowlers bowled really well but Reigate passed our total easily winning by 7 wickets in 15 overs

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## RESULTS

### Wednesday 23 June

#### Wilson's vs Emanuel School

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|--------|-----|---------------|
| 1st XI | won | by 66 runs    |
| 2nd XI | won | by 10 wickets |

### Thursday 24 June

#### Wilson's vs Wallington County Grammar

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| U14A | won | by 49 runs |
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### Friday 25 June

#### Wilson's vs Kingston Grammar School

|        |     |              |
|--------|-----|--------------|
| 1st XI | won | by 3 wickets |
| 2nd XI | won | by 9 wickets |

#### Wilson's vs Wallington County Grammar

|      |      |               |
|------|------|---------------|
| U12A | lost | by 10 wickets |
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### Saturday 26 June

#### Wilson's vs Reigate Grammar School

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|--------|------|--------------|
| 1st XI | lost | by 60 runs   |
| U15A   | lost | by 2 wickets |
| U15B   | won  | by 69 runs   |
| U14A   | won  | by 4 wickets |
| U14B   | won  | by 10 runs   |
| U13A   | lost | by 8 wickets |
| U13B   | lost | by 7 wickets |



*Pictured above: Jackson (Year 12) see team report 1st XI vs. Reigate Grammar School.*



# YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2021

The build-up to this year's Grand Finale, has been rather different this year. For the first time in House Music history, students entered online, using a whole host of innovative techniques to record their performance, and received their feedback from the judges online. The anticipation for the evening, therefore, was especially high - this particular group of talented young musicians, the winners of their categories in the first round were coming together for the first time to perform in person, and coming together for the first school-wide concert in over a year! We were joined for the concert by Samuel Hudson, an Old Wilsonian and Director of Music at Worcester Cathedral, to judge the performances.

The performers in the Junior Category performed first. 7D's Boadi started the show with a confident and energetic rendition of the highly complex drum part to 'Toxicity' by the band System of a Down. Pavamaan's moving interpretation of a virtuosic piece for classical guitar, Capricho Arabe by Francisco Tarrega, which features delicate harmonics and Spanish rhythmic flourishes. Vignesh then took us to South India with a Carnatic vocal performance. Vignesh delivered intricate improvisatory passages with a calm assuredness that captivated his audience. 8B's Henry rounded off the Junior Category with a real tour-de-force, the third movement of Beethoven's Waldstein Sonata, which he performed from memory.

Anish then gave a stirring rendition of "This is the Moment" from the musical, Jekyll and Hyde, an apt choice for such a meaningful and important occasion. Ryan's fingers flew across the keys of his oboe for the first movement of Mozart's Concerto in C major on the oboe, and Danny thrilled with an atonal piece for solo trombone from 1975 entitled Parable by Vincent Persichetti. Featuring all sorts of extended playing techniques, from flutter tonguing to glissandi, this piece showcased Danny's impressive technique on the instrument that he started playing in Year 7 and will go on next year to pursue a degree at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Min treated us to a wonderfully nimble and graceful interpretation of Mozart's Piano Sonata No.14. in C minor, K.457. We had a return to rock with Zakariya's stylish performance of the Foo Fighters' "Rope." We stayed in a similar zone with Eric Clapton's take on the original "Cross Road Blues" by Robert Johnson as played by Ishaan from Year 10, who gave a relaxed performance of the catchy solos on the fretboard of his electric guitar. Our penultimate performer was Lennie, who poise and elegance at the keyboard gave voice to a beautiful rendition of Claude Debussy's Arabesque No.1. Neo closed the show with a real show-stopper: Franz Kriesler's arrangement of Manuel de Falla's Danse Espagnole! As the opening phrases took shape, Neo closed his eyes and took the audience with him on a technical whirlwind of ricochet bowing, pizzicati, and double-stopping, while maintaining a warm and generous tone on his instrument.

Mr Hudson admitted that he had to wipe the sweat from his brow as he made his final decision.

| Junior Category | Senior Category          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Pavamaan 8S | 1st Danny 13B            |
| 2nd Vignesh 7S  | 2nd Neo 13C              |
|                 | 3rd Zakariya 13H         |
|                 | Highly Commended Min 11G |

He praised all of the performers for their calmness and self-assuredness, and reminded them all of the critical need to communicate what they feel is the meaning of the music to their audience, to make the audience feel what they are feeling through their instruments and voices.

Thanks were given to all those who entered the competition and all those who overcame many obstacles this year to make the competition happen.



