A NEW START!

The start of the new academic year is always an exciting moment as we welcome new Wilsonians, who join a tradition dating back to 1615! Edward Wilson would be so proud of the diversity of our school: just as four hundred years ago, pupils from a broad range of backgrounds are being shaped into kind, hardworking and impressive young men.

We start this year with profound optimism and excitement. The school continues to be listed as one of the highest performing schools (including all independents) in the country and not just for academic reasons: a recent edition of The Spectator listed Wilson's as one of 'Four Notable Schools' in the UK, making

reference to our unique Year 7 instrumental programme, which continues to be a source of great pride.

As ever we were delighted with the academic outcomes this summer, reflecting the immense hard work of students and their teacher. Students were able to leave us to study a very wide range of courses in the UK and around the world. As we tell students often, one cannot expect to succeed all of the time, but when we do – let's celebrate! This we were able to do with our 2020 leavers in a belated, but very enjoyable reunion last Friday. We look forward to hearing about their achievements in the years to come.









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- Wednesday 15 September Y10
- Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 17 September New Y7 Parents' Social Evening (7.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Welcome back

We are delighted to see pupils back in school, ready to enjoy new opportunities and experiences this year (more on the co-curricular plans next week!). We remind all parents and pupils that they must be considerate to local residents at drop-off and pick-up times, adhering to the new restrictions. We much prefer pupils to walk or use public transport and we strongly discourage parents from using Mollison Drive.





GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION WINNERS

Over the summer holiday, we received some very exciting feedback from Warwick University as to why our two entrants, Clint Broadhead and Prabhas Vedagiri had won their Global Sustainable Development competition in their respective categories: essay and creative submissions.

For Clint's essay the judging panel said:

"In a compelling essay worthy of first place, the author explored the 'capitalist fixation around profits,' providing well-justified examples of how the ideology of corporations and governments have contributed to the unsustainability of our society. The author explained how they jeopardize planetary boundaries, as exemplified by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill or the fate of nations like Kiribati 'on their knees as victims of our high consumption.' The language is particularly gripping and emotive, drawing the reader in, with a hopeful concluding message regarding the 'ability of the people to wrestle our future away from the omnipotent corporations at the head of our means of production."

For Prabhas' collection of poetry, the judging panel said: "the author has excellently incorporated a range of perspectives when discussing sustainability. There is a clear flow between the four poems, each with its own linked but separate message. The first poem 'Chaos' whimsically expresses the uncontrolled beauty of nature. The second poem contrastingly named 'Order' draws on personal observations of governance and politics globally and expresses a dark and powerful critique of leaders and our lifestyle. The third poem 'Lost' written from the perspective of an 'indigenous tribe member' discusses displacement and the destruction of their home. Finally, 'Ignored' presents a dystopian image of the environment in the heat of the climate crisis."

As a school we also received praise for having two students win in two different categories and Warwick are excited to see the submissions our Year 11 and 12 students enter for the competition this coming academic year.

To find out more information about the judging panel and the competition that Clint and Prabhas faced you can read the following two articles published by Warwick University: first is about the competition itself at https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/gsdnews/gsd_competition_2021_winners/ and the second about the winners and runners up at https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/engagement/gsdcompetition/2021/.



Pictured above: Clint and Prabhas.

THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL MODEL UN CONFERENCE

This summer some of our students participated in the London International Model UN Conference and below is a write-up on it by Y13 student Neil (pictured):



The London International Model United Nations Conference is held annually with numerous international institutions proffering delegations to contribute to one of the most rewarding MUN experiences. Our delegates participated in the 'Connected Delegates Programme' - a weekly series of lessons and committee studies to further develop our knowledge regarding the workings of the UN and its constituent committees. Our delegation, being familiar with LIMUN's rules of procedure, were given the opportunity to hone their skills in applying these rules in conference situations which enriched their experience. In addition to this, our delegates received tailored guidance on how to structure speeches diplomatically and gained a more thorough understanding of what chairs look for when awarding prizes. Participating in the committee studies greatly informed our delegates in affirming their committee of specialisation in conferences as they understood the different jurisdictions and roles, of a range of UN committees. This training scheme has served as preparation for future conferences where we will strive to emulate the same successes that we achieved in the LSE YouthMUN Conference.







CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE MUSICIANS!

If you're looking to start lessons on an instrument this term, there is still time to sign up! We have lots of different instruments on offer!

Piano Mrs Ableman, Mr Ashworth, and Ms Dennis

Voice Mr Hann and Mr Saklatvala

Oboe Ms Dennis Bassoon Miss Allen

Flute Mr Franks, Miss Driver, and Mr Mockford

Clarinet /

Saxophone Mr Sanders and Mr Cox

Violin Ms Taylor
Cello Mr Aslangul
Trumpet Mr Marshall

Trombone/

French Horn Mr Scaife

Percussion/

Drum kit Mr French and Mr Kimber

Guitar Mr Lawton, Mr Kockaya, and Mr Molyneux

Whether you're looking for something completely new or you're picking up something you've already tried before after a bit of a break, you will have a wonderfully enriching and productive experience with our talented teachers.

To sign up, all you need to do is visit the link below, download the agreement form and fill it in! Please then bring it to the Music Department as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can collect a paper copy of the form from the Music Office.

https://wilsonsmusic.wixsite.com/index/peripatetic-music

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with Ms Burton, Director of Music.



YEAR 7 MUSIC PROGRAMME

On Wednesday this week, our new cohort of Year 7 students were inducted into our music programme. As part of the Year 7 Music curriculum, every student receives musical tuition in one of the following: flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, orchestral percussions, or voice. Our instrumental teachers demonstrated the workings of their instruments, how they make the sounds they do and the kind of music best suited to the instrument, dazzling our students with their expertise and musicality. Meanwhile, our voice teacher, Mr Hann, took the students through an important rite of passage at Wilson's: a solo singing audition! In the coming week, our students will receive their first lessons. We wish them all the very best of luck for the exciting journey that is about to begin!





WILSON'S CHESS FESTIVAL

Wilson's Chess Festival went very smoothly with students assisting in setting up the venue and tidying away at the end. The chess was played to a high standard with no serious disputes to resolve.

Congratulations go to the winners and runners up:

Section Alekhine

1st Sahil Kohli (5.5/7)

2nd = Pratyush Manchandia and Adam Ali (5/7) 3rd= David Yuan, Idhant Lodha and Koushikk Ayyappan (4.5/7)

Section Botvinnik

1st Dekrissh Ganesamoorthy (7/8) 2nd= Advik Jain, Shubh Khare and Gautham Subramanian (6/8) 5th Tanishk Bahl (5/8)

You can find results at https://ecflms.org.uk/ lms/node/59146/home by clicking on July Festival A (or B).

Revised (or first ratings for some) can be found on the ECF website.





FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week.





Pictured above: Kwesi (left) and Matthew (right)

Zayn (Yr 11) covered every blade of grass in a man of the match performance for the U16As and in the other U16 game Caleb (Yr 11) was instrumental in their win. Dhillon (Yr 12) continued his good from the summer with two fine goals for the U17s. Matthew (Yr 11) scored on his 1st XI competitive debut with a composed finish and player of the week comes from the 1st XI with Kwesi (Yr 13) putting in a complete performance. He finished the game with two assists and two goals, one being an early goal of the season contender.

Team Of The Week:

It was a good opening weekend with the 1st XI, U17As, U16As and U16Bs all registering comprehensive wins. The U17As played some excellent attacking football while the 1st XI and U16As got the always important clean sheet. Team of the week are the 5th XI (pictured below) who won 4-0 with a promising team display.



Wilson's 1st XI 4 Vs 0 Tonbridge

After an intense pre-season at Mollison Drive, the first eleven arrived on Saturday morning in high anticipation of their first run out of the season. Always a tough opening opposition, Tonbridge started the game on the front foot by asserting themselves as the physically dominant side. Goalkeeper Ellis (Yr 13) was tested early on but proved impermeable as ever while allowing his side to grow into the game.

It was not long before Wilson's had managed to manoeuvre the ball around an aggressive press to the feet of Kwesi (Yr 13) on the left flank, who beat his man effortlessly before squaring the ball to newly converted centre forward Tom (Yr 13). Facing an empty net, the captain was greeted by Kwesi's tidy run with an easy tap in. 1-0 Wilson's. The rest of the opening half lacked quality in both final thirds, with a hard-fought battle unfolding between midfielders Clint, Tobi, George (all Yr 13) and their Tonbridge Counterparts. However, credit remains with the Wilsons defensive duo of Jasper (Yr 13) and Harry (Yr 11), who continued to prove themselves as a reliable pair. Despite some good performances, the boys went in at the break with the knowledge that far more would be needed to see them gain their first win of the season.

After a typically inspiring half time team talk from Mr Wells, Wilson's came out a new side in the second half. Winning more second balls in the opening five minutes than the entirety of the first half, it was inevitable that the Tonbridge defence would soon come under pressure. And that it did, as it was not long into the latter forty-five that Kwesi had got himself on the scoresheet with a calmly slotted finish after finding himself one on one with the keeper. 2-0 Wilsons. Only a matter of minutes later, an intelligent Joel (Yr 13) pass saw Kwesi add to his own fun with an audacious thirty yard shot on goal, which the keeper could only watch as it sailed into the back of the net. 3-0 Wilson's, with an early goal of the season contender. With the deal sealed, debutant Mathew (Yr 11) couldn't help but add himself to the score sheet in the dying moments of the game, latching on to a precise Kwesi through ball and keeping his composure to kill the game. 4-0 Wilsons.

A scrappy game against a physical and sharp Tonbridge side, but a win nonetheless to kick start the first eleven's season. Special mention to Freddie (Yr 11), Jindu (Yr 12), Hari (Yr 12), Harry (Yr 11) and Matthew (Yr 11) for all making their full season debuts for the 1s.

Match Report: 1st XI Captain Tom (Yr 13)

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

It has been two years since we were able to play Tonbridge in our usual season opener, so it was fantastic to see the boys playing again. It was a promising opening fixture with good wins for four out of the five teams. A big well done to all the boys, it was a fantastic effort to get over 70 boys playing football before school has started and they were praised by the opposition for not only their performance but also their sporting behaviour.

Saturday 4 September, 2021 Wilson's vs. Tonbridge

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





CLASS OF 2020 DRINKS RECEPTION!

On Friday 3 September, we were thrilled to finally welcome back the Class of 2020 for an informal Drinks Reception. The final count saw 89 alumni in total return to the school's grounds, a number that far exceeded our initial estimates of how many 2020 Leavers would be able to attend!

The Wilson's staff thoroughly enjoyed seeing the boys again, and we are hopeful that the Old Wilsonians who attended also

enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with their former teachers, the school and each other!

The event was a great success and is part of an ongoing programme of activities and events designed to keep our alumni-base better connected, and to help our old boys access work and mentoring opportunities.







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- Thursday 30 September Y8 Soloists' Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Saturday 2 October Second Stage Entrance Exam.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Welcome back

We are delighted to see pupils back in school, ready to enjoy new opportunities and experiences this year. Further information will be published in the coming days about the extensive co-curricular programme, with more clubs and activities available to pupils than ever!



CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS

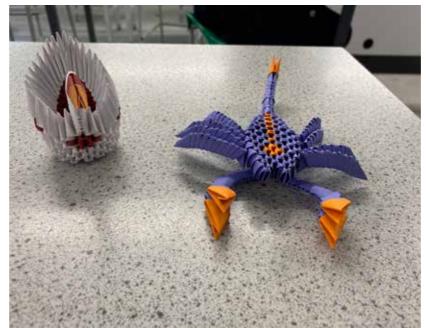
As well as encouraging pupils to develop academically, the school feels it is important for them to participate in a range of co-curricular activities in order to nurture skills and develop the fully-rounded personality that is the hallmark of the Wilsonian. Whilst we strive to help the students attain excellent grades, our role as educators is equally to help open up their world and provide them with experiences beyond the classroom; for it is these experiences which will make the longest (and arguably most important) impressions on their lives. Top grades will open incredible opportunities academically, but the activities the students partake in outside the classroom will ignite passions, create friendships and instil interpersonal skills such as teamwork, organisation, empathy, patience and motivation that last a lifetime.

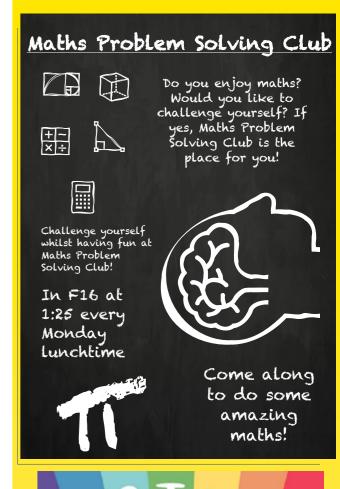
We are currently compiling our 2021-22 spreadsheet of co-curricular activities, which will be accessible online, for parents and pupils to view our vast selection of activities. This will be published over the next few weeks and we will let you know about this via SchoolComms. However, clubs and activities have already got off to a roaring start! Every day during morning form times, pupils are shown announcements slides and details about co-curricular activities are advertised here. For instance, this week pupils in various years have been told about (and have already attended) Politics Club, KS3 design club, Chess, Rubik's Cube Club, Robotics Club, Film Club, Classics Club and Pride Society. Over the coming weeks this list will get longer and pupils will have a wide variety of activities to choose from every day of the week. Music ensembles will start from Monday 20 September too.

Over the last 18 months it proved more difficult to run a full range of clubs. Although staff persevered and still managed to run a huge variety or activities, during the periods of home-learning the opportunities for pupils to socialise and get involved alongside their peers were diminished. We therefore urge and encourage pupils this year to make up for lost time and give things a go! Our range of activities are run by dedicated members of staff and sixth formers who give up their own time to ensure the pupils are provided with these co-curricular experiences and opportunities to stretch their minds, make new friends, and develop passions. We are incredibly grateful for this commitment and hope the pupils take advantage of the wonderful range of opportunities they have at their fingertips.













FOOTBALL NEWS



Pictured above: U12A vs Sutton

Player Of The Week:

Samo (Yr 7) led from the front for the U12As with two captain performances, and brother Tito (Yr 9) got on the scoresheet for the U14As in their win. Asa (Yr 10) carried on where he left off last year with two goals for the U15As, while Joe (U13A) was a rock at the back for the U13As. Player of the week is Jonathan (Yr 9) who scored an incredible four goals for the U14As.

Team Of The Week:

The U13As and U15As both put in two committed, organised and defensively good performances to win their games and keep a clean sheet. The U12Cs had a fantastic away win against a good Forest side coming back from 1- 0 down. Team of the week are the U14As who got their season off to a flying start with a superb 15-1 win against Sutton.



Pictured above: U14A Team of the Week



Pictured above: U12C vs. Sutton

Pictured below: U12B vs. Sutton



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

This weekend is always about our Year 7s making their footballing debuts and one of our most enjoyable weekends of the year. The usual manic, fun filled, enthusiastic games at Sutton Friday took place with encouraging performances. On Saturday they made the long trip to Epping Forest to play the strong Forest School. Well done all boys who showed footballing promise with the usual Wilson's sporting behaviour.

Friday 10 September, 2021 Wilson's vs. Sutton (Friendlies)

J12A	drew	1 - 1
J12B	won	3 - 2
112C	lost	0 - 1
J12D	won	4 - 1

Saturday 11 September, 2021 Wilson's vs Forest (Friendlies)

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U12B	lost	1 - 6			
U12C	won	2 - 1			
Wilson's vs Sutton					
U13A	won	2 - 0			
U13B	lost	2 - 3			
U14A	won	15 - 1			
U14B	lost	1 - 4			
U15A	won	2 - 0			
U15B	lost	4 - 5			
3rd XI	won	5 - 3			
2nd XI	lost	2 - 4			
1st XI	won	3 - 1			





NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS

This week, pupils in all year groups have reflected on the deeper meaning of the school's motto, which means "not for oneself but for all". These words obviously denote the importance of sharing, being selfless and looking out for others. But they also have a much deeper meaning: we value and trust others and we accept the profound value of their experiences, their attitudes, and their differences.

We are all more likely to feel happy, able to be ourselves, and reach our full potential if we can be in an environment where people of all different identities are valued for who they are, believing, accepting and valuing the life experiences that others have faced. Accordingly, we renewed our promise to ourselves never to be complacent about racism or homophobia, transphobia or hateful attitudes to women or to people who are disabled. That goes for teachers, pupils, parents and everybody who interacts with our buildings or our people. We must make certain that everybody can talk about

their experiences confident that they will be believed and supported.

Later this term, we will launch the new Charities Committee so that we establish a systematic and effective approach to charity fundraising in the school, honouring the legacy of Mrs Gill, our long-serving Head of Computing who died last year. There have been some great charity fundraising projects in recent months, but the committee will seek to make enduring links with particular charities and ensure that regular events become part of the school calendar.

We act most wisely when we base our beliefs and actions on the best of human nature in its full diversity, and when we reflect with compassion on the experiences of others. It is with this strength of purpose that we look ahead to another challenging and exciting year!



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- Thursday 30 September Y8 Soloists' Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Saturday 2 October Second Stage Entrance Exam.
- Monday 4 October Y9 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 6 October Y11 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 7 October Y9 Music Recital (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 8 October MUFTI Day.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Report a Concern

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





ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY AMBASSADOR SCHEME

The Geography Department, through the RGS Ambassador scheme, welcomed back this week a former Wilsonian, George Worrall, currently studying Geography at Emmanuel College Cambridge. George spoke to our Year 11 and 12 students about the joys and importance of studying Geography at A Level and university respectively.

George captivated our Year 11 students with the breadth and depth of the subject of Geography, demonstrating not only its academic relevance but also the everyday applications of the content that they learn in the classroom. The Year 11 students were particularly fascinated about the reclamation of land from the South China Sea for military and economic purposes as well as the environmental implications of the melting permafrost in Siberia.

George spoke eloquently to our Year 12 students about the wide variety of learning and fieldwork opportunities that studying Geography as a university degree offers to them as well as deftly fielding questions about university/college life. The combination of academic and pastoral information was greatly appreciated by the Year 12 students as a first hand insight into the next stage of their academic journey. The Geography Department looks forward to working further with George in developing a continued enthusiasm for Geography amongst the students, as well as reading his dissertation on the geopolitics of outer space.











Wilson's Update Non sibi sed omnibus

GARDENING CLUB

Sunflowers!