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### Trips and activities

With several trips and activities taking place this week, pupils must take special care to organise themselves (for example planning how and when they are going to clear their lockers for the end of term). Congratulations to all those involved in the Year 7 trip to Kew last week – we look forward to seeing the photos!



# SIXTH FORM COMMENDATIONS

In the final half of the Summer term, the Sixth Form Team invited Heads of Department to nominate students in their subjects to receive Sixth Form Commendations. When considering who to nominate for this commendation, we ask Heads of Department the following:

- Who has demonstrated an unwavering work ethic throughout this academic term and throughout the year?
- 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:

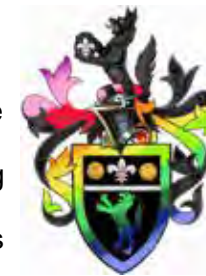
|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Art                     | William                     |
| Biology                 | Daniel and Prashanth        |
| Chemistry               | Tathusha, Nabeel and Daniel |
| Computing               | Arya                        |
| Economics               | Kinshuk and Tom             |
| English                 | Anirudh                     |
| French                  | Matthew                     |
| Geography               | Clint                       |
| German                  | Tomas                       |
| Government and Politics | Finn                        |
| History                 | Tom                         |
| Latin                   | Joseph                      |
| Maths                   | Ellis, Varnan and Ziyad     |
| Philosophy              | Sam                         |
| Physics                 | Dulain and Siobann          |
| Spanish                 | Tomas                       |



# PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month is celebrated every June as a tribute to those who were involved in the Stonewall Riots. Parades, festivals, and concerts happen all over the globe. Over the last two years, many of these celebrations have unfortunately been cancelled, including the Pride March, which traditionally draws a close to the celebrations in London. Wilson's School Pride Society has made participation in the march a staple part of the school calendar, and we have been disappointed not to have been able to take part. We marked Pride Month at school at the end of the June and dedicated a week to LGBT+ issues as part of assembly and form time activities for all students in Years 7-10. This followed on from more general training for all staff, with a focus this year on gender. For many students this was a reminder of topics they had already met in PSHE, and a chance to discuss issues of homophobia, sexism and transphobia with their peers and teachers. This includes choices individuals make about their gender expression, the differences between gender and sex, and inappropriate use of language. Sex, sexuality and gender reassignment are all protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 and we are serious in making sure that we not only act within the law, protecting these characteristics at Wilson's, but also that our students are fully aware of these issues, so they grow into responsible, respectful and considerate members of our society.

It has been announced that the Pride March will now take place on Saturday 11 September and we hope to be able to finally re-join this fabulous celebration. We're getting ready to dust off our rainbow flags, douse ourselves in glitter, and join in the fun! Any student in Year 10 or above is welcome to join us and if interested should e-mail or see Ms Banner before the end of the term.



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# SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

Speak Out Challenge Day – Friday 2 July 2021

Classrooms and corridors were abuzz with Year 10 pupils delivering speeches on topics as diverse as the value of failure, the abolition of social media and the unbearable annoyance of television adverts. The school was delighted to host the Speakers' Trust on Friday to work with our Year 10 pupils and coach them to improve their public speaking skills. With many young people lacking the confidence, skills and opportunity to share their ideas as eloquently as possible, the mission of Jack Petchey's "Speak Out" Challenge is to change this and to challenge students to 'speak out'!

Beginning the day with an expert-led, interactive workshop, pupils were then challenged to plan, from scratch, a speech they had created on a theme of their choice. By the end of the day, all pupils performed to their classmates and a small panel of judges, all the time benefiting from the close guidance of specialist Speakers' Trust trainers. By the time they presented in the afternoon, every student had enjoyed several opportunities to speak in-front of their class. Every student had truly left their comfort-zone and "spoken out" on a topic of their choice focusing on delivering a message with a positive impact regardless of the subject.

Amidst the uncertainties and vicissitudes of the past two years, it was fantastic to be able to invite the Speakers' Trust to work with our students in-person. Pupils threw themselves into workshops encouraging them to improvise on-the-spot, speak with confidence about a topic on which they were previously unfamiliar, as well as sharing expert tips on how to manage pitch, pause and pace when speaking to an audience. As one Year 10 student reported, "When you speak publicly, you want to just get it over with, but now I know you can channel that adrenaline to make your speech really powerful". Another student observed that one can immediately 'play the expert' if "you slow down what you're saying and you pause instead of use filler words". By the time they came to present in the afternoon, it was evident that pupils had really thought carefully about how to put this advice into practice.