Last term our gardening club grew some beautiful sunflowers in the area outside the sixth form centre. Most of the flowers bloomed in the school holidays, which made it a little difficult for our gardeners to see the very bright flowers, so Mrs Higgs kindly took the attached pictures. The students had looked after the seedlings very carefully, using ecologically friendly methods to remove pests, and tying them to bamboo canes to stop them toppling over.

We have also retained the seed heads and plan to use them next summer to plant more sunflowers! Gardening club will return in the spring of 2022.





WELLBEING

Wilson's is very lucky to have two new prefects this year; Alex with responsibility for the environment, and Daniel with responsibility for wellbeing and participation in the school. Both are passionate about their new roles and are keen for you to join them and become involved.

Alex, Environment Prefect.

Everyone cares about the environment and wishes the world to be rid of the selfish, damaging acts which occur globally every day. However, it is the actions that we can do in our local communities that are the best starting points from which to tackle these universal issues. As the new environmental prefect for Wilson's, I plan to raise awareness about environmental problems that can be solved, both inside and outside school. Creating a productive and proactive attitude towards tackling environmental issues is a fantastic way to establish a long-lasting atmosphere of enthusiasm regarding environmental change. This would help the future students to continue making further improvements within the school and the local community.

At Wilson's there is already a Gardening club and Wildlife Club to promote the reintegration of native species of plants and animals into our community. This is a brilliant initiative and one which is gaining popularity throughout the UK. The Knepp wilding project in West Sussex has succeeded in rewilding a 3,500 acre estate, and it has yielded amazing outcomes, such as observing 5 species of owls, one of the rarest bats in Europe and a host of other examples not seen in the UK for decades. I urge anyone who is interested to get involved in both the gardening and the rewilding so that our school can experience some of its effects on our site.

After attending a talk by Tania Flasck, a Director and Chair in the UK's water sector, I realised that water usage is another area which we could raise more awareness about. Simple things like checking that toilets are not leaking, turning off taps and not showering for too long can save astronomical amounts of water. It is estimated that around two billion litres of water are used for showers in the UK per day! In terms of the school's water usage, it is possible to ask for a 'Smarter Business Visit' from Thames Water, where they come to the school to help identify and reduce water wastage - all for free. This would be a great, cost effective way of saving money and water and I will be looking into this to try and get it organised.

This is not a one man job so I will be needing the help of all those excited about making positive strides in our community (which should be everyone!), so do get in touch with me if you have any ideas or suggestions. Remember that it is the frequent, little lifestyle shifts that create a greater overall impact. No change is too small.



Alex.YI3. Environment Prefect



Daniel, Y13, Wellbeing and **Participation Prefect**

Daniel, Wellbeing and Participation Prefect

My name is Daniel, and I'll be serving as the new Wellbeing and Participation Prefect this academic year. My brain is positively buzzing with ideas about wellbeing, and I'm very excited to share them and hopefully put them into action! I hope to spread awareness as well, by talking to younger years about their wellbeing and sprucing up some display boards around the school with club information to encourage participation. Most importantly, I want to make my predecessor proud and bring this role to life in a (fingers crossed) lockdown-free year!







PRODUCTION 2021 LIVES ON!

One of the unfortunate consequences of a third lockdown, for the Drama Department, was the cancelling of the live performance of the Senior Production Chekhov's 'The Seagull'. Rehearsals started in earnest back in October 2020 with many familiar faces of the drama scene at Wilson's looking forward to their last show at the school before departing for University. And what a show it was set to be! The company were so compelled by the story that in the end Mr Kavanagh threw out the translation they were using and adapted the play himself, making the show a world premiere for Wilson's. Alas, Covid struck once more and the play's live incarnation had to wait. However, all was not lost. A sound booth was set up in the Drama Studio and over four weeks the cast recorded the audiobook of the play which, after a summer holiday's worth of time for editing, is now available to hear for free on the school website. It's not the same as live theatre but it's a worthy compromise in continually trying times for the Arts. Enjoy!

Wilson's Senior Production THE SEAGULL By Anton Chekhov A New Adaptation by Ben Kavanagh Follow this link to listen: https://www.wilsons.school/curriculum/dept/drama/seagull/



WILSON'S SENIOR RUGBY IS BACK IN **GOLD AND BLACK**

Last week saw the return of competitive rugby fixtures for the first time in well over a year, with the 1st XV and U14A teams taking the field against Caterham and Wallington County Grammar School respectively.

First up were the 1st XV, a combination of predominantly sixth form students, with a few Year 11s included in the match day squad. Caterham were the visitors, always very well-drilled and with a plethora of rugby playing scholars to select from. What ensued was a fiercely physical and competitive contest. Despite having not played contact rugby throughout the last eighteen months, players from both teams were showing they had lost nothing in sheer grit and determination, in both attack and defence..!! With numerous debuts on the Wilson's side, it was great to see the team gel and begin to put the ball through the hands with confidence and quality. Led by captain Callum (Year 13), the pack were equally as dominant as their opposition, with the now 'veterans' Pablo, Aditya and Sam (Year 13s) backed up by the mercurial Jackson at fly half (also Year 13), there was good go-forward ball which allowed the back line some opportunities to attack. What was most impressive was the defensive side of the game. Arthuschan and Jin Woo (Year 13) in the centres were pillars of granite, with a 'thou shall not pass' mentality. Tackle of the day was awarded to Akila (Year 13), playing at full back and the last line of defence who put his body on the line to stop the marauding Caterham prop. However, Player of the Match was Wilson's prop Sam, a ball-carrying bulldozer who made big yardage every time he had the ball. A real example to the rest of the team. Despite a narrow loss, the victory was the manner in which the match was played and the positives that every individual and the team can take moving forward. Onto The Cedars next week.

The U14As made the short journey to Wallington Boys on Thursday, in weather that was more akin to the height of the cricket season than that of the rugby term. The sun shone and it was as if it signified the light after so many dark months of cancelled fixtures.

The way the away team started was like they had never had any time off, racing into a five tries to one lead by half time.... dreamland! Ethan was speed personified, showing a clean pair of heels to numerous flailing defenders. Captain Dylan was calling the shots, proving that playing for a club outside of school really can advance a player's skill set. Zack was at his industrious best, driving the team up the pitch and handling the ball with more composure than in previous seasons. Eliram at scrum half was as tenacious as ever, really stepping up to the physical challenge. The message at the break was not to be complacent, as it was clear WCGS were going to come

back strong in the second half. Some scrappy handling errors and a lack of fitness began to show. No matter how many Joe Wicks workouts you do in your bedroom, there is no substitute for match fitness and that is what was lacking as the match drew on. The home team had an abundance of fresh legs on the side lines and they were able to cope with the sweltering heat better than those in black and gold. The match finished in a defeat, by 45-30. There is definitely potential in this team but more time in the training paddock is required.

Overall, a great first week of rugby and start to the competitive season.



Pictured above and below: U14A Rugby vs. WCGS







FOOTBALL NEWS

A tough week for our football teams as we faced our most difficult block of the season against the strongest footballing school in the country Hampton. The boys faced tough games but never stopped trying and working hard.

Player Of The Week:

Jadon (Yr 12) was excellent in centre midfield for the 2nd XI, winning tackles and showing composure on the ball. Asa (Yr 10) put in a complete centre forward performance for the U15As, holding the ball up well and always looking dangerous. Player of the week is 4th XI inspirational captain Lewis (Yr 12), he led his side superbly to two fantastic wins

Team Of The Week:

In a difficult week we have two teams of the week! The 4th XI put in a courageous performance to beat Hampton 1-0, all the side showed fantastic spirt to gain a famous win and clean sheet. The U15As put in one of their best performances for the school playing some breath-taking attacking football to beat Hampton 4-1. Well done both squads.

Pictured below: Lewis, Player of the Week





Pictured above: 2nd XI vs. John Fisher

Pictured below: U15A Team of the Week



Wilson's Chess Successes

UK Chess Challenge is a very popular chess tournament which has tens of thousands of entrants. This year two of our pupils have played so well that they have reached the 'Terafinal', featuring only 60 players from the whole country, aged from 5 to 18. Both our players are in Year 8: Shlok (8B) and Denis (8H). We congratulate them both on this considerable achievement and wish them well as they prepare to play at Blenheim Palace in the October Terafinal.

Chess continues to be very popular with many pupils at Wilson's with over 100 students participating in the Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime chess clubs, now organised by year group. The Year 7 chess tournament taking place on Thursday 30 September already has 47 entrants, but there is space for more. If you are interested please speak to Dr Cooper.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 15 September

Wilson's vs John Fisher
2nd XI lost 1 - 2
Wilson's vs Trinity
5th XI lost 3 - 4

Thursday 16 September Wilson's vs Whitgift (Ntl Cup)

U14A lost 0-6
Wilson's vs Trinity (Friendlies)

U15B lost 0 -6 U14B lost 0 - 7 U14C lost 2 - 5

Saturday 18 September Wilson's vs Hampton (Friendlies)

U14A	lost	0 - 2
U14B	lost	0 - 6
U14C	lost	1 - 5
U14D	lost	0 - 12
U15A	won	4 - 1
U15B	lost	0 - 9
U15C	lost	0 - 11
U15D	lost	0 - 8
U16A	lost	0 - 6
U16B	lost	0 - 6
U16C	lost	1 - 11
4th XI	won	1 - 0
2nd XI	lost	0 - 7
1st XI	lost	0 - 3



MUSICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Twenty-five Year 8 pupils gave accomplished performances during our first live Soloists' Evening of the year on Thursday. With so many excellent performances it is hard to pick out particular highlights, but Joshua's performance of Eugene Bozza's *Aria* for Alto Saxophone was outstanding, as was Alex's lively rendering of Helen Hopekirk's *Air* for piano, as well as stylish performances of Haydn and Telemann on the piano by Bobur and Egemen. We enjoyed a series of fine guitar performances, culminating in Mark's Gigue from Bach's Lute Suite in A minor, BWV 997, while Vignesh continues to give transfixing performances of Sri Tyagarajah's compositions for voice.

At this time of year, as our senior students look to the future (with two students in Year 13 pursuing Oxbridge choral scholarships this year), we take enormous pleasure in observing the talent that thrives in younger year groups and this Year 8 group proves no exception! With Year 9 Musicians' Evening next week and GCSE and A level recitals following next half term, there is much thrilling solo music-making yet to come this term.



We are also delighted that over 250 pupils are once again involved in school musical ensembles, with rehearsals for Senior Orchestra, Senior Strings, Wind Bands, Choirs, and several smaller ensembles now underway. The Charity Orchestral Concert will take place on Wednesday, 1 December, with tickets available soon after half term. The Carol Service will be held, as usual, in Croydon Minster on Monday, 13 December.

Meanwhile, work is already underway on our new £2.5m Music School, which will provide a large recital room, three new music classrooms and nine new music practice rooms – as well as a new fitness suite for use by boys and staff. In addition, refurbishment of existing spaces will provide us with four new sports changing rooms as well as offering us the opportunity to re-model some of our existing changing facilities. We are currently appealing to benefactors to assist us in fitting-out our new facilities. If you would like to sponsor a piece of fitness or music equipment please speak with the Director of Development via the School Office.





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- Saturday 2 October Second Stage Entrance Exam.
- Monday 4 October Y9 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 6 October Y11 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 7 October Y9 Music Recital (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 8 October MUFTI Day.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Be safe, be seen!

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



Wilson's Update Non sibi sed omnibus



RUGBY NEWS

U15A Rugby Team back with a bang!

On Tuesday 21 September, the Year 10 Rugby Team welcomed local rivals Wallington County Grammar School to Mollison Drive for their first competitive rugby fixture since March of last year. Having had a couple of training sessions in Games afternoons, the squad was primed and ready for the challenge that lay ahead. How they rose to that challenge will live long in the memory. In a fiercely physical battle, both teams exchanged early passages of possession and looked assured with ball in hand, despite the long match-day layoff. Without the ball, tackles were abrasive and nobody shirked their responsibility. Going into half time, the away team led 12-10 and the tension was palpable.

The half team talk consisted of one simple message, "Attack and defend as a team; not as individuals". On another unusually warm day for the time of year, the ball carrier needed at least two or three options when approaching contact, with fatigue sure to be a factor as the match wore on. The defensive line had to be a cohesive unit. "Shoulder, arms, leg drive" was the mantra in the tackle, something the team didn't stop doing all afternoon. The breakthrough came with the always impressive Michael (10C), with an enviable combination of strength and speed, slicing through the blue defence



Pictured above: U15A rugby vs. Wallington County Grammar School.

and scoring a double in no time. Sam (10S) was beginning to show a greater understanding of the game, reading when to run and when better to offload. Ravindu (10H) was back to his bulldozing best, taking at least four players to stop him and putting in some bone-thundering tackles. Captain Toba (10B) was orchestrating at scrum-half, a pivotal position and one he is really growing into. More assured performances from Poorwa (10B), Demilade (10G) and Hersh (10D) kept the team ticking along but Player of the Match was awarded to Abhinav (10S), someone who has really worked hard over the last three seasons. The hard-work is now paying dividends and from first whistle to last, Abhinav proved he is more than worthy of his place, showing particular composure when being faced by two oncoming WCGS tacklers.

The match finished Wilson's 37-12 WCGS. What a way to start the season and well done to all the players who took part.

CHESS FIXTURES RESULTS

Ivan Gromov Online Schools League

Wilson's A lost to KCS Wimbledon 2.5 - 3.5

Wins for Raghav (9H) and Varun (U6), draw for Henry (11D)

Wilson's B lost to Eton College A 2 – 4

Win for Idhant (9G), draws for Anuj (8D) and Pratyush (10S)







SOUTHAMPTON MATHS CHALLENGE

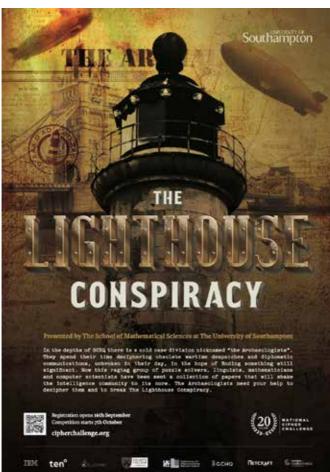
Congratulations to all those students who participated in and were successful at, the Southampton University Maths Challenge. They were all invited to an online presentation evening last term and received their certificates last week.

One of the students who took part (Dekrissh - 8C), had the following to say:

"I really enjoyed doing the Southampton Maths Challenge as it made me think about the fun questions. Additionally, there was lots of time to think about the questions meaning I could answer them to the best of my abilities.

I also enjoyed the Zoom meeting about the very interesting topic of a million-pound question. It was fun to think about this question and to learn more about how no-one to this day has solved it."

Anyone wishing to enter the Cipher Challenge (also run by Southampton University) must register before 7 October.





Pictured above: Year 7 - 9 prizewinners.
Pictured below: Participants with their certificates.



LEARNING POLISH

Article by Mr Lawson, Head of Classics

The most difficult part of the recent lockdowns for me was being unable to go travelling in far-off places. Many of the staff, students and parents have heard my stories of meeting wonderful people and getting to sleep in amazing places. I have decided the time has come to visit Poland and it is going to get my full attention for a while during half-term.

I'll be flying into Krakow and then walking to Katowice and Jasna Gora. I will need to learn some Polish words. Very likely Krakow will present no problems in speaking English, but as soon as I take the road on foot to the west, English will become less and less widely-spoken. For that reason, I am learning Polish. Not only is this the polite thing to do, it will also mean I can find food, water, shelter and conversation.

Time and again you may hear people tell you that you can rely on English. Don't. It doesn't matter whether you are any good or not – if you try the local language, you will get a much better reception. I have found this everywhere I have walked. The conversations I will be able to have by the roadside may be

basic, but they will be genuine. After just a few hours on google translate, I can say good day, how are you? Hello, please, thank you, sorry sir, no excuse sir! And lots of other things. I have bought a phrase book and this is useful on the train home every day. I have also started going into Polish delicatessen shops in Croydon to seek "Polskie piernicki prozse". I get what I want and a whole load of laughs. I have even been to a Polish restaurant in Streatham, where I did eventually get what I wanted, including what seems Poland's national dish - pierogi. If you are in one of my classes you will remember the lovely ginger bread with cherry jam you got during your last test.

Language learning is a joy. Travelling without a script even more so. Putting the two together is what makes life worthwhile.

Finally, I have a favour to ask anyone who knows some Polish. Please come and try speaking a few words to me. Be gentle, as I am very much a beginner. Even a minute or so a day helps build my skills and knowledge.







FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Christopher (Yr 11) had a busy week for the 3rd XI. He put the team first as captain, to step in for injured goalkeeper Max against Alleyn's, and then played to his usual high standard as centre forward against Bede's. Ishaan (Yr 11) was the hero for the 6th XI scoring a fantastic goal in their good draw versus Alleyn's. Tharren (Yr 9) has been consistently good in goals for the U14Cs and has excelled off the pitch as well. He has got the team organised, always encouraging and been an excellent captain. Player of the week is Conor (Yr 11) who dictated the game, showed some great touches, and had three assists for the 5th XI on Saturday.

Team Of The Week:

The 1st XI put in one of the most impressive displays in recent times with a fantastic 2-1 win against one the strongest school teams in the country, Bede's. The 3rd XI continued their good start to the season with a win and a draw against two strong teams away. It was a good week for all the U13 teams as they came back unbeaten from the long trip to Forest school. Team of the week are the 5th XI who played some fantastic attacking football to beat Bede's 6-4, the goals coming from Hriday 2, Christian 2 and Luka 2 (all Yr 11).

Pictured below: 5th XI Team of the Week





Pictured above: U12A vs Riddlesdown

Pictured below: Ishaan, 6th XI Goalscorer



Co-curricular and Sports Links

Co-curricular Timetable
Sports Fixtures

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 21 September Wilson's vs Forest School (Friendlies)

U13A drew 2 - 2 U13B won 5 - 1 U13C won 3 - 1

Wednesday 22 September Wilson's vs Alleyn's (Friendlies)

 1st XI
 lost
 0 - 1

 2nd XI
 lost
 1 - 4

 3rd XI
 won
 2 - 1

 4th XI
 drew
 2 - 2

 5th XI
 lost
 0 - 6

 6th XI
 drew
 1 - 1

Wilson's vs Trinity (Friendlies)

U12A lost 0 - 7 U12B lost 2 - 5 U12C lost 1 - 3 U12D drew 3 - 3

Thursday 23 September
Wilson's vs Southborough (Ntl Cup)
U15A lost 2 - 3 (on penalties)

Friday 24 September

Wilson's vs Riddlesdown (Ntl Cup)
U12A lost 2 - 5 (AET)

Saturday 25 September Wilson's vs Bede's (Friendlies)

 1st XI
 won
 2 - 1

 2nd XI
 lost
 0 - 10

 3rd XI
 drew
 1 - 1

 4th XI
 lost
 2 - 8

 5th XI
 won
 6 - 4

 U15A
 drew
 2 - 2





NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS

On Friday, we enjoyed the first mufti day of this academic year. As usual, pupils were invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation to the Ryan MS Therapy Centre in Coulsdon, one of several local charities for which pupils have raised money in recent months.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological condition that effects the central nervous system. It causes a wide range of symptoms including problems with muscle movement, balance and vision leading to diverse and varying degrees of disability. MS can be a very frightening condition because once diagnosed, a person will not know how affected they will be. Whilst there has been great progress with disease modifying drugs (DMDs) there is still currently no cure. However, we can do things to help people with MS manage the condition to keep mobile and maintain independence, which is why the therapies provided in Coulsdon are so valuable. Anybody may donate

directly via the website here: https://ryanmstherapy.org/donate/

Ryan MS Therapy Centre is one of many charities championed by our late colleague, Kamaljit Gill. It is in her honour that we plan to launch a new Charities Committee, chaired by the Charities Prefect, to coordinate future charity fundraising activity. Pupils will learn much more about the committee's work and how they can get involved next half term!

Keep a lookout for details of both our Charity Orchestral Concert and Carol Service (both in December), which this year will be raising money for Centrepoint, a charity that provides accommodation and support to homeless people aged 16–25.





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- Wednesday 13 October Y10 Parents' Eve. (4.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 14 October Y7 Parent/Tutor Meetings (4.00 p.m.)
- Friday 15 October End of Half Term.
- Monday 1 November Term continues at the usual time.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Relationships and Sex Education

Parents can find details information about the school's PSHE and RSE curriculum here: https://www.wilsons.school/curriculum/dept/phserse/. Parents are welcome to contact the school at any time to ask further questions about how RSE is taught, contribute their views towards the on-going review of the school's policy and curriculum, and to see the resources that are used. Please contact Mr Lissimore, Mr Sturt or Ms Atwell for further information.





SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to:

Saaruu and Keshaav (Year 9) Dekrissh, Gautam, Paarush, and Pavan (Year 8).

All of whom completed the local libraries' "Summer Reading Challenge!". Well done to these boys (pictured below) for acting as role model students to their peers in their love of reading.

The boys have been awarded certificates and the school library has also received books thanks to their efforts!













CHESS NEWS

Russell Jamboree - Major Section

Our first 'Over the Board' chess fixture for 18 months. Wilson's B scored 11 out of 12, coming first out of 10 teams. Congratulations to Rahul (10G), Varun (U6), Sahil (U6), Adam (U6) and Idhant (9G) for two wins and to Josh (8S) and Anuj (8D) for one win each.

Year 7 Competition

Fifty of our Year 7 pupils took part on Thursday after school playing a total of 125 games of chess in two hours. The winner was Balahari (7G) with a perfect 5/5, followed by Fraser (7C) with 4.5/5. Raziuddin (7B), Sudersen (7C), Nishith (7D), Ritesh (7G) and Omer (7G) all scored 4/5. There was some excellent chess played in a friendly but competitive atmosphere.



Wilson's Autumn Half-Term Holiday Chess Festival - Monday 18 October 9am - 3.30pm

Open to any Wilson's pupil.

No entry fee, no prizes.

Sections will be organised by chess playing ability.

All games will be ECF rated.

To enter please email Dr Cooper nsc@wilsonsschool.sutton. sch.uk with pupil's name and form by Wednesday 13 October.

Places are limited - so do apply early!

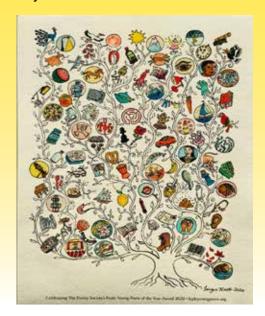
Poetry Writing Challenge!

You have until half term to send in your entries to the challenge.

The two prompts are "Writing about the absurd" and "Writing inspired by myths". You can see Mrs Fletcher if you would like some more inspiration, or ask your English teacher. We had a great inspiration meeting at lunchtime last week, but if you couldn't attend, Mrs Fletcher can give you the resource.

Please send all entries to Mrs Fletcher (KRF@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk) and Abbas (ZAIDIA@Wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk) by Friday 15 October. We would prefer electronic copies if possible, either on a Google Document, or pasted into the body of the email.

We will select Key Stage Winners after half term and publish the students' writing in an anthology. Anyone and everyone who enjoys writing creatively should take part! We have already had some excellent entries.







FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Two experienced 1st XI players stepped up this week. Tom (Yr 13) and Ellis (Yr 13) both produced good mature performances to lead the 1st XI in their very successful week. Pelumi (Yr 12) made his debut for the 2nd XI against Ardingly and didn't disappoint with a hardworking, committed "Man of the Match" display. Player of the week is Emmanuel (Yr 13) who had a week to remember blasting a hat trick on Wednesday for the 2nd XI and then stepped up to the 1st XI on Saturday with another goal and assist.

Team Of The Week:

The 2nd XI got their season going with their first win beating Royal Russell away 3-1, they built on that with another battling display Saturday against Ardingly. The U15As and 3rd XI continued their good starts to the season with impressive away wins versus Ardingly. Team of the week are the 1st XI; they beat St George's 4-1 on Wednesday, but it was on Saturday they shone beating Ardingly 5-1 away. Ardingly are always one of the strongest Independent School sides in the country but a relentless, high-energy display by all of the squad meant the 1st XI recorded one of their most impressive results away from home.

Pictured below: U15A win again.





Pictured above: Ellis 1st XI Goalkeeper.

Pictured below: The first win for 2nd XI team.



Co-curricular and Sports Links

Co-curricular Timetable Sports Fixtures

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 29 September Wilson's vs St George's (Friendlies)

 1st XI
 won
 4 - 1

 5th XI
 lost
 1 - 3

 Wilson's vs
 Royal Russell

 2nd XI
 won
 3 - 1

 3rd XI
 won
 4 - 2

Saturday 2 October Wilson's vs Ardingly College (Friendlies)

 1st XI
 won
 5 - 1

 2nd XI
 lost
 2 - 3

 3rd XI
 won
 2 - 1

 U15A
 won
 2 - 1

 U15B
 lost
 3 - 7

 U15C
 drew
 4 - 4



GCSE MUSIC RECITAL

On Thursday 7 October, our new cohort of GCSE musicians gathered together in the John Jenkins Hall to perform for a warm gathering of family and friends. This was a truly momentous occasion for many of our students as they had never before performed as a soloist in front of a live audience - and yet the spotlight didn't faze them! Everyone rose to the occasion, demonstrating with much inesse and sensitivity, their burgeoning musical abilities. The programme was excitingly diverse with such classics as Mozart's "Rondo alla"

Turca"and the traditional song "Down by the Salley Gardens" brushing shoulders with several jazzy numbers, an etude by Louise Farrenc, and pop hits including "Ghost Town" and "Smells Like Teen Spirit." If this evening's concert is anything to go by, we will surely be treated to more musical wonders in the future! Congratulations to everyone involved!

To see our GCSE musicians playing live, please come to the Charity Orchestral Concert on 1 December 2021.





















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- Friday 15 October End of Half Term.
- Monday 1 November Term continues at the usual time.
- Monday 1 Friday 5 November Year 11 Mocks
- Tuesday 2 Friday 5 November Years
 12 and 13 Geography Fieldtrip
- Tuesday 9 November Oxbridge Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 10 November EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS 1.05 p.m.

Deputy Head's Reminder

Parking and waiting around the school

Parents are reminded to avoid parking or waiting in the vicinity of the school; each car on Link Lane or Mollison Drive slows down the journeys home for all those pupils who travel responsibly by bus.

The Hannibal Way gate is open for pupils for 15 minutes at the end of each day and this provides a much less stressful way to collect pupils by car!





WELLBEING UPDATE

Life has slowly been getting back to normal and it would be easy to presume that this would make things easy and that many of the struggles we experienced over the last eighteen months had simply disappeared. But the reality is that things at times are still difficult and it is OK to admit that. But there are some things we can do to help as we go through this period of transition. Make sure you are getting back into helpful routines, such as a sensible and consistent bedtime. Sleep is very important in the regulation of our mood, having a healthy immune system and being prepared to learn every day. Make sure you are making time each day for doing something you enjoy and something which helps you relax. Downtime is just as important as hard-work. Get involved! Our co-curricular timetable is full of various clubs, societies and activities that you can get involved with. They will help you make friends and discover passions, and they will keep you healthy, both physically and mentally. Keep an eye out for notices in the announcements during morning registration

of what you can get involved in. Being able to unwind and have fun at lunchtime is important for feeling happy. Finally, ask for help if you need it. If you are finding it hard, that is perfectly normal, and there is a lot of support available at school. Form tutors, Heads of Year and Pupil Support Managers are always available to help and give advice. Students also have access to the school nurse, counsellor and Child Wellbeing Practitioner (who leads self–guided courses for anxiety and low mood) for more specialist support. And if you are not sure where to turn, Ms Banner runs Wellbeing dropin everyday Friday morning before school in her office, and the Report a Concern Tool on the website will mean your concern gets to the right person. We want your life at school to be as full and enjoyable as possible, and ultimately want you to look back at your time at Wilson's with fond memories, regardless of the bizarre times we have been experiencing.

Geography Society is a place where anyone in the school can come to express their passion and interest for Geography. Presentations and documentaries are shown weekly on topics ranging from Quirky Borders to Animal Adaptations to the Bermuda Triangle (a topic on which we have just had a presentation recently). Avid Geographers all migrate to Room 24, where, on Tuesday lunchtimes, a plethora of Geography topics are discussed. Later on this term, we will be discussing topics from the peak of Mount Everest, to the dark mysterious tunnels of the London Underground. Geography Society is a place where students can indulge in both their lunch and the vast abundance of information presented to them.

Some lunchtimes, we watch documentaries by David Attenborough and Ade Adepitan and are immersed in the natural world as we join them on their exploits throughout the world. They discuss many prevailing topics in today's modern world and inspire us to take action to lessen the impacts of global crises such as climate change. We all learn something new whilst sharing our love for Geography with other Geographers through weekly quizzes at the end of each presentation. We are always looking for new students who are passionate about Geography to join our club and are looking forward to the many upcoming presentations in the new half-term. Remember to come to Geog. Soc on Tuesday lunchtimes in Room 24 to see the natural world in a whole new perspective!

Article by Amey, Krish and Vivaan (9B2)







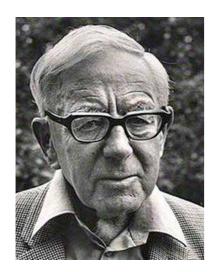


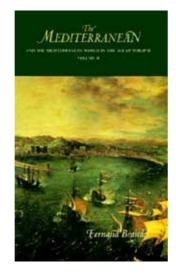


PARTICIPATION - JOIN A CLUB

Running every Thursday at lunchtime, History Club sees budding historians from throughout the school and teachers of the department meet to listen to students and teachers present and to discuss their findings. Over twenty students regularly attend, from enthusiastic lower school students to GCSE and A-Level historians who enjoy exploring the events, people and schools of thought around and beyond the curriculum. Interestingly, discussions often focus either on themes which are distinct from what is taught in lessons or around what the practice of history actually is and how it should be approached. Such broad topics give students the opportunity to discuss, among themselves and then as a larger group, the different ideas about how the past should be interpreted by Historians. The talks delivered are often on special interests researched by students for both university preparation and for national competitions. Last year, the discussions ranged from the Unification of Germany to the paintings of the Dutch Golden Age, and to modern Japanese and Chinese political history. For the first meeting of the term, Ms Riddle delivered a talk on the French historian Fernand Braudel, and how his seminal work The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean world at the time of Philip II demonstrates the ways in which the assessment of history can be informed by the physical landscape and other aspects of geography. Students were invited to share their own thoughts on how this way of thinking applies to their GCSE and A Level courses. The following week, Mr Gore delivered a talk on the controversial historian A. J. P. Taylor, framing him as someone who would have been shaped by his political, familial, economic, and national background. This level of critical thinking is highly relevant to the coursework element of the A Level and was especially useful to sixth formers seeking a more informed, rounded understanding of Taylor's stance on the rise of authoritarian Nazism in Germany.

History Club is held every Thursday in Room 26 from 1.15pm.





Wilson's Film Club

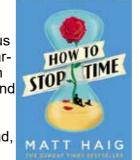
Wilson's Film Club is exclusively run by Year 13 students, who give up much of their time to do so. One of their projects this term will include launching a booklet with recommendations for film and TV viewing over the holidays and will feature reviews from students in different year groups, as well as some from teachers! Below is one of the short reviews which will be featured in the booklet.



Penguin Bloom - review by Pavamaan (9S) Penguin Bloom is a strong story about how a woman who loses the ability to move her legs loses hope but is inspired by a magpie (called 'Penguin') to not give up and continue to live life. It is an exceptional story and really gives a sense of courage and gives the moral about how even though there are setbacks in life, you must rise over them and continue to move on. It has quite an emotional feeling throughout the film and has some emotional scenes where the mother (who lost the ability to move her legs) is disheartened, and they are all wonderfully executed in order to give the audience a strong emotion and connect with the movie. It is a good method to use as it strengthens the understanding of the message by the audience and allows them to implement this into their lifestyle. I really enjoyed this movie as it was very engaging and would recommend it to anyone.

Book Recommendations

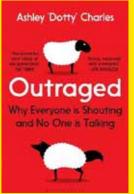
Mr Lynch recommends 'How to Stop Time' by Matt Haig. Tom Hazard has a dangerous secret. He may look like an ordinary 41-yearalive for centuries. From Elizabethan England to Jazz-Age Paris from Now York South Seas, Tom has seen a lot, and now craves an ordinary life. It's a life he once had, long-since buried but buried secrets have a habit of catching up with you and nobody



can outrun their own past. Always changing his identity to stay alive, Tom has the perfect cover - working as a history teacher at a London comprehensive. Here he can teach the kids about wars and witch hunts as if he'd never witnessed them firsthand. He can try to tame the past that is fast catching up with him. The only thing Tom must not do is fall in love. How to Stop Time is a wild and bittersweet story about losing and finding yourself, about the certainty of change and about the lifetimes it can take to really learn how to live. Soon to be a major motion picture starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

Further Book Recommendations

Mr Burton has been reading 'Outraged' by Ashley 'Dotty' Charles. A candid exploration of the state of outrage in our culture, and how we can channel it back into the fights that matter. Ours is a society where many exploit the outrage of others in order to gain power - and we all too quickly take the bait.



But by shouting about everything, we are in fact creating a world where outrage is without consequence. There is still much to be outraged by in our final frontier, but in order to enact change and become more effective online, we must learn to channel our responses. This is the essential guide to living through the age of outrage. He says it's 'An easy to read, humorous look at how easily we can be wound up to be outraged by social media and a reminder of the importance of keeping our powder dry for the things that should truly outrage

What a swim!

Over the summer holiday Miss Fairbrother, who is an avid swimmer, achieved something quite remarkable. She swam 44 miles, the distance across The English Channel and back which was the equivalent of 2500 lengths. She has (so far) raised a huge £1540 in support of Diabetes UK. This has put her in the top 10 fundraisers in the UK!

If you would like to donate and have not yet been able to, please use the following link: https://swim22.diabetes.org.uk/fundraising/megan253.





PARTICIPATION - JOIN A CLUB

Staff Football

When it comes to participation, staff like to get involved too and once a week a group of us like to get together to play mixed football on the Astros. There is a huge range of skill and everyone is welcome, but we would all agree that we have an enormous amount of fun. For that hour we get a chance to forget how busy we might be, forget about the pile of marking that is waiting for us, and get to socialise with our workmates while getting to know each other in a more relaxed and fun way. Last year we were unable to play because of Covid restrictions and it has been fantastic to get back into this routine again on the pitch. Although the final score isn't the most important aspect (maybe that depends on who you ask!) last week a hat trick from Mr Walters and two goals and an assist from Miss Horton are surely worth a mention! The PFA are thanked for making a donation which allowed the team to purchase new bibs and balls.



Walk of the Week

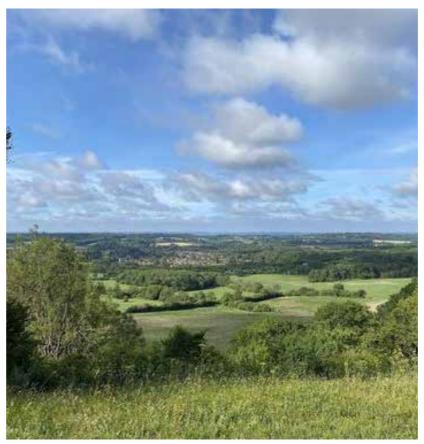
Walking became a passion for many of during the pandemic and over the various lockdowns. Every week in the newsletter we shall recommend a local walk, but with half term coming up, here are a few to whet your whistle. Mr Cole recommends two beautiful walks.

Woldingham Countryside Walk

Explore hidden valleys, chalk downland and varied woodlands on this 5 mile scenic route. Allow at least 3 hours to enjoy the full route, while several shortcuts give you options for shorter walks. The route is marked by signposts and waymarks bearing the walk symbol. Full details and maps can be found here https://mk0surreyhillsnfif4k.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/up-loads/2015/01/Woldingham-leaflet.pdf

Shabden and Upper Gatton Parks Circular Walk
The walk starts south of Chipstead at the car park behind Elmore Pond and Chipstead Meads Recreation Ground. Walking
here is a true adventure! If you want a day out that will exercise
your mind as well as your legs, then this is the walk for you.
Every turn, it seems, reveals glorious views across picturesque
valleys. Woodland and meadow are plentiful, as are bird song
and the buzz of insects. You won't find yourself completely
cut off from civilisation though, there's a pub en route. Full
details and maps can be found here lovely https://www.reigatebanstead.gov.uk/info/20197/walking/15/shabden_and_upper_
gatton parks circular walk

Mr Sturt has been enjoying walks around the London LOOP. This circular Walk London route consists of 24 sections between Erith station and Purfleet. Taking the London LOOP is a great way to get to know London better. Made up of 24, mostly flat or gently sloping sections, its combination of beautiful open spaces like Hainault Forest Country Park and Bushy Park, historic buildings (Hall Place and Black Jack's Lock & Mill), makes this an enjoyable walk. What's more, you can access each of the 24 walks via public transport. Up to date map information can be found here https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/walking/loop-walk





Miss Horton recommends the App 'AllTrails'. Simply search which area you would like to walk in, and the App suggests many walks which can be filtered based on distance, difficulty, elevation, and even by what sights you would like to take in on the way. The App then gives you directions on how to get there and allows you to navigate your walk on a clear map. All the walks recommended here can be found in AllTrails.







FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Ryan (Yr 10) was outstanding yet again for the U15Bs against Stanley Park, he made many top saves and led the back four with his usual authority. Roman (Yr 12) scored two instinctive goals from inside the box to give the 4th XI a good 2-2 draw away to Freeman's 2nd XI. Clint and George (both Yr 13) continued their good form for the 1st XI with two mature performances against Blenheim. Player of the week is Kwesi who completed an outstanding half term of football with four goals in one half of football for the 1st XI. In the six games this half term Kwesi's impressive form has returned ten goals and six assists.



Team Of The Week:

Despite losing their games the U15Bs and 3rd XI acquitted themselves extremely well playing up a level. Two teams earn the reward of team of the week for going goal crazy. On a small pitch and despite going 1-0 down the 5th XI scored some excellent goals in their win. The 1st XI were relentless in their national cup game against Blenheim. Some superb attacking play led to Emmanuel (Yr 13), Dmitri (Yr 13) and Kwesi getting hat-tricks while the other was an unstoppable strike from Year 11 Freddie.

Pictured above: - Kwesi. Player of the Week Pictured below left: Dmitri - hat-trick for the 1st XI Pictured below right: Freddie, 1st XI goalscorer





RUGBY NEWS

1st XV Rugby

Last Wednesday the 1st XV Rugby Team took on Dunottar, giving a physically strong and outright committed performance. Whilst the first half performance lacked the accuracy needed at this level, it lacked nothing in endeavour. Some lapses in defence and in fairness, some excellent play by the opposition meant four tries were conceded. However, the effort and sheer determination of the team, with some fleet of foot by centre Jin Woo did lead to the team's first try of the season. The second half was a closer affair with more possession by Wilson's. Whilst there were no more tries, the home team also kept the opposition to nil, a real result and proof the defensive structure is there when they all work in unison.

Whilst the match ended in a 26-5 loss, many positives were taken from it. The team are preparing for their first trip on the road, away against Tiffin School. Good luck to all involved.

ATHLETICS

English Schools Athletics Cross Country Cup

On Tuesday 12 October a team of Junior and Intermediate athletes travelled to Stoke Park in Guildford for the ESAA Cross Country Competition which is open to schools across Surrey and acts as a qualifier for the regional finals. In the Junior event (2.4km), a team of Year 8 runners made up of Josh Y-W, Gautam P, Ethan J and Leon D took part. Josh led the way amongst the Wilson's quartet with Gautam closely following and Leon just behind. Ethan showed great strength and determination to sprint to the finish line. The boys finished in 18th, 19th, 20th and 22nd places, a great team effort..!!

The Inter Boys team consisted of two Year 9 students and

three Year 10. From the outset, Alex L (9C) was ruthless, setting a tempo Mo Farah would have been proud of. He maintained the tempo looking even stronger as the 4km course drew to a close, finishing in a very well-deserved 1st place..! Next to cross the line was Bruno S (10C) in 13th overall, followed right behind by Josh A (9C) and Thuisijanth E (10G) in 17th. The final Wilson's runner home was Thomas H (10G) in 24th.

An excellent team performance and we wait to see if it was enough to gain a place in the next round.



Co-curricular and **Sports Links**

Co-curricular Timetable

Sports Fixtures

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 4 October Wilson's vs Stanley Park (Friendly) lost 2 - 4 U15B

Wednesday 6 October Wilson's vs Blenheim (National Cup) won 11 - 0

1st XI Wilson's vs London Freeman's

(Friendlies)

lost 0 - 1 3rd XI drew 2 - 2 4th XI 5th XI won 10 - 1

Friday 8 October Wilson's vs Carshalton (Friendlies)

U12A lost 1 - 5 U12B lost 1 - 5 **U12C** U12D lost 2 - 7

CHESS RESULTS

Ivan Gromov Online Schools League

Wilson's A beat Brentwood Wins for Shivam (9H), Denis (8H), Raghav (9H), Rahul (10G) and Josh (8S)

Wilson's B lost to Altrincham 2 - 4 Win for Shourya (8D), and draws for Anuj (8D) and Vedant (9G)

Wilson's Chess Festival

Entries are now closed with over 100 entries received. So we will not be able to accept any entries on the day. Only those who applied by Wednesday 13 October will be able to play. If you are unsure of anything, please email Dr Cooper at nsc@ wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk.





VIVAT REDIVIVA! THE HOUSE SYSTEM REBORN

The school's House system was created in 1909 by headmaster Thomas Henry Knight – a comparatively recent development for a 400 year old school! He believed that "it is when we get a boy out of school that we have our best chance of developing his character – on the playground, the cricket field or the rifle range". He created six Houses, each named after distinguished figures in the school's history.

A few years after the school's move from Camberwell to Wallington in 1975, the Houses were reduced to four, before climbing back to six as the school numbers grew. Thanks to the stewardship of several highly-respected members of staff (including, most recently, Mr Burton), many Old Wilsonians

and current pupils have taken pride in their representation of Brecon, Camberwell, Datchelor, Greencoat, Hayes and Southwark in House events.

We are now poised to re-launch the House system in the school, raising its profile considerably and building in new opportunities for pupils to lead and to build relationships with those in other year groups. This is a fantastic opportunity to boost awareness of a range of aspects of school life and celebrate achievement in new ways, always mindful of the beneficial effects of participation and fellowship on pupils' wellbeing.

HOUSE CAPTAIN INTRODUCTIONS

Brecon - Akila, Year 13

Also known as the red house at Wilson's, Brecon is named after the Brecon Beacons National Park in Wales, where Year 7 go for their activities week in the summer. The badge of Brecon is the red dragon of the Welsh flag with the black and gold background representing St. David's Cross. The motto of Brecon is 'Y DDRAIG GOCH DDYRY CYCHWYN' which translated from Welsh means, 'The red dragon goes on the attack'



I have loved being a member of Brecon from my very first day as it is and has always been a friendly community where everyone is able to express themselves and get along with one another. I also love the competitive aspect of Brecon, always putting our best foot forward for all house related events, such as house football, chess and sports day.

I look forward to being the house captain this year as I intend to work to try and better integrate the year groups of my house so that the older students are not complete strangers to the younger years as well as increasing house morale and confidence to improve participation in all school events. However, primarily my role will be to be a friendly face to all year groups and be as supportive as possible to those who need assistance.

Camberwell – Jacob, Year 13

Camberwell house is named after the original home of Wilson's School, founded by Edward Wilson in 1615. The old school building still stands and is now the Camberwell College for the Arts. Our house badge is the Phoenix, symbolic of the school's rebirth. In 1845 the school was forced to close due to a financial scandal but following an Order in Council from Queen Victoria in 1880, the

school was rebuilt. Appropriately, our motto is "Vivat Rediviva.", meaning "Live again, Live forever."

I am extremely proud to be Camberwell house captain and a member of Camberwell house. I think the house system instils students with a sense of team spirit and friendly competition, and provides you with good friends that you will keep all the way from Year 7 to Year 13.

I have enjoyed working closely and getting to know the new Year 7 form over the first half term and I look forward to working with the other Camberwell forms throughout the rest of the year. I hope to be a friendly face that students can recognise around the school and feel comfortable approaching if they need to. I also intend to set an example to all members of our house.

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- Tuesday 9 November Oxbridge Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 10 November EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS 1.05 p.m.
- Thursday 11 November Y13 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 18 November Y11 A Level briefing - online meeting (7.00 p.m.)
- Tuesday 23 November Oxbridge Information Evening (6.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 24 November Y11 and Sixth Form Recital (7.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

One Kind Word

With anti-bullying week approaching (w/b 15 November), we turn our attention to this year's theme: One Kind Word. In accordance with the national campaign, we will focus our attention on the positive things we can all do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks. Parents and pupils will receive further information next week.



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HOUSE CAPTAINS - contd.

Camberwell - continued from front page.

Camberwell aims to perform to the best of our abilities both in the classroom and outside. We strive to do our best in house competitions, and ensure that every student contributes to the success of the house. This started at the end of last year with Sports Day in which Camberwell were victorious, a great achievement. This year we will continue to live the school's values and to have fun.

Datchelor - Tomás, Year 13

Datchelor is the newest house to Wilson's, having been introduced in 2014. It is named after the girls' grammar Mary Datchelor School, which closed in 1982 and passed some of its assets to Wilson's which helped to build the music department which is known as the Mary Datchelor wing. It's motto: Non Sine Pulvere Palma means 'no palm without dust'. in



a reference to the Roman circus where a victor would receive a palm leaf, but only after having struggled and worked to achieve it in the dust below. This encapsulates the attitude of our house: the hard work and effort that is put in and hopefully the victories that follow.

I've enjoyed being a part of one of the first ever cohorts of Datchelor students and have seen our identity develop from plucky underdogs with too few students for sports day, to a confident and successful house. I want to continue our fearless approach, but also build on our increasing house successes. With more opportunities for inter-house competition this year, Datchelor can definitely push for its first House Cup win.

Greencoat - Jasper, Year 13

Before moving in 1975 to its current site in Wallington, Wilson's had lain in the heart of Camberwell since 1615. The Greencoat School, a church primary school nearby, is the namesake of our house.

After closing in 1959, the assets of the Greencoat School were given to Wilson's. In 1961, the funds helped build the Greencoat

Building, a science block, at the Camberwell site. However, the most visible remnant of the school for today's Wilson's boys are the sculptures of a boy and a girl in the Greencoat courtyard, the inspiration for our house badge. The courtyard symbolises the importance of the Greencoat School in Wilson's history,

and just as the sculptures welcomed students through the entrance of the primary school, so now do students at Wilson's walk past the Greencoat statues every day.

I have always proudly represented Greencoat throughout my time at the school, especially in house sports and sports days. I am always happy to answer queries about house activities if you see me in the corridors, whether it be regarding sport, chess or house mufti. Every Greencoat student throughout the school should try and get involved in upcoming house competitions - a great way to enjoy co-curricular activities in a fun and competitive environment! Always remember our house motto - 'Viror vires virtus' - 'Green our strength and courage'!

Hayes - Alex, Year 13

Many groups of Old Wilsonians (OW) set up sports clubs to continue their sport after leaving Wilson's School. This included the OW cricket club (1886), the OW football club (1888) and the OW chess club (1904). Together they formed the Old Wilsonians Association (OWA) which had its headquarters on a ground in Dulwich Common. But,



this didn't actually become the Old Wilsonians Sports Club until 1959. A substantial financial contribution made by A. W. Bourner, a former pupil turned successful businessman, allowed the Sports Club to be founded and take its headquarters in Hayes. Hence, the house is named after the location of this club. Annual matches are still held between current students and Old Boys. The badge and the yellow colour come from the school crest.

In my view, Hayes does not just represent the badge you wear or the colour of your tie. To me, it represents a community of people that are willing to help you. This owes to our motto "OMNIBUS QUISQUE CUIQUE OMNES" which translates as "One for all and all for one". This motto strongly champions the idea that the individual helps the group and the group helps the individual. Through this, I believe that the members of Hayes can empower each other to do great things.

I am the Hayes house captain. I play football for the school's 2nd XI and athletics for South London Harriers. Whether it was the sound of the gun firing at the start of a race or making an important goal line clearance, I have always enjoyed competition and the adrenaline that comes along with it. Outside of sports, I am an avid programmer and love to code in different languages as well as experiment with new technology. As house captain, I believe that students should be more excited about being part of their house. I envision House points

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having a more significant role, where people are more aware of house point standings and how house points can be gained.

Southwark - Ayush Year 13

Southwark is one of the newer houses. formed after the school moved to the Wallington site and stems from the school's link with Southwark Cathe-

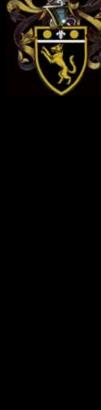


dral. Along with the bold purple house colour, the badge depicts the devil eating Judas.

The fusion of the house's heritage alongside it's futuristic nature through our motto "Modo Modo Inceptum" (we have only just begun), inspires me as house captain to motivate a new generation of house members to balance their academic load by immersing themselves in co-curricular activities.

Over the past few weeks, I've got to know most of 7S and 8S by helping them settle in, advising them on typical lower school problems such as "I've lost my flute" and encouraging them to join new clubs. I'd like to make the younger year groups feel they are supported by me throughout their non-academic lives in school and the most rewarding part of my role is when they recognise me in corridors, (or even better, address me as 'sir'!!) I also look forward to being more involved with the older forms and hope that I can motivate them to achieve great things in the name of Southwark!





A BUSY HALF-TERM FOR THE CCF

JNCOs Leadership Cadre

During the second week of Wilson's half term break, aspiring Junior NCOs from Wilson's and Wallington High School for Girls were joined by their counterparts from St Benedict's CCF for the leadership phase of a cadre which prepares senior cadets for promotion to Lance Corporal. The course was run from Crowborough Camp in Sussex and was the first time any of these cadets had been on a residential camp since February 2020. The varied leadership activities and command appointments allow the students to test their confidence in front of their peers as well as their ability to lead. Complex command tasks, command appointments in the field, including the popular and well-acted casualty evacuation stand, delivery of lectures and battle lessons give every student two chances to lead their squad, two chances to lecture and one to instruct. There are many chances to discuss and learn about leadership including an opening address from Lt Col Burton, icebreaking activities, a lecture and a follow-up discussion about the core values of the British Army and an interesting Leadership Lecture from guest speaker Maj Towes RA, Old Wilsonian. At the final parade, Cdt Mayorga was announced best on course, with Cdts Madhu and Balanathan winning best in squad prizes and Blue squad scooping the best section award.

Master Cadet Course

Four senior cadets attended the prestigious Master Cadet course at the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park. CSgt Acevedo along with Sgts Bidie, Mayorga (elder brother of our own JNCO Cadre best student) and Weerakody attended and passed this rigorous fieldcraft and leadership course. Each taking command appointments. In Sgt Bidie's case he was given the Platoon Commander's role for a deliberate platoon attack. We await their reports although the informal feedback the Contingent Commander has received is that they were all a credit to the contingent.

Selection Day for the Qualified Aerospace Instructors Course

Congratulations to Cpl Merzlikin of the RAF Section who attended an online selection day for the upcoming Qualified Aerospace Instructors Course and exciting STEM based departure for Royal Air Force Air Cadets. The selection process whittled over 200 applicants down to 40 attendees, so he has done incredibly well and is looking forward to the course.

Royal Air Squadron Trophy Competition Preparation

In the second week of half term a squad of 16 RAF Section cadets spent three days in school preparing for the upcoming regional heat of the Royal Air Squadron Trophy Competition.

They are previous two time winners of the National Finals so are keen to progress from the regional stage to have a chance of emulating their predecessors.

Pre-OIC Course

Acting Pilot Offcer Cady attended his Pre-OIC course, the next stage in his progression towards a Cadet Force Commision

Promotions

Congratulations to Flying Officer Paschoud and the following cadets on their promotions announced this week:
Colour Sergeants Bidie, Guha, Mannix, Mayorga, Phillips, Weerakody.
Flight Sergeant Chodyko
Sergeant Choudhury











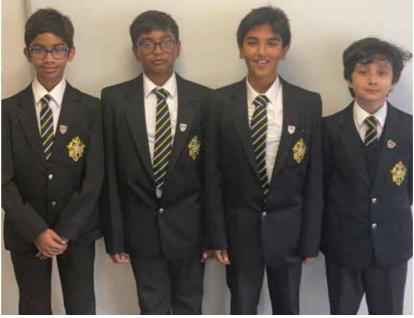
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YEAR 7 ENTERPRISE DAY

The recent Year 7 Day Enterprise Day is an event that is eagerly anticipated by staff and students alike. It's a chance for all Year 7 boys to start developing skills and attitudes that will serve them throughout their school lives and beyond - learning how to work with each other, listening and collaborating, but also daring to take risks and think creatively.

The Enterprise Day providers, The Inspirational Learning Group, set the teams a challenging task of how gas storage containers could be repurposed in a way that could add to social welfare with the accent on improving environmental impacts where possible. This required the teams to consider budgets, marketing, design and working to a brief, whilst competing against a tight time deadline. Staff were very pleased with the good humour and dedication that the boys brought to the whole occasion.

The winning team was announced after a very competitive and entertaining final heat involving six finalists. The worthy winners were Emad R, Ali R, Siddarth S and Abilash S of team 'SCT' and so close, but not quite, were runners up Oliver T, Bentli V, Adiraj T, Omer-eren U, Praneel V and Hari W of team 'Blown Away'. A final 'Thank You' to the staff on the day who encouraged and enthused and team from The Inspirational Learning Group (Daniel ,Jordan, Meghan and Abi), who lived up to their company name.





Endangered Instrument Scholars

The Sutton Music Service are offering a limited number of scholarships for those looking to learn an instrument (trombone, French horn, tuba, euphonium, oboe, bassoon, double bass and viola). A young person can apply if the following criteria are met.

- attend a state-funded school in the London Borough of Sutton
- are in Key Stage 2 or 3.
- are not currently learning an endangered instrument.

Musical Success

We are delighted to report that Ryan Court, who has just taken up his place to study Music at Cambridge, passed his diplomas (dipABRSM) in both oboe and singing. He took both examinations while still attending Wilson's and learned the results just a few weeks ago.

Our congratulations go to Ryan.







BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month took place in October (https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/) and was celebrated at Wilson's in a number of ways. A number of Sixth Form Students helped Miss Riddle and Mrs Webber in preparing daily information bulletins that were shown to form groups during morning registration. These included information on Sybil Phoenix OBE (the first Black woman to be awarded an OBE, for her community work in Lewisham), Walter Tull (a footballer and officer of the First World War), and information about the experience of Black American soldiers stationed in Britain during WW2. Mrs Webber ran a lively History Club discussion asking why it is important for us to discuss history that sometimes seems to have been 'forgotten'. This focused on the longer term history of Black people in Britain, including Roman soldiers, the Ivory Bangle Lady, the Tudor trumpeter John Blanke and Queen Victoria's goddaughter, Sarah Forbes Bonetta. Miss Riddle led school assembly, focusing on what can be learnt from the Mary Rose exhibition in Portsmouth. The use of archaeological exploration and science has shown about the extent of ethnic diversity in Tudor History. Incredible historians such as Onyeka Nubia, Miranda Kauffman and David Olusoga have proven black Tudors not only existed but that they helped shape Britain at crucial moments. Students or parents who wish to know more about these topics might enjoy reading David Olusoga's A Short Essential History or Miranda Kauffman's Black Tudors or watching the Channel 4 documentary Skeletons on the Mary Rose: The New Evidence.