Pupils made the most of insights on overcoming nerves and learned how to listen and work together to give positive and constructive feedback to each other. This was particularly evident when, in the middle of their workshops during Periods 3 and 4, pupils were split into pairs to deliver low-stakes feedback to one another. Not only was this a valuable opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence and communication skills, then; it was also a unique opportunity for our pupils to share their ideas and perspectives on topics about

which they were passionate but which they might not have discussed in a formal classroom setting.

The trainers have already been in touch to say how much they enjoyed working with the Wilson's pupils – well done all! Whilst it was a shame that some of our Year 10s were unable to participate in person, watch this space for future opportunities for public speaking at Wilson's!

Particular congratulations go to the winners: Philip, Alex, Satvik, Aaron, Ethan, Gyan, Ben, Shuayd and Edwin.



*Pictured above: Year 10 students participating in the Speak Out Challenge*

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## WILSON'S JULY CHESS FESTIVAL

Mon 26 July

10am to 3.00pm

"Over The Board" play in the John Jenkins Hall, in ability sections.

Results will be ECF (English Chess Federation) rated

For further details and to enter (free!) contact Dr Cooper [nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)





# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

1st XI v City of London Freemans – On winning the toss Wilson's elected to bat and started positively with Arjun (11) and Pranav (18) but it was Finley (42) who held the middle order together to help get to a competitive total of 131 off 20 overs. A steady fall of wickets saw City of London Freemans require 32 off the last two overs. Some amazing power hitting from their number 10 batsman saw them to victory with 1 ball to spare and winning by 1 wicket. Jackson was pick of the bowlers for Wilson's taking 2 wickets for 10 runs off 4 overs.

1st XI v Tiffin School – After overnight rain and a wet outfield, Wilson's elected to bat first hoping to get the best of the conditions. Excellent bowling from the Tiffin's seam bowlers ripped through our top order. Only Arjun (44) showed any resilience. The introduction of spin saw Wilson's collapse to 91 all out. In reply Tiffin's eased past the Wilson's total winning by 6 wickets. Daniel bowled an excellent spell taking all 4 wickets.

U15A v Tiffin School – Tiffin batted first and scored 127 for 6 off 20 overs. Bowling highlights came from Koushik maintaining a good line and length and Conor taking 3 wickets. Wilson's started to bat but unfortunately the match was abandoned after 2 overs due to heavy rain.

U14A v Tiffin School – The match with Tiffins was abandoned after 17 overs with Tiffin on 110 for 4. Shravan took 2 wickets and both Diyath and Xanin bowled economically. The game was abandoned due to heavy rain.

U13A v Tiffin School – Wilson's won the toss and elected to bowl. After a very disciplined 20 overs and some good field settings Tiffins reached 67 for 8. Some excellent bowling from all the Wilson's bowlers but Vaibhav had the best figures taking 3 wickets for 10 runs off 4 overs. A special mention for Adhrit who took 3 stumpings. Unfortunately Wilson's did not get a chance to bat as the match was abandoned due to heavy rain.

## RESULTS

**Wednesday 30 June**

**Wilson's vs City of London Freemans**

1st XI lost by 1 wicket

**Saturday 3 July**

**Wilson's vs Tiffin School**

1st XI lost by 6 wickets

U15A Match abandoned

U14A Match abandoned

U13A Match abandoned

# WIMBLEDON

Wilson's has many ball boys participating in the Wimbledon Championships this year (see photographs below and right). Two of them had the following to say about their experience at the All England Lawn Tennis Club:

Alex (Year 12)

'It's very intense. You don't realise how hard you're focusing because you have to always be alert. But I think it's the intensity that is exciting. Balls are flying around, the crowd is cheering and the players need to be served. There's so many variables that you have to be aware of. This makes keeping everything neat on court very difficult but rewarding.'

Tom (Year 12)

'Being a Wimbledon ball boy is an invaluable experience that I would urge everyone to grasp. Enjoying my third year at the championships, it is something that I've looked forward to annually as a well deserved break from regular school life. Whether it be meeting new people or getting an on-court view of some of the best athletes in the world, I would strongly recommend Wimbledon to everyone at Wilson's.'



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## SPORTS DAY

We are all looking forward to Sports Day on Friday, 16 July. Please take note of the arrangements below, and particularly the requirement for all pupils to come to school in House Sports Kit.

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Registration:       | 8:25                        |
| Extended form time: | 8.35-9.30                   |
| Break:              | 9.30-9.55                   |
| Sports Day starts:  | 10.00 (all students seated) |

All students stay in house area and in form groups

Students dismissed to go home at 12.40. No lunch service for students.