Black History Month, which runs in October each year, is about the celebration of Black British History. As we hope students have seen from the slides in tutor groups, assembly and History Club there are countless examples of important and often heroic contributions by people whose stories can get left out thanks to our obsession with monarchs, politicians, generals and archbishops! But a richer and far more inclusive picture of our history emerges when we look more deeply. If you have ideas for how we can mark Black History Month more effectively in future, please let your form tutor know and they will pass these ideas on.



WALK OF THE WEEK

At 294m above sea level, Leith Hill near Dorking, is the second highest point in the South East England and the highest point of the North Downs meaning that a walk to its summit presents walkers with beautiful views over the Surrey countryside. There are a number of different routes of varying lengths, taking you into beautiful and enchanting woodland spaces, and the National Trust website gives full details of these trails. There is also a 7km mountain bike trail if cycling is more your thing. We parked in the Starveall Corner Car Park and walked for about 8km. On the top of Leith Hill there is a tower, and in summer you are able to walk up the spiral staircase to enjoy even better views from the top. There is also a charming café in the base of the tower where you can buy a range of hot and cold drinks and snacks to refresh you after a stroll, or indeed give you some energy beforehand. Another site to take in on the walk is Leith Hill Place. There has been a house here since the 16th-century, perhaps even earlier. In 1754 it was sold to Richard Hull, a Bristol merchant, who built Leith Hill Tower, which still dominates the hill today. Other famous tenants have include Josiah Wedgewood of the pottery fame, and composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The building later became a school. Dogs are also welcome at Leith Hill, and the number of different tracks you can take, mean that this is a spot that can be enjoyed again and again without getting bored. If you have a walk to recommend, please get in touch with Ms Banner.



U13 Tennis Surrey Final

The U13 and U14 tennis players were involved in a Surrey Final at the start of October. The team of Mark (Year 8), Dennis (Year 9), Rajadithan (Year 9) and Vivaan (Year 9) played some excellent tennis throughout the previous summer term in a group stage of the competition.

The squad began their tournament run with a win against Ewell Castle School; winning every set in what was their first match of the year. The team were then victorious against Alleyn's School before travelling to Trinity School in mid-May to pick up a 6-0 win in what was the final game of the group stages.

The boys had to wait 4 months and were into a new school year before the Surrey semi-final was due to be played. However, they picked up where they left off with another emphatic performance against Reed's School B team, again not dropping a set. With an injury to Rajadithan, Jack's (Year 8) good performances in year 7 warranted a call up to replace Rajadithan in the Surrey Final. The final was a tough match and unfortunately, after some tremendous performances the boys were placed as runners up to Reed's School A team.

Well done to all those involved in the fixtures this year and last year in both the regional rounds of the national competition as well as the Surrey Schools League.





WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

A large number of Old Wilsonians fought in both the First and the Second World Wars. To this day they are commemorated on the school's War Memorial which was unveiled in the old school (Camberwell) just over one hundred years ago, paid for by donations from the OW community. In his talk, the Headmaster focused on the assault on democracy perpetrated by the Nazi Government and the morally repugnant views the regime held about those who did not fit the ideals of what Hitler termed the 'master race'. He highlighted the tremendously important role of the British Indian Army (including the Lanka regiment from modern day Sri Lanka) and the fact that 1 million African Americans fought for the USA.

Whilst the defeat of the German regime was a moral good, the treatment of soldiers from different backgrounds was far from equal on both sides, perhaps best highlighted by the Double V campaign in the USA (victory abroad against Fascism and victory at home against racism). After his talk, the Headmaster read out a selection of names of those who fell from our community, a wreath was placed by the School Captain (accompanied by members of the CCF) at the school's War Memorial and silence observed after the sounding of the Last Post, just as has been the case at Wilson's since 1919.







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Deputy Head's Reminder

Helpful Bystander

Alongside the 'One Kind Word' message of Anti-Bullying Week, all pupils have been reminded this week of the importance of being a helpful bystander – drawing on reserves of moral courage to intervene or find help when someone else needs support.





TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP

Just before the Summer holidays, our current Year 13 students could be found in venues all over the school discussing with subject experts topics as diverse as the reintroduction of the Eurasian lynx, to the rationality of miracles. This was the culmination of the Templeton Scholarship Project – a newly launched initiative aiming to foster a love of academic scholarship in our sixth formers.

From designing lines of inquiry, to learning how to read high level academic sources effectively, the students had the opportunity to hone many of the academic skills that they will need in their university studies and they relished it – students produced work of undergraduate standard. Most crucially, the project enabled the students to further their passion for the subject they are going on to study, and offered them an opportunity to discuss this with experts who are equally fascinated by the topic.

Supervising staff were very impressed with both the quality and fantastic array of the projects from all the students. Before half term, the winners for each subject (found below) had the opportunity to have lunch with the Head, where they were able to share their findings with him and discuss the importance of hard work and academic integrity in the workplace. We are really looking forward to seeing what our Year 12s produce later this year.

Architecture	Oliver	Law	Alex
Chemistry	Patrick	Maths	William
Computer Science	Alex	Medicine	Nabeel
Dentistry	Joel	Philosophy	Nicholas
Economics	Karun	PPE	Jasper
Engineering	Adi	Physics	Ishaan
Geography	Sang-Hyun	Psychology	Patrick
History	Theo	Head's Prize	Sved



ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Our congratulations go to Matteo (Year 12 and pictured below) on being awarded the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship. This is a tremendous achievement that he has worked hard for.

"On Thursday 28 October, I was lucky enough to attend the virtual Arkwright Award Ceremony to collect my Arkwright Scholarship. The Arkwright Scholarship is a prestigious award which aims to encourage young people to help change the world as future engineers. This year 289 students were awarded the scholarship from an initial 1300 following an intensive selection process, including a personal statement and a virtual interview. This involved completing an engineering-related project which I had to present to the board of interviewers: with my project being a product to assist remote music lessons during the pandemic, which I had designed as part of my GCSE DT NEA.

The scholarship supports students across both Yr 12 and 13, pairing them up with a sponsor who provides the scholar both financially to undertake various STEM projects across the next two years, and mentoring from an engineer to help guide them through future super-curricular STEM endeavours towards a career path in engineering. As part of this, I have been sponsored by Virgin Atlantic – an airline founded by British entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson 37 years ago which currently employs over 5700 people worldwide. Sustainability is a major focus for the airline as over the Covid-19 pandemic, they have made its simplified fleet of aircraft 10% more efficient. As an aspiring aeronautical engineer, I have no doubt that the next two years will grant me with lots of opportunities and experiences in the aerospace industry that I would not have had otherwise.

The Arkwright Engineering Scholarship scheme is a great opportunity for aspiring future engineers as not only do they provide you with both mentorship and funding, but there are also many rare opportunities as a scholar, including planned Connect Days at McLaren Technology Centre, Virgin Atlantic's Gatwick HQ and many more. For those interested in taking a career from a wide range of engineering disciplines from civil to aerospace to even chemical engineering, I would thoroughly recommend applying for the scheme as it will provide one. of the strongest possible

of the strongest possible foundations for a future career in engineering."

Article by Matteo (Year 12)

Geography Fieldtrip to Juniper Hall

The Geography Department last week took out its AS and A Level students to FSC Juniper Hall in Surrey for four days to carry out human and physical geography fieldwork. Set in the beautiful surroundings of Box Hill, FSC Juniper Hall provided the perfect location for the students to be introduced to fieldwork on the topics of regeneration and the water cycle.

During their time at the FSC, students were introduced to a variety of methodologies that they could use to carry out their individual data collection on either the regeneration of Leatherhead or the factors driving the variation in the water cycle in the area surrounding Box Hill.

All of the students worked diligently throughout the four days, applying themselves admirably to all tasks set to them and demonstrating their passion for Geography. This work ethic and determination to understand new concepts was praised highly by the staff at Juniper Hall, who said that they were one of the best group of students they had ever had the pleasure of working with.

The Geography Department looks forward to continuing to work with the students back in the classroom on their individual fieldwork write ups to ensure that their passion in the field translates into an outstanding piece of work and a deeper understanding of how theoretical geography translates into the real world





HOUSE EVENTS

NOTE FROM THE HOUSE COORDINATOR

In last week's newsletter, you will have read from our current House Captains about their aspirations for their respective houses this year at Wilson's. Many of them mentioned competing in a variety of co-curricular activities and as House Coordinator, it is my role to enable some of these competitions to take place.

It is also with great pleasure that I am able to inform you of our new Heads of Houses on the staff body. Each House will have two members of staff associated with it, as you can see below.

- Brecon Dr. Meddelton, supported by Mr. Burton
- Camberwell Mr. Carew-Robinson, supported by Mr. Gore
- Datchelor Mr. Kavanagh and Mrs. Renaut, supported by Mr. Walters
- Greencoat Mr. Ironside, supported by Mr. Alderson
- Hayes Miss Waterhouse, supported by Mr. Cady
- Southwark Mr. T. Fletcher, supported by Ms. Atwell

These members of staff will be helping me generate enthusiasm during House Events and motivate even more students to participate and they are very excited to begin their new roles!

Speaking of participation, it falls to me to advertise a number of upcoming competitions. It is by taking part in House competitions that Housepoints can be won, and it is these Housepoints which will decide the winners of the House Cup at the end of the year!

Next week sees the largest House Competition of the year so far – Languages Week! There are a huge number of events going on over the course of the week and therefore plenty of opportunities to earn those all-important Housepoints! See the table (right) for the list of activities which will be continuing all week.

Other events this term include a Year 7 Christmas Music competition (some might even say Extravaganza!), a drama soiree and the creation of a large scale piece of art for each house, amongst other things.

If you wish to find out about what events are coming up, then you can look at the Announcements Slides in the morning, or look at the House Noticeboard, which is next to the lockers in the Science corridor.

I am very much looking forward to seeing lots of different Wilsonians getting involved in a huge variety of events and competitions.

Mr Elwood, House Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK

Monday

- 1. Taster lessons in Mandarin with Jierui and Tom, and Tamil with Vrishal at 1.30 pm in Room 12 and Room 14.
- 2. International Quiz House competition in Room 13.

Tuesday

- 1. Taster lessons in Japanese with Ethan in Room 12 and Room 14.
- 2. International Quiz House competition in Room 13.
- 3. International Film club in Room 11.
- 4. Euro Bake Off House competition.

Wednesday

- 1. Taster lessons in Malayalam with Adithya, Hindi with Advik at 1.30 pm in Room 12 and Room 14.
- 2. Final International Quiz House competition in Room 13.
- 3. Year 7 Boules House Competition (7S/7G/7B) at 1.05 pm in the MFL corridor.
- 4. International Film club in Room 11.

Thursday

- 1. Year 7 Boules House Competition (7H/7C/7D) at 1.05 pm in the MFL corridor.
- 2. International Film club in Room 11.

Friday

- 1. Final of the Boules House Competition at 1.05 pm in the MFL corridor.
- 2. International Film club in Room 11.



CHESS NEWS

During the Half Term holiday's, 100 Wilson's pupils took part in the Wilson's Chess Festival. They played over 450 highly competitive games of chess. The top section was won by Shivam (9H) with Denis (8H) second. Other sections were won (some jointly) by Atticus (12C), Ronik (8H), Mark (8B), Sanjiv (9C), Aryaman (12C), Rolland (11S) and Keshaav (9D). Thanks to Mr Dupuis and Dr Cooper for running the tournaments.





Chess matches Inter-School Chess Battles

These are run fortnightly and Wilson's has won the last two, against up to 40 other schools. On 22 October our top scorers were Rahul (10G) and Balahari (7G), whilst on 5 November Denis (8H) produced fireworks as we just won in the last 5 minutes.

Ivan Gromov Online Schools Chess League

Wilson's A drew with Tiffin B 3 - 3 Wins for Raghav (9H), Rahul (10G) and Varun (U6)

Wilson's B beat King Edward VI School Chelmsford 4 – 2 Wins for Balahari (7G), Josh (8S), Pratyush (10S) and Shourya (8D)

Wilson's C lost to Eton C 2 – 4
Wins for Ronik (8H) and Minh (10C)





A HOBBY OF MINE

This week History Teacher Mrs Webber discusses one of her hobbies: calligraphy.

How did you get into calligraphy? In my second year of university I lived with some art students who exposed me to lots of various methods and materials to be creative and one friend especially enjoyed using ink. I watched videos online of people writing with a nib and ink and was attracted to



the elegance and rhythm of the writing. I then received a calligraphy kit for Christmas.

Why do you enjoy it?

I find it really relaxing. Calligraphy with a nib and ink can't be rushed to be done well and do it while listening to an audiobook or podcast to unwind.

You do commissions for people. How did you start doing this? Yes, through word of mouth family and friends would recommend me if someone was getting married and needed a calligrapher. I started doing place names, other written details for weddings and other events. I'm sometimes commissioned for more personal gifts like a favourite poem.

Is it an expensive hobby?

No, not at all. The equipment is inexpensive and there are lots of videos online and Instagram accounts to learn from.

Do you find that this is an activity you turn to if you are feeling particularly stressed?

Yes, because it involves being creative and doing something completely different to my job. When life can become so busy, it's nice doing something intentionally slower.

What would your advice be to anyone wanting to try it? Have a go and persevere. It requires patience to learn a different way to write! It took me a while to figure out what tools worked well and I would recommend:

- Nib: Nikko G nib is good for beginners and my favourite nib currently is Hunt 101
- Ink: Higgins Eternal
- Paper: Card or paper that isn't too thin so the ink won't bleed.
- There are different handwriting styles to learn. Have a look at Copperplate Calligraphy which is more traditional or Modern Calligraphy and see which you prefer!
- Scribblers.co.uk is a good online shop for more niche calligraphy equipment.





COOKING FOR FUN

The glorious classic gastronomical traditions of Brittany (the farthest region west of France) were transported to T5 last Thursday as the entire French A level class and I attempted to recreate some popular traditional Breton dishes. The class split into two teams trying to reproduce customary French food.

The first team were tasked with cooking galettes. We began by watching Madame Bodinier's excellent demonstration. Already in awe, we became even more surprised when she placed said pancake-like item onto a frying pan and began constructing what seemed to be a savoury dish. She lathered creme fraîche on to the base and topped it with grated cheddar cheese. This was followed by fried mushrooms and ham before finally cracking an egg into the middle of the galette. After letting it cook for a while, she folded the edges of the galette inwards; it neatly contained all of the ingredients whilst elegantly exposing the egg in the middle.

The team began preparing the ingredients. Our first duty: was to wash, dice and fry the mushrooms and, surprisingly successfully, we completed this task and worked well as a team. From there, it was downhill. Without the support of my team (as each person was to create their own galette), the monumentally intimidating frying pan was to be the bane of my existence. Up until the point where it was time to fold the galette, everything seemed to be conducted effortlessly and without hiccup. It was the folding of the ingredients that proved truly difficult - impossible even. After numerous attempts, my galette completely collapsed inwards and the finished product did not even slightly resemble what had been displayed to us.

The other team made crêpes. Unfortunately neither team did the Breton founders who created these delightful sweet and savoury dishes justice, but the overall experience was unforgettable. It was a great way to spend a Thursday lunchtime and I eagerly await the next opportunity to perhaps better prove my adroitness in cooking and further assimilate the notion of French heritage through gastronomy and cuisine as we originally set out to do.

Article by Ishaan (Year 12)











FOOTBALL NEWS

MATCH REPORT

Wilson's XI 5 Vs 1 Ardingly

Player Of The Week:

Freddie (Yr 11) scored for three consecutive games for the 1st XI in their good week. Another person in the goals was Jonathan (Yr 9) who scored a hattrick for the U13As. Samo (Yr 7) was again influential for the U12As leading by example. Player of the week is Stuart (Yr 12) who was outstanding as centre forward for the 4th XI. He led the line with his usual enthusiasm and was rewarded with three quality goals.

Team Of The Week:

The 1st XI continued their fine form with three wins in seven days. The most impressive coming against a very talented Whitgift team, despite going 1-0 down the 1st XI showed their usual grit to find a way to win 3-2. The 4th XI put in their best performance of the season Wednesday to beat Box Hill 1st XI 4-2, a superb effort by captain Lewis (Yr 12) and the whole squad to beat a 1st XI. Team of the week are the U12As who registered their first win of the season beating Downsend 2-1 away. Ege (Yr 7) and Emad (Yr 7) the goal scorers in their fine win.

Pictured below: U12A team and Freddie, after his third goal of three games.





Coming to the end of the opening half term of football, the 1st XI travelled to Ardingly in anticipation of what is always a testing fixture. The game kicked off amidst torrential rain, which seemed to give the boys an extra dose of adrenaline as they flew into the first half. Ardingly's fast flowing and possession-based football presented an even match, but the away side's high press eventually paid off when a Tom (Yr 13) corner found its way directly into the back of the net to give Wilson's a 1-0 lead. The score line remained that way until the break, despite a sequence of attempts on the Wilson's goal which were dealt with faultlessly by keeper Ellis (Yr 13).

The second half began with the same intensity as the first, with the Ardingly pressure mounting as they sought an equaliser. However, the 1st XI's relentless press again proved too much for Ardingly. With space to drive into following a quick turnaround of possession, a long-range effort from Tom found its way into the bottom corner to make it 2-0. And then the floodgates opened. Making his debut for the 1st XI, striker Emmanuel (Yr 13) did not need long to get his first goal, slotting a calmly placed finish past the Ardingly keeper to make it 3-0. This was followed by a Kwesi (Yr 13) penalty, won by Emmanuel and finished with composure to put the away side four up. A goal of the season contender was to follow, with Emmanuel bringing the ball down audaciously before beating the entire Ardingly defence and finishing low past a helpless keeper. 4-0. Ardingly got a consolation from a corner to make it 4-1 but the biggest moment of the game came in the dying moments, as substitute Jindu (Yr 12) showed composure, technique, and sheer power in a side footed effort that sailed into the top corner. One of the moments of the season proved to be one of the last of the game, which finished 5-1 and proved to be a very successful outing.