### Kit list:

- House Kit (White shirt; white socks; white shorts: no other tops or tracksuits)\*
- Water
- Hat / sun visor
- Sunscreen
- No books and bags. Lockers / cubby holes should be empty.

\*If cold wear PE kit sports top not a coat.





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# THOUGH MUCH IS TAKEN, MUCH ABIDES

It would be easy to dwell on the many things that have continued to be taken from us during summer term 2021 – the usual opportunities for older pupils to visit places abroad (and for younger pupils to explore the Brecon Beacons), the full sporting and artistic calendar of events, and the sense of security and confidence that comes from more predictable circumstances! Furthermore, those pupils who have been advised or required to isolate have missed out on learning and other school experiences – albeit only for a few days at a time.

But, as ever, we must reflect on that which abides. This term, under our Covid risk assessment, a huge range of activities has taken place! The term ended with the usual Sports Day, there was a Lower School production ("Fantastic Mr Fox"), there have been concerts (including the Grand Finale of our House Music Competition, judged by the Director of Music at Worcester Cathedral, an Old Wisonian), a very full sporting calendar (compromised more by the weather than Covid!), trips for whole year groups (to Kew Gardens, RHS Wisley, and the beautiful coastline at Eastbourne), a Year 7 Music Day, a massive University Preparation Programme involving every

student in Year 12 over the course of a week (which in itself involved various trips and visits for some), and a Speak Out Challenge for Year 10.

Furthermore – with the usual care to adhere to the school's risk assessment – co-curricular activities have continued in every aspect of school life: in addition to the staples of Sport, Music, Chess, CCF, Drama, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Gardening and Bird Watching Clubs have flourished, the Wilson's Intrigue and Politeia teams have continued to produce entirely student-led publications of high quality, and pupils have continued to enjoy experiences in cycling, golf, tennis and athletics within and beyond the school.

Congratulations and thank you to all pupils and staff who have been involved in these activities. In recognition of their achievements, a video is available [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICho\\_h9Nvzo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICho_h9Nvzo), setting some images from this term to our Barbershop Ensemble's performance of "Though Much is Taken, Much Abides" by Victor C. Johnson, which sets selected lines from Tennyson's Ulysses, at the Vocal Evening a few weeks ago. Have a great summer!

## 2021-2 PREFECTS RECEIVE THEIR TIES FROM THE HEADMASTER



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- Please see website for details of start dates in September for different year groups.

### Deputy Head's Reminder

Wellbeing during the summer holiday

The upcoming holiday provides a wonderful opportunity for us all to relax and recharge. Miss Banner has used the announcements slides to provide some very good advice about effective ways to unwind. All pupils in Years 7-10 have also been reminded this week about Kooth – an anonymous online service where young people can talk to professional counsellors. It's commissioned by the NHS and is available to any young person aged 11-25.







# A TRULY FANTASTIC MR FOX!

The John Jenkins Hall has been once again alive this week, with the sounds of the Junior Production blasting out Pink Floyd, Alice Cooper and Star Wars into the corridors of the main school. This year's offering, Roal Dahl's FANTASTIC MR FOX – a cartoony short story about three horrid farmers who try to catch and kill a crafty fox who continues to steal their chickens, ducks, geese and cider! The production is a riot from start to finish and once again is a wonderful example of the team spirit and high standards drama maintains at the school. The cast are universally strong as the disgusting farmers and the various woodland creatures, and the crew have once again

outdone themselves building the three-level set from scratch under the design and direction of Director of Drama, Mr Kavanagh. Special mention must also go to Mrs. Straw for her tireless work on the handmade costumes, and to Miss Horton, Miss Banner and Mr Elwood for their continued help and support. For some time, with theatres closing and with students isolating from the cast, it looked as though the production might not go ahead, but thanks to the hard work of the team the production was able to be fully realised and has played to modest, covid-safe audiences. Here's to many more!



## YEAR 7s MAKING MUSIC

Staff and students at Wilson's were treated to a summery lunchtime treat this Wednesday, as our Year 7 students got together in the sunshine to perform some music. For our Year 7 Choir and Year 7 Wind Band, this was the perfect opportunity to share the items they had been preparing for the Summer Concert, which was sadly cancelled 2 weeks ago. The Wind Band played film classics including Raiders March, and the Choir finished with a rousing rendition of Don't Stop Believing. These ensembles were joined by 2 'scratch' groups, who spent some time earlier in the day putting together some uplifting and energetic pieces. The students did fantastically well, especially with what has been significantly reduced rehearsal time this year, and brought smiles to everyone's faces. Well done Year 7! Thank you to the stellar team of instrumental teachers, who have inspired and supported the students all year.





# WARWICK UNIVERSITY COMPETITION

Four Year 12 Geography students entered the Warwick University Global Sustainable Development Competition in May 2021. The students were asked to submit an essay, a podcast, photo series or artistic exploration examining either: the sustainability of the consumption habits of society, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic or the desired outcomes of the upcoming COP26 Climate Change Conference. All four students' entries: three essays and one collection of poems were shortlisted and as a result all four students participated in an online virtual conference about the importance of sustainable development and the role young people in pushing forward the sustainable development agenda amongst their peer groups and in their community.

Two of the entrants, Clint and Prabhas (both Year 12) won the overall competition in their respective categories: essay and creative submissions. The Geography Department is very proud of the creativity and geographical research that both Clint and Prabhas exhibited with their entries to the competition. To share this with you below you will find one of the four poems that Prabhas wrote and an extract from Clint's essay who both answered the question: "Do you think the society we live in can be sustainable or do we need to change our habits fundamentally".

Loss

It was once a wonder you know. Home. Mind.  
It was long before you were even born.  
In a palace of a thousand trees, it was a drop of gold in a sea of smaragdine.  
And we were lost, enchanted, in this kind  
Utopian paradise, where enshrined  
lies God's lush, tranquil garden, where adorned  
by the Amazon's gift - the troubadour  
of life, the sounds of rain on trees and hoots of birds are froz'n  
in time.  
My heart's still there – though we left long ago.  
Amid the crowded city's din, we can  
still feel the withering wind as it blows  
And bellows smoke, and chars and sears our skin.  
We stare, eyes stinging, skin singeing, and qualm  
Remembering nature: our fire-flooded home.

Extract from Clint's Essay:

On my way back from school on Tuesday night, I took a deep dive into Morrison's reduced section. The standout item was a 300g packet of Chicken breasts, for the price of 90p, considered loose change by an increasing number globally. However, behind the 90p label, there is a significant environmental cost: for every gram of chicken over a gallon of water is used in production, straining a resource which is still unavailable for much of the developing world. That being said, chicken can be considered a "sustainable" alternative to red meat. Beef has upwards of four the carbon footprint of poultry meats, producing roughly 30kg of CO2 per kilo. Yet beef remains readily available at British stores at prices which mask the environmental repercussions, which supermarkets fail to consider.



*Pictured above: Clint and Prabhas*

## MEDICAL SOCIETY TALK FROM DR AHMED HANKIR

Dr Hankir and Andy Thomas, an AMPH (approved mental health practitioner) recently visited Wilson's to give a talk. A full report of this visit can be found on the Wilson's website.

Last week, we were fortunate enough to hear from Andy Thomas, an approved mental health professional (AMHP), speak about the nature of his role and how he works alongside doctors to support patients with serious mental health disorders. He described his involvement in the assessment of patients that can ultimately result in their detainment for an extended period (between 28 days and 6 months) to protect the public, their close ones and/or themselves: indeed, only a high court judge has the power to detain an individual for a longer period of time. Andy conveyed the stress that comes with this degree of responsibility, but also emphasised the privilege of supporting vulnerable patients and coordinating their care at their time of most need. He also spoke of the societal injustices faced by those suffering with mental health disorders and the importance of empathy. Andy helped to highlight the need to grow as a person through experience, rather than just academically."

Article by Aadil (Year 12)





# ESCARGOT..... HEAVEN OR HELL?

Their texture is kind of shrimp-like... They are firm and meaty, not soft and slimy.... So, what is our Year 8 French students' verdict? It is a 10/10 or "Heaven" for all of them who tasted snails for the first time as part of their end of year enrichment activities. As trivial as it sounds, eating cooked snails without any seasoning or sauce gives you a full experience of the true flavour. They may have a chewy snail texture. Some even said they tasted like chicken or mushrooms and many said that snails tasted delicious. An overall success!



# CHURROS IN SPANISH!

Last Tuesday we made churros in the cookery classroom, enhancing our listening skills by following the recipe from a Spanish instruction video . Making the dough was fairly simple for someone who had not made this dish before like me! The hardest part was probably putting the dough into the piping bag . We had to make sure that there was not too much otherwise the dough would come out of the top of the bag. When fried in oil, the churros had a rich golden colour and tasted delicious. Overall, I enjoyed the lesson a lot and I would definitely take the initiative to make them myself in future.  
By Sasank, Year 9



# CANSAT

We were challenged with designing, testing and building a miniature satellite to fit within the constraints of a regular soft drink can. We were given the primary mission, which stated that our design had to measure air pressure and ambient temperature and had to develop a secondary mission to investigate or create anything we wanted.