The 1st XI played their opening national cup game shortly after their victory in Ardingly, beating Bleinham 12-0 to advance into the next round against Alleyn's. With the half term break approaching, a demanding three weeks of preparation followed. Including trips to Box Hill and (a surprisingly mountainous) Denbies Vineyard, the boys were put through a demanding fitness regime from start to finish. You will struggle to find a greater look of despair than that on the face of Matt (Yr 11) when the team were told to run up and down box hill three times at the end of a 90-minute session. Dmitri (Yr 13) also seemed to lose faith in the function of his legs when told to run around the entire parameter of Denbies vineyard at the end of Wednesday's session. Though torturous at best, an essential measure for the success of a huge half term of football ahead.

Co-curricular and Sports Links

Co-curricular Timetable
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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 30 October

1st XI beat a Leavers XI 5-2 (Friendly)

Wednesday 3 November Wilson's vs Teknika Football Academy (Friendly)

1st XI won 8 - 0

Wilson's vs Box Hill (Friendlies)

2nd XI won 6 - 4 4th XI won 4 - 2 6th XI lost 3 - 6

Saturday 6 November Wilson's vs Whitgift (Friendly)

1st XI won 3 - 2 Wilson's vs Downsend (Friendlies)

U12A won 2 - 1 U13A lost 1 - 4 U14A won 5 - 4 U15A lost 3 - 4



Wilson's Update Non sibi sed omnibus

LEST WE FORGET

Following the CCF's involvement in the Headmaster's remembrance assemblies, the CCF were involved in other significant Acts of Remembrance.

Mayor of London's Service of Remembrance

Six cadets from Wilson's and six from WHSG acted as ushers for this event at Southwark Cathedral, attending the Mayor's Reception afterwards and meeting Sadiq Khan, Major-General Chris Ghika General Officer Commanding London District and Col Ian Denison, Col Cadets, along with many of the Mayors of various London Boroughs and dignitaries from the Armed Forces and the GLA. Col Denison was impressed with the turnout, confidence and good manners of the cadets.

Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall

Cadet Colour Sergeants Phillips and Weerakkody had the honour of taking part in the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. The CEO of Surrey ACF, Commander Haines, wrote to Cadets Branch at Regional Command saying "They had a great, although very long, day but they were immaculate throughout and were an absolute credit to the CCF(Army)."



Croydon Act of Civic Remembrance, Croydon Minster and Town Hall

Twenty cadets provided a guard of honour for the dignitaries attending a Service of Remembrance at Croydon Minster.

The balance of the Contingent 142 cadets and a number of CFAVs paraded in North End marching to the Croydon Cenotaph. CSgt Guha carried the Banner of the Corps and FSgt Chodyko laid a wreath on behalf of the School and the Contingent.

Lt Col Burton, the Contingent Commander, also commented that it was great to see Wilson's students also representing other uniformed organisations on this parade and to hear about them parading elsewhere.





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Looking Ahead

- Tuesday 23 November Oxbridge Information Evening (6.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 24 November Y11 and Sixth Form Recital (7.00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 1 December Charity Orchestral Concert (7.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Charity Orchestral Concert

Tickets are now on sale for our long-awaited Charity Orchestral Concert, raising money this year for Centrepoint (a London-based charity that provides accommodation and support to homeless people aged 16–25).

Details about this year's carol service at Croydon Minster will be provided in the coming weeks.







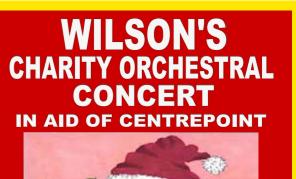












JJ HALL

7PM WED 1ST DECEMBER 2021
TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY
ADULTS £5 STUDENTS £3
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE PFA

YEAR SEVEN SHOWCASE

JOHN JENKINS HALL



7PM WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER AND THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER

On Wednesday 8th December students in B, C & D and all year seven vocalists will perform.

On Thursday 9th December students in G, H & S will perform.

Bassoonists will perform on both days

PLEASE RETURN YOUR REPLY SLIP ASAP



INTRODUCTION TO MEDICINE



On Thursday 11 November, twenty eight Year 12s from the Medical Society attended the Introduction to Medicine talk by Jenny Harrison, the Student Recruitment Officer at St George's University. This talk was an amazing opportunity that allowed us to gain a valuable insight into the medical course at St George's. During the talk we learnt important information about the application process for medical schools and Ms Harrison gave us lots of guidance on the academic and work experience requirements and how to make our personal statements stand out amongst the many candidates, due to the highly competitive nature of medical courses. For example, she explained that universities look for personal statements that show the candidate's passion for their subject, show an in depth understanding and research into the course they choose and highlight the candidate's previous work experience. In addition to the application process, we learnt about the interview process for medical schools. I found the information on MMIs (multi mini interviews) the most interesting, as I had not heard of this interview style before. In an MMI, candidates are given 8 questions and answer each one to a different interviewer, as opposed to a panel interview where the candidate answers questions to a group of 2 to 4 interviewers.

Ms Harrison also explained what the 5 year MBBS medicine course at St George's entails. The 2 main aspects of the course that stood out to me were the community-based placements done in year 1 and the problem-based teaching in year 3, as the placements allow medical students to have many interactions with patients and the problem-based learning prepares students for the situations that they will face when diagnosing illnesses in future careers in medicine.

Finally, Ms Harrison provided us with post graduate pathways, including information about specialist training programmes that are chosen after core foundation training, allowing us to see some of the choices open to us in the future. The talk was extremely informative and has helped us gain a firmer understanding of the medicine course and possible future

career options, while also giving us advice on the skills needed for interviews and how to choose the course and university that best suits us. Therefore, on behalf all of the Year 12 Medical Society students, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Jenny Harrison for giving us this invaluable information and advice!

Article by Denushka (Year 12)

A HOBBY OF MINE

This week Physics Teacher Miss Jones discusses one of her hobbies: crocheting. Miss Jones took up crocheting over lockdown and has since made a few stuffed animals.

"My very first project was a wonky lobster, which is pictured below. I'm currently working on a pug which is one of my favourite breeds of dog and a

small Ron Weasley, however his hair is quite difficult so I am feeling a little defeated!"

Why do you enjoy it?

"It's very relaxing and as someone who is not very artistic it's nice to be given a very prescriptive step by step guide on how to create something aesthetically pleasing."

How easy was it to get started?

"It's very simple to pick up. I watched a
handful of YouTube videos and that was it. Also it is much
quicker to do than other crafts such as knitting which means
you can create objects in a small amount of time. Excellent for

me as I am very impatient."



WALK OF THE WEEK

Oaks Park Circular, 3 miles

This is a nice short, easy walk which is perfect at this time of the year.

The first section is on roads between smallholdings with black wooden-clad



houses which were built for soldiers returning from the First World War and takes in pretty woodland and the Lavender Fields. On a clear day, from relatively high ground at points during this walk, if you get a view northwards, you can see as far as Canary Wharf in the east and Wembley Stadium in north-west London. There are good trails to follow at AllTrails as well as the InsideCroydon website. https://insidecroydon.com/2011/12/28/weekend-rambles-oaks-park-and-clockhouse-3-miles-easy/

CHESS NEWS

On Friday 12 November Wilson's School hosted the South London Regional Qualification stage of the National Schools' Chess Championships. Wilson's A team had already qualified and so did not play. The event was won by Wilson's B who won all three matches, they were followed by Wilson's C, Wilson's D, Sutton A, Tiffin B and Tiffin C, who all qualified by winning two of their three matches. Wilson's E, F and G all won one of their three matches but did not qualify.

Leading scores for Wilson's were: Rahul (10G) 3/3 on board 1 for Wilson's B. Josh (8S), lan (12C), Idhant (9G), David (13B), Shourya (8D) and Bharath (7H) also won all their games. Balahari (7G), Vedant (9G) and Aryaman (12C) were undefeated. Over 50 Wilson's School pupils represented the school at this event (see photograph to the left.).





FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Rohan (Yr 9) made one of the saves of the season against Royal Russell for the U14Bs, while in the same game Zac was outstanding in his new midfield position. Dilakshan (Yr 9) scored two fantastic goals for the U14Cs and was only denied a hatrick by a superb goalkeeping performance from the Harrodian keeper. Pavamaan (Yr 9) was a rock at the back for the U14Cs, winning headers and tackles in leading the side to an impressive clean sheet. Player of the week is Sanjay (Yr 8) who was unplayable for the U13Ds scoring five goals and lighting up the game with his running on the ball.



Team Of The Week:

The U13Ds beat Harrodian convincingly with a good performance, but it was their attitude on and off the field that shone through. Showing fantastic sportsmanship throughout the game and with some players deciding to play for Harrodian to make it a more even game, the U14Cs won 4-0 against Harrodian. It was an exceptional team performance. All players were unselfish, worked hard and played some sublime passing football. Team of the week are the U14Bs who got their season going with two wins against Harrodian and Royal Russell scoring an impressive ten goals. Well done to Mr Straw and the whole squad.



MATCH REPORT

Wilson's U14C 4 vs 0 Harrodian

At the match on Thursday, we played Harrodian 15Cs. We played exceptional attacking football and grabbed an early goal scored by Ishaan. We continued to play superb football by passing the ball around and keeping the ball in the opposition half, however all our attempts at goal were denied by the opposition goalkeeper who was excellent.

The defence which consisted of Matin, Charan, Pavamaan and Abishan, intercepted every ball that came into our half. Then Dilakshan scored from close range assisted by a cross from Saaruu. With a few minutes to go in the first half Musa played a beautiful chip to Dilakshan who dribbled past 2 defenders and scored with a calm finish to bag a brace. We finished the first half with a comfortable 3 goal lead.

In the second half Harrodian played more attacking football, however our centre backs Sivan and Amey were able to deal with the attacks. Around 5 minutes into the second half Dilakshan took a shot at goal that was saved by the keeper, however Yehia was there to score the rebound. After that our defenders didn't allow Harrodian to have any shots at goal. We desperately tried to get another goal, however all of our attempts at goal were denied. Overall, we played very well with the man of the match being Dilakshan. (All players in Year 9)

Match Report by: Tharren (Yr 9)

Plctured below: U13D team after their win against Harrodian Pictured below left: U14B Team of the Week



Co-curricular and Sports Links

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 8 November
Wilson's vs Alleyn's (National Cup)
1st XI lost 3 - 4

Tuesday 9 November

Wilson's vs Harrodian (Friendlies)

U13A lost 3 - 4 U13B drew 1 - 1 U13C won 1 - 0 U13D won 13 - 0

Wednesday 10 November
Wilson's vs Harrodian (Friendlies)

2nd XI lost 0 - 4 3rd XI won 3 - 2 4th XI won 14 - 1 5th XI lost 2 - 3

Wilson's vs Glyn (Surrey Cup)

U13 lost 1-5

Wilson's vs Carshalton (Sutton Cup)

U15A won 2 - 0

Thursday 11 November Wilson's vs Harrodian (Friendlies)

U14A lost 2 - 5 U14B won 7 - 3 U14C won 5 - 0

Saturday 13 November Wilson's vs Royal Russell (Friendlies)

1st XI won 4 - 0 2nd XI lost 2 - 3 U15B lost 1 - 7 U14A won 4 - 3 U14B won 3 - 0



NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS

During Assemblies this week, pupils have heard from members of the new Year 12 Charities Committee (pictured below) about the school's chosen charity for 2021-22 - Centrepoint. Centrepoint provide housing, education and health support to homeless young people aged 16-25 across the UK. Their aim is to give homeless young people a future and to end youth homelessness by 2037. At this time of year, as the nights draw in and temperatures drop, it is hard to contemplate the reality that up to 120,000 young adults in this age range do not have a safe place to call home.

The fundraising campaign will get underway in earnest on 7th December with a Staff vs Student indoor cycling race running in the foyer throughout the day! Charity representatives within each form group will help form the vision for future events and everyone in the community will have an opportunity to get involved. Our late colleague, Kamaljit Gill, championed the importance of charitable service within the school community and we are delighted to continue her legacy by supporting the vital work of Centrepoint this year.









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Links

Next Week's Menus **Absence Request Form** Calendar

Looking Ahead

- Wednesday 1 December Charity Orchestral Concert (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 3 December SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
- Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 December Year 7 showcase (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 10 December Drama Soiree (7.00 p.m.)
- Monday 13 December Christmas Carol Service (7.30 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

White Ribbon Campaign

The White Ribbon Campaign urges men to promise to: never use, excuse or remain silent about male violence against women and girls. In the run up to White Ribbon Day on Thursday, pupils have been learning more about the campaign this week. Sutton Council is hosting a pop-up White Ribbon Support Hub in the St Nicholas Centre, which is available during shopping hours from 26-28 November.





















ROYAL AIR SQUADRON TROPHY 2021/22

Bringing home the regional trophy.

After three months of arduous training sessions, the RASTC team made their way to RAF Halton to compete on behalf of Wilson's School CCF against 14 other schools, coming up against regular rivals Maidstone Grammar School and Dulwich College amongst others.

The Royal Air Squadron Trophy Competition is an annual event where teams of CCF air cadets across the nation compete to outperform each other in a range of disciplines, including: Drill, Command Task, First Aid, Shooting, Micro-heli, RAF Knowledge and Aircraft Recognition.

Upon the cancellation of the 2020/2021 competition, this year's team was eager to bring home the trophy, inspired by Wilson's most recent victory in 2019.

Led by Sgt Dayal, and overseen by Flt Lt Luck and Flying Officer Paschoud, the team consisted of 13 Wilson's and WHSG cadets from Years 10-13, who had come through the highly-competitive selection process.

Unfortunately, two reserves were unable to attend due to COVID-19 restrictions but their valiant efforts were valued nonetheless.

I was fortunate enough to be a part of this family and contribute to the victory. It was quite a nerve-wrecking experience considering many of us had never taken part before and I was especially nervous about my First Aid skills.

But the hours and hours of polishing, revising, ironing and marching were rewarded and we secured first place in Drill and First Aid, averaging 2.5th place across discipline and 14 points clear of Dulwich College, the runners-up, who will undoubtedly work hard to close the gap in the national event.

In a few weeks, training will recommence for the Nationals stage of the competition on 8 March and we will be working diligently to prove that we are amongst the best in the country!

By Cadet John 11S2/ No.3 Flight, Biscay Squadron

















PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

On Wednesday 17 November, three Year 9 students (Zach, Ethan, and Nihithan) represented Wilson's in the 'Sutton Borough Public Speaking Competition 2021'. Carshalton Boys hosted the event, and the topic was Climate Change. . There were participants of all ages from the other participating schools (Limes College, Carshalton Boys, Nonsuch, and Harris Academy Sutton) and the atmosphere was kind and supportive. Wilson's was at a considerable age disadvantage, however the team did very well. There were many speeches, with numerous different points raised about our current climate situation. Everyone had put a lot of effort into their speeches. Regardless of whose speech was better or worse, the messages conveyed were equally as important.

Wilson's speech was about the credibility of the claims put forward at COP26, and they evaluated the actions of the UK government in particular. They then discussed how to influence the government to improve, finding inspiration in Greta Thunberg's advocacy. The judges noted that one of othe team's strengths was their precise choice of words and inspiring lines scattered throughout the speech, as well as the strong structure of sentences. The team had taken notes from teachers on technique and had been mentored by Mr Lynch.

Wilson's was the first school to speak. They stepped up to the podium and Nihithan, followed by Zach and then Ethan, delivered speeches. They are proud of their performance and the judges were very complimentary. Although there is always room for improvement, they left the stage pleased with their accomplishment and then listened to the rest of the schools perform. They were very impressed at how the first Carshalton Boys' speaker recited a poem addressed to Earth. which was unexpected and well received.

They were also very



one of the Harris Academy students spoke, especially as they were the youngest in the room. They loved the tone that the students of Nonsuch presented, and the alternating speaking structure of the boys at The Limes.



As the judges deliberated during the break, the team took the opportunity to praise the other participants for their fine work and took the opportunity to get aquainted with a pair of adorable dogs that belong to Carshalton Boys! The judges returned, the results were in ...

Harris Academy Sutton were the winners of the competition, with Ethan (Wilson's) received Best Final Speech and students

from Carshalton Boys and Harris Academy respectively, winning best introductory speech and best main speech.

Overall, the event was very enjoyable and insightful, and the team are looking forward to continuing to represent the school and achieving some wins in the near future.

Article by Nihithan, Year 9



INSTITUTE OF CANCER **RESEARCH**

We at Wilson's School had the privilege of hosting a talk from the Institute of Cancer Research on 16 November. As a student who is looking to enter the medical field, my interest was piqued.

The talk consisted of a specialist, in our case we had Sophie Gillibrand, detailing the intricacies of Cancer Research and pathways to research. Even though we barely touched the surface of what Cancer Research entails, the one-hour session was an eye-opening experience for all that attended. Gillibrand explained how they developed new drugs to combat cancer, specifically focussing on how they seek to inhibit the enzyme action of cancer cells.

She introduced the concepts of: Competitive inhibition (an inhibitor that resembles the normal substrate binds to the enzyme); Allosteric inhibition (the slowing down of enzyme-catalysed chemical reactions that occur in cells) and Covalent inhibitors (form a covalent bond with a specific molecular target in this case the enzyme) as barriers to enzyme action. These concepts were entirely new to the group and helped us respect how important and difficult it is to develop a successful drug for a disease as spontaneous as cancer.

Gillibrand then took us on a video tour around a research lab and what a day as a researcher consists of. It helped me to envision myself in that position and allowed me to grasp the coordination required for a successful lab to function and what makes an accomplished researcher. Gillibrand emphasised how important it is to never give up, as she too did not take the typical path to research and overcame the hurdles of exam retakes and university rejection.

Gillibrand explained all of these aspects with great attention to detail and took time for our questions. The meeting left me with a much deeper understanding of research and immense respect for those who strive to make our world a better place. I would like to thank the Institute of Cancer Research for presenting this opportunity to us and am eager for further opportunities to come.

Article by Daniyaal, Year 12.







VACUUM TECHNOLOGY



Last week, our Year 10 D&T students had the amazing opportunity to learn and deconstruct cutting-edge Dyson Vacuum technology whilst learning valuable ideas about product design first hand. Wilson's has recently been selected as a school to receive a Dyson Engineering package, containing a detailed course and multiple important parts from the inner workings of the cordless and bagless vacuums we love today, to dismantle and reassemble. Our Year 10 students have been able to take a closer look at the mechanisms involved and how they come together to fit the intended user so efficiently providing a useful source of knowledge for efficient product design and maybe even inspiration for the young minds of Wilson's School for their own genius inventions! So far Year 10 has taken apart a motor head (pictured above) of a pet hair cleaning attachment of a Dyson vacuum, being able to experience and hold the many different parts and see how they fit together as the motor head was taken apart. Although it was fun to disassemble, reassembly was initially slightly more challenging yet still just as enjoyable. Happily we got there in the end with a sense of satisfaction and an insight to how successful products of today function.

We were really grateful for this opportunity and to the James Dyson Foundation for providing the school with the kit. We cannot wait to continue with the Dyson Engineering package course next lesson. Hopefully our pupils don't get any cheeky ideas until then and try to "renovate" their household hoover!

By Athar, a current year 10 D&T student

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES WEEK 2021

"To have another language is to possess a second soul." Charlemagne

Last week, an exciting array of activities was planned to encourage students to open their eyes to the richness and diversity offered by foreign languages and cultures. The canteen served food which reflected our International theme and students had the fantastic opportunity to learn some Malayalam, Tamil, Porto, Mandarin, Japanese and Hindi, thanks to the talents of our Year 9 students (Adithya, Advik, Tom, Rayan, Vrishak, Ethan L and Sanji. They also took part in our International Languages House Competition, played "Where is Wally?" in French, German and Spanish, showed their creative spirit in our Year 8 Euro Bake off, watched an international film, without forgetting the annual Wilson's Year 7 Boules Competition!

Winners of the varying competitions were as follows:

International Languages Week House Quiz Competition

1st Greencoat 2nd Camberwell 3rd Southwark

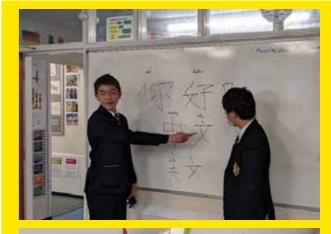
"Boules" Tournament

Anshul from Datchelor who won against Bentli (another excellent Boules player) from Greencoat.

Year 8 Euro Bake Off Akshay (Y8) from Datchelor

International "Where's Wally" Ayaan (Y7) from Hayes.















FOOTBALL NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Dmitri (Y 13) carried on his outstanding form with his third hattrick in six games for the 1st XI. Ivor (Year 11) was instrumental for the 3rd XI in their win over KCS, he covered every blade of the grass and continues to improve each week. Jenishan (Yr 7) scored the U12As only goal in their Sutton Cup win but it was his overall performance which impressed with some great touches and accurate passing. Player of the week is Ben (Yr 11) who had a Saturday to remember!



He scored an amazing five goals with two of them goal of the month contenders.

Team Of The Week:

The U14As had an impressive win against Harris. They had to battle hard against good opposition to move into the semi-final of the Sutton cup. The 5th XI made it two wins in two this week, both games showing the brilliant team spirit they have had this season. Another team with two wins were the 4th XI who are this week's "team of the week". They were resilient in beating KCS 2-1 and then played some fantastic attacking football to beat Whitgift 7-1. The goals were spread out between Stuart (Yr 12), Ishaan (Yr 12), Roman (Yr 12) and Harry (Y 12).



Wilson's Top Scorer Chart

Dmitri 20 (1st XI, 12 games) Kwesi 19 (1st XI, 12)

Stuart 14 (4th XI, 12)

Jonathan 12 (U14, 9)

Ben 8 (5th XI, 7)

THE CRICKETER MAGAZINE'S TOP 100 SCHOOLS

We are delighted to announce that Wilson's School has been named in The Cricketer Top 100 Schools Guide for 2022. It follows an exhaustive process which saw a huge number of schools submit entries to be included in the Guide. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, which included a compelling commitment to cricket in the curriculum, facilities, fixture programmes and coaching. Also taken into account was how schools kept the game alive during the pandemic and how they look to ensure cricket remains a central part of school life. The Cricketer magazine editor, Huw Turbervill said "It has been incredibly heartening to see schools cricket making such a comeback after a very difficult 2020."

The 156 page Guide is in with the December issue of The Cricketer (available on the news stand from 26 November 2021). The Guide will also be made available on the Cricketer website from Wednesday 15 December 2021.











Co-curricular and **Sports Links**

Co-curricular Timetable

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 17 November Wilson's vs KCS (Friendlies)

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

Thursday 18 November Wilson's vs Harris Academy Sutton **Sutton Cup)**

U14A 3 - 0

Friday 19 November Wilson's vs Overton Grange (Sutton Cup)

U12A 3 - 1 on pens (1-1 FT)

Saturday 20 November Wilson's vs Whitgift (Friendlies)

drew 1 - 1 2nd XI 3rd XI 0 - 24th XI won 5th XI

Chess Results

Ivan Gromov Online League Wilson's A beat Tiffin A 5½ – ½

Wins for Shivam (9H), Denis (8H), Rahul (10G), Varun (U6) and Balahari (7G)

Wilson's B beat Eton B 5 - 1

Wins for Idhant (9G), Vedant (9G), Pratyush (10S), Anuj (8D) and Ronik (8H)

Wilson's C beat KEGS, Chelmsford A 5 - 1 Wins for Eeshaan (L6), Neo (10C), Minh (10C),

Shourya (8D) and Fraser (7C)

National Inter-school lichess Battle

Wilson's won ahead of KCS Wimbledon, St Pauls. St Olaves and 35 other schools.

Top scorers for Wilson's were Pratyush (10S), Fraser (7C), Houting (8C), Laxmi (8D), Anuj (8D) and Bharath (7H)





CHARITY ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

For the first time in nearly two years, a full orchestral concert took place in the John Jenkins Hall on 1 December. With some exciting performances and an excellent atmosphere in the JJ Hall throughout, memories of the hardships of the past couple of years vanished – not least when Dr Clayden took to the stage with his Junior and Senior Wind Bands, which certainly blew some cobwebs away! As ever the Senior Orchestra and String Orchestra took on ambitious works including Arturo Marquez's Conga del Fuego Nuevo and the Polovtsian Dances from Borodin's opera Prince Igor. Senior Orchestra gave an especially strong performance of Mussorgsky's Night on a Bare Mountain under the baton of Director of Music, Hayley Burton.

Along the way, the Chamber Wind Ensemble gave an extraordinarily accomplished performance of Krommer's Octet Partita in Bb Major, Junior Strings made an excellent

impression with their performance of three movements from Peter Warlock's Capriol Suite, and the Barbershop Ensemble lifted everyone's spirits with three beautiful male voice arrangements. Particular thanks are due to Mr Scaife and Mr Lawton, making their debut in these big concerts (with Brass Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble respectively), and to Mrs Straw for her usual tireless work behind the scenes (and for taking some great photographs which should be on the website this week). Thanks also to Ms Dennis and Miss Driver for their work with the oboists and flautists, as well as to Andrei Chernolesskiy for coordinating the atmospheric lighting for the evening.

The collection at the end raised a considerable sum for Centerpoint, our school charity this year; we will report on this and other fundraising this term in due course.









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- Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 December Year 7 showcase (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 10 December Drama Soiree (7.00 p.m.)
- Monday 13 December Christmas Carol Service (7.30 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Look Up!

According to an AA poll, almost three quarters of drivers say they often see pedestrians step into the road whilst distracted by their phone. Please talk to your son about his attitude to road safety and ensuring that he gives his undivided attention to crossing the busy roads around school.





POETRY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Egemen (8S) and Aryan (8C), the winner and runner-up of our poetry

challenge for the term!

Egemen's "Shackles" was a response to the challenge to write a poem using the absurd to comment on an absurd aspect of everyday life – the compulsion perhaps many of us share to document everything on our phones! Mrs Fletcher and Abbas (Y12) were impressed by the maturity of his writing. Egemen carefully crafted the title of his poem and its style. Maybe we

should all think about whether we control our phone or whether our phone controls us?

We really enjoyed reading all the entries, which will be published in an anthology before the end of term. Please enjoy Egemen and Aryan's thoughtful and ambitious writing!

Shackles by Egemen

They strive for significance importance a purpose They want to be remembered and so, they do everything they can to escape the shackles of oblivion

They want their life to be kept safe valued protected
They want to remember and so, they do everything they can to escape the shackles of oblivion

They hand their life over to a tiny box and capture each moment to be remembered to remember to stay

They know that the tiny box vows to keep their memories alive their secrets private and their lives permanent

They hand their life over to stay to escape.

Aryan responded to the prompt to write a poem about a myth and opted to write about the many-headed Hydra. Mrs Fletcher and Abbas enjoyed the tone of wonder and amazement that Aryan created through the questions in the second stanza in particular.

The Hydra by Aryan

Your heads scream with power Whilst your eyes menace and glower Your scales are as strong as steel And heroes make your daily meal Your heads grow back when they fall Whilst your posture in scarily tall

How did Heracles slay such a beast? That would have normally made him a feast

How did that last head fall? To the ground and roll to a stall How did the Hydra fall?



"IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS."



A HOBBY OF MINE

This week Mr Lynch, a teacher in Wilson's RE and Philosophy department, talks to us about his hobby of playing the piano.

How did you get into it?
Whilst I learned clarinet
with a music teacher
at school, I've never
had piano lessons, so
it's always just been a
passion project for me.
I got into piano primarily
for two reasons. First, I
was hearing other people



around school playing and I thought it sounded good – and I wanted to sound as impressive as them! Second, I was driven by the passion to be able to sing and play songs I was listening to.

What do you enjoy about it?

There are myriad aspects I enjoy about it. I love being able to escape into music as a mode of relaxation and pleasure. I also enjoy the physical dexterity and action that playing piano involves, including the motions of playing, as well of course as the way that, hacking away at the keys, I'm able to produce something that can sound vaguely like I know what I'm doing!

Is it something you turn to when you feel down? I play piano when I'm feeling down as I know this is a productive, immersive activity that can lift my mood substantially. However, it's also something that helps me to – if not switch my brain off as such – re-direct my mind and attention in a cathartic way.

What would you say to someone who wanted to try it?

I would warmly encourage anyone who wants to try it to start by sitting with a keyboard. We also have a wonderful piano teacher at school called Mrs Ableman who is happy to start lessons at any stage of life.



WORLDRACKETLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

During half term I flew out to Zurich in Switzerland for the World Racketlon Singles Championships. It is a relatively new sport where you play the same opponent at table tennis, badminton, squash and finally tennis. All games are up to 21 points and the winner is the person with the most points overall after the 4 disciplines. I arrived in Zurich, not sure what to expect and not sure how the global pandemic had affected all my competitors' ability to train and play in their respective countries. This would be my first Racketlon tournament in over 2 years.

The main focus of my trip was the U18 Singles where I was the 2nd seed for the tournament. Initially I was in a box of 3 players, one a fellow compatriot from England and the other a Finnish player. I won both these matches with relative ease before the tennis leg. This put me into the winner's box and it would be a 3 way shoot out between the top 3 seeds in the tournament and top 3 under 18 juniors in the World. First up was an all-British showdown with the number 3 seed. I edged the table tennis 21-17 then got stronger as the match went on winning the badminton 21-14 before securing the match with a 21-8 win in squash. This left an effective final with the number 1 seed from Austria who had recently won an international Men's Elite event in Romania. Once again I managed to sneak the table tennis, coming from 16-12 down to win it 21-16. This seemed to deflate my opponent and I went on to win the badminton and squash convincingly and therefore took the title of World U18 Racketlon Singles champion.

I had also entered the main men's Elite Singles event and this was up next. In my first match I had a play a tricky opponent from Switzerland who used to play on the professional tennis circuit. I knew I had to be in a comfortable position before we reached the tennis leg. The table tennis, badminton and squash were all tight but I managed to win them all 21-13, 21-14 and 21-17 respectively. This meant I only needed 3 points at tennis to win the overall match which I managed to do. Next up was the African champion from Morocco, he was a very good table tennis player and he managed to beat me at this discipline. However I then edged the badminton and squash which left me needing 10 points at tennis. It was a battle but I won the tennis 10-9 to win the match. In the quarter finals I played the Indian no. 1 who was in fantastic form this year. I think I was expected to lose this game but, even though his best sport was badminton, I managed to beat him at this discipline in a closely contested leg. I got to tennis still needing 16 points but once again my tennis saw me through and I won 16-10 to win the match.

So I arrived into the semi finals where I faced the overwhelming favourite for the tournament from Denmark who was defending his title for the 6th consecutive time. Unfortunately, he was too strong for me on the day and I was knocked out at this stage. However I was immensely proud of myself for reaching the semi final stage of the main men's elite event.

So, all in all, a very successful trip for me as I returned home to England as the World U18 Singles Champion and semi-finalist in the Mens Elite event.

Article by Luke, Year 13







LATIN-GREEK MYTHOLOGY

On 18 November, a small number of classicists (including me) were invited to a Latin quiz which took place at the Old Palace of John Whitgift school and escorted there by Mr. Lawson - the Head of Classics.

Our time during the quiz was sensational. We were given the chance to speak and interact with others from different schools. The quiz was primarily focused on the many aspects of Greek Mythology, such as fiction. Not only was it a time in which we could share our knowledge together to produce wonderful pieces of work, it was somewhere we could interact and simply enjoy the experience. I genuinely believe that this is an experience in which one can not only develop their understanding of skills related to Ancient Latin and Greek Mythology, but also an opportunity to improve our social skills with others in a formal environment.

We were also invited to a small dance in which we could further enrich our social skills with others as well as fascinate others with our supposedly wonderful dancing skills (as seen pictured).

Overall, I would state without any doubt that this experience will always be a memorable one.

Article by Saran, Year 9







NATIONAL SCHOOLS' SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U18 Squash team were in action this month in stage 1 of the National Schools Squash Championships. The team played all of their stage 1 matches in one afternoon against Hampton School, Whitgift School and Reigate Grammar School. The team of Christopher (Year 13), Luke (Year 13), Thomas (Year 10), Zayaan (Year 10) and Joshua (Year 11) played some excellent squash, beating all three schools and finishing top of the group. See photographs of them in action below.

Wilson's beat Hampton 151 to 76 points Wilson's beat Reigate Grammar 137 to 94 Points Wilson's beat Whitgift 126 to 99 Points











BADMINTON RESULTS

Wilson's badminton teams had a very good start to the season with the following results:

Wilsons U16 V Whitgift Wilsons 15 Whitgift 15

Wilsons U14 V Whitgift Wilsons 27 Whitgift 3

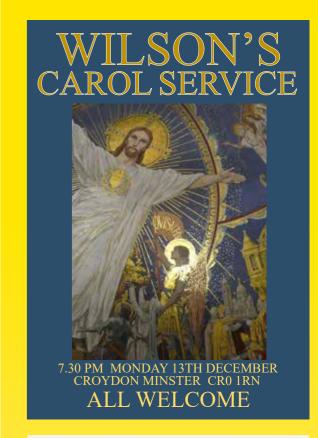
Wilsons U.12 V Trinity Wilsons 19 Trinity 1

Wilsons U16 V Trinity Wilsons 20 Trinity 0

Their coach Mr Molyneux also had a good start to the season by winning the National Mens Doubles title for the over 60's last week. Our congratulations go to him.









PLEASE RETURN YOUR REPLY SLIP ASAP



SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

The 1st XI are driven on by the energetic and non-stop work of George (Yr 13) in their win over Carshalton. Alexander (Yr 7) drove the U12Ds forward and never stopped running, putting the team first. Player of the week is Ved (Yr 8) who put in a man of the match display for the U13As against Whitgift. His handling was faultless and produced one of the saves of the season.

Team Of The Week:

Despite looking tired the 1st XI overcame Carshalton 4-0 to move into the ¼ final of the Surrey Cup. The U15As were excellent with and without the ball to beat Whitgift 3-1. The U12As played two good teams in Whitgift and Hampton and produced two promising displays. Friday they beat Hampton 3-0 with Rohann (Yr 7) scoring two goals. Team of the week are the U12Ds (pictured below) who despite going 1-0 down fought back for a famous 4-3 win over Hampton.





Co-curricular and Sports Links

Co-curricular Timetable
Sports Fixtures

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 24 November
Wilson's vs Carshalton (Surrey Cup)
1st XI won 4 - 0

Friday 26 November Wilson's vs Hampton (Friendlies)

U12A won 3 - 0 U12B lost 0 - 4 U12C lost 2 - 5 U12D won 4 - 3 U12E lost 3 - 5

Saturday 27 November Wilson's vs Whitgift (Friendlies)

U12A 0 - 5 U12B lost 1 - 4 U13A lost U13B lost U14A drew 1 - 1 **U14B** lost 1 - 7 U14C 0 - 8 lost U15A 3 - 1 won U15B 3 - 7 lost

Wilson's vs Harrow Friendlies)

1st XI drew 1 - 1 3rd XI lost 1 - 2 5th XI lost 0 - 5



CYCLING FOR CENTREPOINT

The newly-formed Wilson's School Charity Committee ran our launch event on Tuesday this week – a static cycling race in aid of Centrepoint. Throughout the day, competitors from the staff and sixth form battled it out, cycling against one another in 20-minute intervals, leaving sweat and tears lingering on the seats of their stationary bikes after each go (they were cleaned and sanitised between slots!). With the close supervision of members of the commitee, students (and staff!) from all years showed their support for their teams as the day ran on.

After over 8 hours of constant peddling from both sides and with 45 competitors having gone before him, the Head found himself with a mountain to climb facing School Captain and experienced cyclist Ronnie Guha in the final race of the day. A supportive band of staff members accompanied by animated and enthusiastic students lit up the John Jenkins Hall as they cheered on their respective sides. Mr Cole put in a valiant effort but was unable to achieve the impossible and the students ran away with an overall victory with 233.8km cycled compared to the staff's 232.5km.



All the funds raised will go towards the school's chosen charity for this academic year, Centrepoint, a youth homelessness charity, who work to support young people who find themselves without a home or prospects. We were delighted to raise approximately £1,100 to aid Centrepoint in providing financial, educational, and mental support to those who need it most. This was only possible thanks to the kindness and generosity of all the Wilson's students and staff members who were nvolved; the event truly encapsulated the spirit of 'Non Sibi Sed Omnibus' and we await next term's events with eager anticipation!