We chose to use a wide range of electronic components such as a methane gas sensor, magnetometer, humidity sensor and a GPS module to be able to determine whether volcanoes are active or not, and extended this to volcanic activity on other planets. Our chosen mission is highly relevant, primarily due to the great strides that are being made to develop civilisation on Mars. Aptly, we named ourselves Volcanic!

As part of the design process, we expected to face some issues, but we couldn't have predicted the barrage of problems we would have to overcome. Despite this, we were able to produce a finished product to launch.

Once we had coded, designed, and manufactured our creation, it was time for the launch. We were given the amazing opportunity to go all the way to York to witness our hard work being launched 450m into the sky. We all agreed that it was a fantastic learning opportunity, and the launch went as expected - the parachute worked perfectly, and our components were safely recovered. We now have important and exciting data to analyse as part of our final report write-up.

We immensely enjoyed the whole competition, run jointly by the European Space Agency and Esero-UK. The experience allowed us to develop our time and project management skills, learn how to work effectively in a team, and get a feel for project work in STEM related careers, for example by talking to engineers from Raptor Aerospace. We are looking forward to doing it all again in the coming year.

Article by Volcanic.



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## ECF CHESS CLUB

The Year 7 ECF chess club met for the final time on Tuesday. While it has been a turbulent year filled with national lockdowns and students having to self-isolate, the club has nevertheless met enough times to declare a winner of the club league. Congratulations to Joshua (7S) as overall winner and the player with the highest win ratio; and to Shourya (7D) and Mark (7B) for coming joint second place.



*Pictured above: Joshua, Shourya and Mark*







# UNIVERSITY PREPARATION WEEK

On Monday 12 July the Economics and Business Department played host to Murali Satchithananda and Charlie Graham from Future Steps. They delivered two very well received lectures. The first talk was on how we can understand financial markets through the medium of behavioural economics. The second presentation looked at how politics, with particular reference to voting systems, shape the role of the public sector in society. We finished the day with an informative and invigorating question and answer session on life at university and what to expect when studying economics at tertiary level. Both Murali and Charlie were impressed by the quality of the questions being asked. One of the students, Karun K in Year 12 felt moved to write:

'The series of talks by Future Steps on behavioural and public sector economics were insightful into how topical the subject can be. The talks on what Economics at university is really like, versus A-Level were also very useful as the speakers were candid about their experiences at university. The idea of developing your own theoretical insights rather than simply being confined to repeating current theory was the most exciting prospect for me'.

Tuesday saw the arrival of the Adam Smith Institute team. They delivered a series of thought-provoking presentations and in the process got students to think over and above what they believe they know or understand! The sixth formers were treated to lectures on topics as varied as the economics of immigration, aid versus trade, and the regulation of non-legitimate pharmaceuticals. The lecture on 'Why everything is still awesome' provided the audience with much needed up-lift and proved especially popular. The department and students would like to put on record their sincere thanks to Daniel Pryor (who was the main organiser of the day from the ASI side), Matt Kilcoyne, Mathew Lesh, Morgan Schondelmeier and John Macdonald for their efforts. This year's lectures proved that free-market / libertarian perspectives can be powerful tools to aid economic analysis and provide practical application to real-world problems. It certainly sparked some healthy debates in the subsequent post-talk sessions. Student Alex C commented: 'The representatives of the Adam Smith institute put us through our paces with detailed presentations on complex current day economic issues that challenged us to use our current economic knowledge, to apply it to real world examples and come up with an educated and well backed up opinion. My personal favourite was the seminar on trade and aid which demonstrated that providing aid to a country is not necessarily effective unless there are adequate incentives to ensure its effective use.'

In the afternoon, the students were given an insight to post-university careers, internships and networking. Many students felt this to be one of the highlights of the day. In addition, the students as part of the UPP programme have been given the opportunity to enter an essay competition with the main prize being a week's work experience at the ASI.



## MEDICINE/ DENTISTRY TRIP

Students enjoyed a trip into central London as part of the Medicine and Dentistry University Preparation Programme. The morning involved a guided walk around the city of London exploring the full range (and horrors!) of London's past medical practices, expertly guided by Garry, a former clinician and public health expert no less! In the afternoon, students were treated to an in-depth and highly evocative description of surgery in the 18th century at the Old Operating Theatre Museum, Europe's oldest surviving operating theatre. There were looks of awe at the large metal probe used to remove bladder stones from male patients (without the use of anaesthetic!) and Abbas volunteered to be the patient undergoing an amputation, experiencing the discomfort of the operating table first-hand. The two experiences linked brilliantly to give students a fascinating insight into medicine of the past and the transformative effects of anaesthetics, antiseptics and aseptic practices.



*Pictured above: Biology students undertaking undergraduate level lab work. They dissected a pig eye and carried out a Gram staining protocol on bacteria.*







# OUT AND ABOUT



*Pictured above: Different Y9 groups exploring the Wandle.*



*Pictured above: Year 8at Kew Gardens*



*Pictured above: Y10 at Beachy Head*

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*Pictured above: Pictures taken by Year 7 students on their visit to Kew Gardens as part of a photography competition.*

*Photographs top row left to right: taken by Shayan and Alexander.*

*Photograph bottom row: taken by Shatanik.*



# WILSON'S STUDENT TOSSES COIN FOR WIMBLEDON MENS' FINAL

Before I start, I would like to talk about Off The Record- the charity that I represent. They offer free and valuable mental health counselling for children and teens up to the age of 25. Their website can be found at <https://www.talkofftherecord.org/>

We started this magical day by getting picked up in an official Wimbledon Range Rover Discovery! It was huge and it needed to be, because it was meant to carry massive tennis bags! I felt like Tennis royalty! Then we met up with Rachel- who took us around Wimbledon and gave us everything we would ever need. She also interviewed me when I went to Wimbledon for the first time. My Mum had never been to Centre Court. She was dazzled by the sight of it. We went around and I was first greeted by someone very special. Rufus, the celebrity hawk who has his own Twitter page and scares the pesky pigeons by the grounds. He was the eye in the sky and he was so cool! The head bird keeper (yes- that's a thing) told me to be like a twig. So he jumped onto me and was very confused. After 20 seconds of him getting off me, he decided to poop- but not on my clothes (thankfully)!

Then I had to take part in some really cool media interviews.

Two were with Wimbledon and the other was with the BBC.

It was no doubt a great experience to have. The woman with the blue polka dot skirt is Rachel by the way! I also had the privilege of helping the groundsman to put up the net and arrange the towels for the players!

I also met Gerry, who was the referee for the final and he took me around Centre Court to give me instructions on what to do. He also gave me a few helpful tips on how to flip the coin!

Then we had lunch! We were in a members lounge which was very nice. There was a very formal dress code. So dad had to wear a blazer and a tie etc. However, I didn't need to because I wore a OTR shirt!

Then, we headed back to Centre Court just before the match. Mum and Dad were taken to their seats and I was taken to the clubhouse to meet Gerry again. It was really funny as everyone was calling me "sir"! I was so scared to flip the coin and I was genuinely getting sweaty. For a coin! I was given a show around the clubhouse. Un



fortunately, I was not allowed to take photos as it is prohibited. The big moment. I was so excited but still scared. Then, they announced my name and who Off The Record is and how they had helped me. Gerry walked up with me on to Centre Court with everyone in the crowd clapping! The court burst into a very loud shout and I acted as naturally as I could. In the words of the infamous Madagascar Penguins I just "smiled and waved". But I will admit, I did smile a lot. But, then everyone looked in the opposite direction and it was at that moment I realised "Djokovic is going to walk onto the same court that I am standing on. I am going to meet him" And first, Berrettini walked up and the crowd burst out, but the sound quite frankly deafened me when Djokovic walked on. I was in shock and I was so excited! First Berrettini walked up and was jumping up and down. We fist-bumped and it was so chill. Then, I met Nole and I had to act like this was such a normal thing. So, I said "Hey man! Wassup!" In hindsight, I should never have said that!

Berrettini was given the choice and he called heads. I used all of my previous knowledge. I thought of the days spent practising. The hours spent just continuously flipping. It had all led to this moment. I breathed and both Nole and Berrettini looked at me. They expected me to perform well. Then, I flipped the coin as well as I could. It spun and spun (and spun again!) as though it was in slow motion. Each side- one with the face of Queen Elizabeth the other with the letters EP (Elizabeth and Phillip). Then, it landed. Heads. I had done it. I had done the impossible. No one thought I could- yet here I am. Telling the tale about how I had flipped THE coin. I had worked so hard for this and I did not let myself down. (If you haven't realised, I am being very sarcastic!). Berrettini decided to receive and there lies the beginning of a tale of the Final. Then, I took photos with the two and the biggest achievement was accomplished. Nole ruffled my hair. I have photographic evidence!



The rest is a blur but if there's one thing I want you to take away, it's that no matter who you are, you can struggle with mental health- and that you shouldn't be ashamed. Nor should you think you're alone. There are awesome charities, people and places such as school and Off The Record that can help you if you're struggling mentally. You are not alone.

Article by Sean, 8D.





# CRICKET NEWS

## Team Reports

1st XI v Dulwich College – Wilson's 1st XI played in their first two-day match against Dulwich College. The format was to play 96 overs each day in a one innings match. On winning the toss Dulwich put Wilson's in to bat. After a cautious start from Arjun (12) and Pranav (26) the Wilson's batsmen found it difficult to bat for long periods of time and through some indifferent shots wickets started to fall. Wilson's were bowled out for 88 off 47 overs. Excellent bowling from the Wilson's opening bowlers Pranav and Mustafa made the batsmen play and miss on numerous occasions. It was the introduction of Adam that broke the opening partnership and along with Daniel they continued to apply pressure on the Dulwich batsmen. After dropping a couple of difficult catches Dulwich passed the Wilson's total in their 49th over with 6 wickets remaining. All the Wilson's bowlers bowled with control but the standout bowler of the day was Mustafa with figures of 11 overs, 2 wickets for 20 runs. Unfortunately, Day 2 was abandoned due to rain.



1st XI v Forty Club - The Forty Club XI batted first and posted a score of 205 for 4 off 40 overs. Niruthihan picked up 2 wickets for 38 runs but Daniel was the pick of the bowlers bowling his 8 overs for 25 runs. The middle order of the Forty Club showed their experience in their last 10 overs by scoring 80 runs which got them to a competitive score. In reply, Wilson's gave a good account of themselves with Finley scoring a solid 55, Daniel hitting a brisk 30 and Udith a watchful 37. Unfortunately, Wilson's finished 22 runs short of victory.

1st XI v Wallington Grammar – In our last match of the season we played our local rivals Wallington County Grammar School. On winning the toss, Wilson's put Wallington into bat and soon had them in trouble. A wicket in the first over from Daniel was soon followed by the catch of the season from Daniel who got an amazing caught and bowled to dismiss Wallington's best batsman. Daniel ended with fine figures of 3 for 11 off 4 overs. The introduction of debutant Dylan finished off the Wallington batsmen with a disciplined spell of line and length bowling which was rewarded with him taking 3 wickets for 8 runs from 3 overs and Wallington finished all out for 76. The Wilson's batsmen Pranav (41) and Finley (27) made light work of the total and finished the match winning by 9 wickets.

# SURREY JUNIOR SQUASH

Over the weekend, I competed in the Surrey Junior Squash Championships and won in the boy's under 19 event, which was not only my first tournament in over a year, but also my last as a junior. Having spent the past year deprived of competitive fixtures, I knew that correct preparation would be paramount for success. There was not a moment to waste because I only had a few weeks prior to the tournament which were spent either in the gym or on court since I had just finished my CCT exams.

The Championships were held at Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club, and unlike previous years it was far from the norm due to covid restrictions. The number of spectators was drastically reduced, and many policies were imposed which almost alienated me from the whole tournament experience. Matches were muted instead of the noisy buzz of excitement from the crowd. Despite this, it was amazing to see the sport gradually returning to how it was before and being able to meet many of my friends from the circuit who I hadn't seen for over a year. Tensions were high, especially due to this being one of the first tournaments and it was a very competitive 3 day weekend. This is a very prestigious event, with the trophy dating back to the mid-1970s, so it holds strong emotional value not only to me but for the previous winners as well. It was an amazing feeling to be able to win and get hold of the trophy and is something I will remember for a long time.

This tournament was also played by my younger brother in the boy's under 17 category. After easing through the early rounds, he overcame a tricky opponent in the semi-final, to face the top seed in the final who had beaten him in the previous county championship finals. This time he showed great spirit to fight back from 2 sets down and regain his title of Surrey Champion as well.

I am indebted to my coaches and support from Wilson's who have helped me to achieve this success in my final county championships before I start university later this year.



## Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

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## CRICKET RESULTS

Monday 5 July 2021

Wilson's vs. Dulwich College

1st XI lost by 6 wickets

Wednesday 7 July 2021

Wilson's vs Forty Club

1st XI lost by 22 runs

Thursday 8 July 2021

Wilson's vs. Wallington County Grammar

1st XI won by 9 wickets



*Pictured left: Ethan (Y13) with his trophy and  
Pictured above: Christopher with his medal.*