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- Monday 13 December Christmas Carol Service (7.30 p.m.)
- Wednesday 15 December Years 7-11 Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday 15 December Drama Soiree (6.00 p.m.)
- Friday 17 December House Mufti Day
- Friday 17 December END OF TERM
- Tuesday 4 January NEW TERM BEGINS

Deputy Head's Reminder

Phone Zombies

Following last
week's reminder
about road safety, a
parent has brought
to our attention a
video compilation of
'phone zombie near
misses' compiled
by the Association
of Personal Injury
Lawyers. Sadly we do
see pupils distracted
by phones and

other technology on the pavements around school and parents are strongly urged to join us in pressing home the dangers of being insufficiently alert to traffic.







CELEBRATING THE YEAR 7 MUSIC PROGRAMME

This week saw the return of the Year 7 Showcases, two musical extravaganzas that bring together the entire cohort to perform within their individual instrumental and vocal groups, and to play together in a mammoth wind band! The audience were treated to a tour of the orchestra, starting with our young percussionists performing pieces from memory at the marimba and the xylophone. As we moved through the brass and woodwind families, the students demonstrated their developing skills on their instruments, bright and warm timbres, fiddley finger-work, and confident performance etiquette. Across the two nights, three young musicians stepped up to the plate to give solo performances: Aarav and Terry each played solos on their bassoons and Arlo took to the stage on the trombone. On Wednesday night, Mr Hann's vocalists punctuated the evening with a performance of three wonderful pieces—if you'd like to hear more from them, please join us for the Wilson's Carol Service at Croydon Minister on Monday 13 December at 7:30pm!

Towards the end of the evening, Mr Lissimore and Mr Cole presented certificates to students nominated by their teachers for having improved the most and for being an outstanding player. Several students were also highly commended.

Many of the skills we develop as musicians embody our school motto: non sibi sed omnibus—not for oneself, but for all. Music emphasises listening and teamwork, collaboration and mutual support. What better to demonstrate this than the closing item for the evening: a performance by our 80-strong Year 7 Wind Band! We all rocked out to "Let's Stick Together" and enjoyed memories of the Little Mermaid with an energetic arrangement of "Under the Sea".

Last week, our Year 8 students came together to celebrate their success in the Trinity music exams. At the end of Year 7, all students are formally assessed, if they so wish by the external awarding body Trinity. Around half of our

Year 8 students took up that opportunity last year, which is an impressive number, especially after a complicated teaching year! During our assembly, we heard performances from just some of the students who decided to carry on with their lessons into Year 8. Rohan, Khushil, Joseph, Abhay, Ved, Ethan, Piputhan, Shyamak, Nikhil, Avirat, Jishnu, Arnik, Kirushan, Alex, Michael, Rithesh: well done! We loved hearing you all play!





















MATHS CHALLENGES UPDATE

Junior News:

Out of the 16 students who were invited to take part in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad (because they had been so successful in the Junior Maths Challenge), 6 of them were awarded a medal (5 bronze, 1 gold). Congratulations to them. The photo below shows them with their medals. Branhav & Abhinav in year 8, Aditya, Shreyas, Idhant, Vivaan in year 9.



Here are some comments from Aditya: Recently, I took part in the JMC. The '21 challenge was notoriously quite difficult and a stark contrast in complexity between that and the previous year's challenge. Fortunately, this meant I achieved Gold and qualified for the rather daunting JMO. As stated by the UKMT, the JMO is meant to be challenging, so completing even 2 questions of 6 from the B section was good enough. However, I was able to complete all 6 questions from section B, making me eligible for the Gold medal, Distinction award and book prize. It wasn't an easy achievement, however, it required a dedicated amount of practice over a long period of time. Just goes to show that, as difficult and daunting the challenges may seem, a little bit of practice from the beginning can take you a long way. I figured out this applies for pretty much everything else I do as well. And the best part: I enjoyed it.

Senior News:

We are delighted to report that 209 students voluntarily gave up their time on Wednesday 10th November to enter the Senior Maths Challenge! This may well be a school record uptake and included students from year 10 through to year 13. We are pleased to announce that 8 students qualified for the British Mathematical Olympiad and 51 students qualified for the Senior Kangaroo, which both took place at the end of November. We are eagerly awaiting those results.

WOLF SALIENT LAUNCHED!

Last week, Wilson's Development Office demonstrated its willingness to establish its digital presence with the launch of 'Wolf Salient' – a brand new, alumni-focussed e-newsletter set-up to keep our ever-growing community of Old Wilsonians better connected!

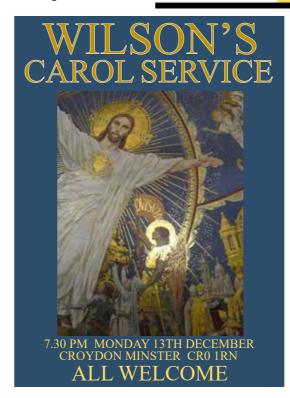
One issue of Wolf Salient will be published online each school term, bringing you news from alumni and the school, as well as career and mentoring opportunities, an archive section, and news of upcoming events.

If you are an Old Wilsonian or member of the broader Wilson's community, please read the inaugural edition of Wolf Salient attached at this link (https://www.wilsons.school/shared/Wolf%20 Salient%20V01E01.pdf) and circulate it with those you know!

Furthermore, if you have any queries, ideas or additions for the next issue of Wolf Salient, please contact the Alumni Engagement Officer at the school and author of Wolf Salient, Will Straw, at was@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch. uk with your thoughts."



WOLF SALIENT



A HOBBY OF MINE

This week Miss Lewis, a teacher in Wilson's Chemistry Department, tells us about one of her hobbies.

What is your hobby? Bouldering/lead climbing

How did you get into it? I loved rock climbing as a child, and a friend manages a climbing centre in London so they gave me a couple of coaching sessions to get started!

What you do enjoy about it? It's not just about strength, it's like solving a puzzle of what holds are best to use to get to the top of the wall. It is also super fun!

What would you say to someone who wanted to try it?

It's a really accessible sport – you don't really need any special equipment or prior training to give it a go. Also, climbers are so friendly and supportive!



Mr Gore, Wilson's SENCO is also an avid climber. He adds "I like being in the outdoors and the problem solving nature of the activity. As Miss Lewis says rock climbers tend to be very friendly and supportive people (even when they are competing against each other!)"



SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Player Of The Week: Aditya (Yr 10) was exceptional in goal for the U15As against Riddlesdown, he made three excellent saves and his handling was perfect. Another goalkeeper who had a super week is Ellis (Yr 13 and pictured right) who made two saves of the season against Claremont for the 1st XI. Yuchen (Yr 8) impressed at sweeper for the U13Bs on Tuesday, reading the game well and making important interceptions. Player of the week goes to the most experienced player in the school, 1st XI Captain Tom (Yr 13 and pictured below right). Tom was immense in both games for the 1st XI showing his unmatched quality and incredible work ethic to inspire his team to two great wins.

Team Of The Week:

The U15As put in a mature performance to beat a good Riddlesdown team in the Surrey Cup and progress to the last sixteen. It was a good midweek for the U13s as both the A and B teams put in commanding displays to beat Overton Grange. The U12As put in their best performance of the year to beat Glyn 1-0 away, a real team effort superbly led by Captain Sammo (Yr 7). Team of the week goes to the 1st XI who had two big wins in the ESFA Super League. Facing two formidable football academies, all their work on the training pitch paid off with two outstanding performances. These wins meant they won their group and have now qualified for the last 32 in the country. A fantastic achievement by the side.

Pictured below: U13B team after their win against Overton.





Pictured above: Ellis (Year 13) Pictured below: Tom (Year 13)



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 29 November Wilson's vs Riddlesdown (Surrey Cup)

Tuesday 30 November Wilson's vs Overton Grange (Friendlies)

Ù13A **U13B** won 7 - 1

Wednesday 1 December Wilson's vs Claremont (Super League)

won 3 - 0 1st XI

1st XI

Wilson's vs Glyn (Friendlies) lost 2 - 4 2nd XI

Friday 3 December Wilson's vs Cox Green (Super League) won 3 - 2

Saturday 4 December Wilson's vs Glyn (Friendlies)

U12A	won	1 - 0
U12B	drew	1 - 1
U13A	lost	0 - 4
U13B	lost	0 - 5
U14A	lost	1 - 3
U14B	lost	0 - 4
U15A	won	4 - 2
U15B	lost	1 - 3



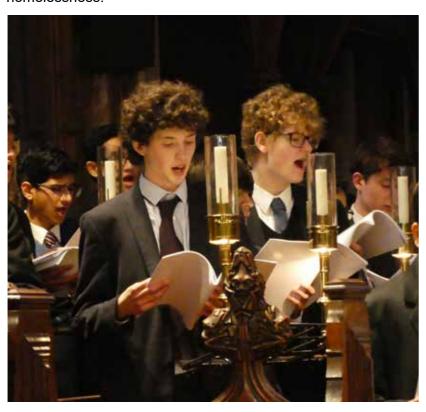


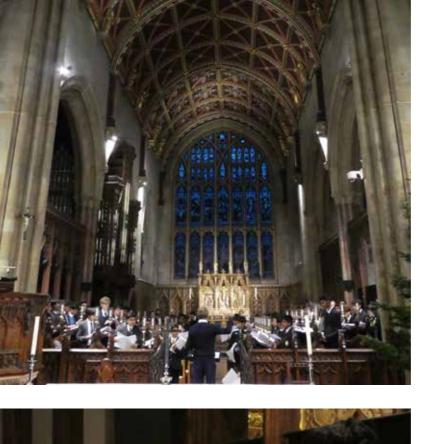
'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY! CAROL SERVICE

On Monday evening the wider school community gathered in the magnificent setting of Croydon Minster for the Wilson's Carol Service. With the events of 2020 having necessitated a slightly different format last year, it was wonderful to see pupils, families, friends, staff, governors, and Old Wilsonians come together again to celebrate. The final preparations began with an afternoon of rehearsals for both the readers (skilfully coached by Mrs Fletcher) and the singers and brass players, ably conducted by our Director of Choral Music, Mr Christopher Hann.

We were treated to a veritable feast of words and music, with traditional carols such as 'God rest ye merry gentlemen' and 'The first Nowell' interspersed with some wonderful choral treats, such as John Joubert's spritely 'Torches' and Peter Warlock's intimate 'Bethlehem Down'. Pupils of all ages delivered polished readings which had the audience transfixed. The School Captain's reading of New Every Morning by Susan Coolidge held a particularly poignant message of hope for the future which struck a chord with everyone present.

There was a delightful festive atmosphere and smiles aplenty, with 'Hark! The Herald Angels sing' being a particular highlight of the evening. The retiring collection was in aid of Centrepoint, the school's charity for 2021-22 – many thanks to those who gave so generously to support their work in combatting youth homelessness.







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- Tuesday 4 January NEW TERM NO LESSONS - ON SITE TESTING FOR YEARS 7, 11, 12 AND 13
- Wednesday 5 January LESSONS BEGIN FOR YEARS 7, 11, 12 and 13 ON SITE TESTING FOR YEARS 8, 9 and 10.
- Wednesday 5 January Prize Giving (7.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

The Hardest Arithmetic

The moral and social philosopher Eric Hoffer wrote, in The Human Condition (1973), that "the hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings". We continue to be very grateful for the resilience, appreciation and kindness of pupils – and for the care that those throughout our school community show for one another. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!







YEARS 12 AND 13 COMMENDATIONS

In the final weeks of the Autumn Term, the Sixth Form Team invited Heads of Department to nominate students in their subjects to receive Sixth Form Commendations. When choosing who to nominate for this commendation, we ask Heads of Department to consider:

- Who has demonstrated an unwavering work ethic throughout this academic term?
- Who has done all they possibly can to make the best possible progress?
- Who has shown a 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. Congratulations to them all!

Nominations were as follows:

Biology

Chemistry

Computing Economics

English
French
Geography
German
Government and Politics
History
Latin

Maths

Philosophy Physics

Spanish

YEAR 12 YEAR 13 Daniel P Dhruv N Denushka A Eitan V Akshay C Vethushaan AJ Saikrishi B Junaid A Shantos P Tharun M Ansh A Krishna M Ayush N Denushka A Karun K Krishna M Tobi F Alex W Jackson E Christian O Luke G Akshaiyram R Gabriel B Roman F Alex C

Ugas J

Maksim H Adam F Bryn C Andrei C Tomas M Bryn C Kinshuk J

Ben O-R Jacob D
Ben O-R Marc G
Hishaam R Joseph E
Andrei C

Patrick H-G



Pictured above: Y12 nominees Pictured below: Y13 nominees











ISLAMIC SOCIETY (iSOC)

This term we have been fortunate enough to introduce Islamic Society(iSoc), a community which embodies the spreading of knowledge and bringing people from various backgrounds and faiths together. In Islam the provision of knowledge is known as Da'wah and now we have the opportunity to inform others about key Islamic principles and values. In this inclusive nature we hope to educate others about the basic aspects of



the religion through quizzes, presentations, discussions and open questioning. The aim is to introduce a more in depth understanding of Islam and clear any misconceptions.

This term has been quite successful with an extremely encouraging attendance rate and an array of topics discussed with one being via zoom! We started the meetings with a lighthearted quiz and in the following week a talk on the Islamic world. There was a presentation on the Ahmadiyya Jamaat and an explanation of Qur'anic verses (Tafseer) on the first chapter of the Qur'an (surah Fatihah) too. This week in iSoc we had a quiz enjoyed by all participants ranging from year 7 to year 13 and peers of various beliefs and a short talk on the prophet Jesus (PBUH). The plan for 2022 is to organise talks from students, taster language sessions, and of course more Kahoot Quizzes. A special thanks to Ms Mattinson for her ongoing support and facilitating the weekly meetings as well as the Year 12 baking cakes for us all each week.

Junayd (Year 13)



PHILOMATH PROBLEM SOLVING CLUB

This week, KS4 students were given the opportunity to exhibit their mathematical skills in the first Christ"maths" Olympiad, hosted and designed by The Philomath Club. Simply being proficient in algebra and arithmetic would not have got the contestants far in this competition - it was a challenge designed to test one's logical and problem-solving skills.

The students worked collaboratively for an hour and fifteen minutes to tackle the six Christmas themed problems. One such problem was to find the volume of a snowman consisting of overlapping spheres. Whilst appearing quite simple, it was the only question that no group was able to crack! It required contestants to creatively simplify the problem in the second dimension and figure out which construction lines would be useful, then utilising trigonometry to chase angles and finally extrapolate this to the third dimension for the answer.

Solutions to the questions were explained to participants in the Lecture Theatre whilst the scripts were marked. We were impressed to see the number of ways each problem was tackled and solved. This demonstrated the more artistic nature of mathematical problem solving. The questions and guided video solutions will be published on The Philomath Club's website (thephilomath.co.uk) where you can also access other helpful resources and read interesting articles related to STEM.

At the end of the session, the top three groups were announced: in third place, with 38 marks, Year 9 Greencoat; in second place with 39 marks, Year 9 Camberwell; finally, in first place with an astounding 44 marks, Year 9 Datchelor. As the victors, they were awarded a custom 3D printed trophy. The Year 9s performed incredibly, surpassing their older and more experienced peers with their sheer passion for problem-solving and curiosity.

The Philomath Club is a society recently created and run by Sixth Formers which aims to enrich KS4 students in STEM-related subjects by developing their logical thinking and problem-solving skills. It runs every Tuesday lunchtime in F14 - why not come along?



The Popcorn Review

Over the past 20 months or so, films and TV have been an excellent distraction from the woes of the world. Whether it be watching a movie with family on a Friday night, or competing against friends to see who can race through the latest series the quickest, there's no denying that they give us a lot of satisfaction.

The Popcorn Review, contains a variety of recommendations and articles, written by students and staff. These will be published weekly in the newsletter. We hope that the school community can have a read of some of these and watch the recommended films over the holidays or weekends.

Below is one of the articles featured, titled "Cinema and Popcorn: Was it always meant to be?"

When we go to the cinema, the first snack on everyone's mind is popcorn, but how did this sweet and salty treat become so synonymous with film?

Popcorn was extremely popular in the early 1900s, but it was mainly a street food. Vendors saw the increasing popularity of the cinema and decided to set up shop outside their local theatres so audiences could grab a quick snack on their way inside. Popcorn was the ideal snack for films, since it could be easily bought and could be eaten with your hands without distraction. Seeing a business opportunity, a few cinemas began to sell their own snacks for people to take to films.

The cheap and easy large-scale production of popcorn was a no-brainer for cinema owners, and the big glass cases with the enticing smell were the best motivators for sales. Any competing sugary snacks were hit by the rationing in World War 2, so popcorn was the only snack that persisted into the 60s. With the advent of home popcorn makers and microwave popcorn, popcorn became a fixture not only in cinemas but in family movie nights around the world. The advertising industry made certain that consumers began to see popcorn as a fun, cheap and satisfying snack that could be easily consumed at home. Hence, no matter the place, popcorn will always be the snack for film.

Article by Ayush (Year 13)







WELLBEING UPDATE



In November, whilst observing Anti-bullying week, we encouraged all our students to consider the theme 'One Kind Word'. In form times and assemblies we offered advice and encouraged discussion on how to be thoughtful in our use of language, how to report concerns about bullying, and how to be a helpful bystander. But we also asked students to be reflective in their kindness and as we finish another year and think forward to a new one, it's a perfect time to remember to be kind to ourselves.

It is all too easy to judge our own emotions, which leads to a build-up of difficult feelings that we don't address. Many of us would find it easy to give advice to a friend who was upset, but cannot seem to give ourselves the same advice! Sometimes all we need is a hug, or to be comforted, but we aren't always sure where to find it. But this comfort can often start from within.

It is important not to pay attention to your inner negative voice. Instead use words of affirmation to remind yourselves of all the positives in your life or pick out things you are proud of, or something good you have achieved. Get used to speaking to yourself like you would to a friend - become your own best friend! Small acts of self-kindness will boost your self-esteem and this will in turn channel positivity into every area of your life.

Action for Happiness have monthly calendars with positive actions which may help provide a daily reminder to be kind to yourself. We have included the January example here. Self-kindness won't necessarily stop your thoughts or feelings from being difficult, but it might provide some small comfort in the midst of them. Our aim is that 'one kind word' remains an important mantra for Wilson's in the New Year and beyond. We all go a long way if we remember simply to be kind – to ourselves, first and foremost.

There's never a better time to be kind.

To remind yourself of how far you've come, not bringing up how
far you still need to go.

To care for yourself in a way that only you can, without relying on the words and actions of others.

To fall in love with taking care of yourself, without feeling obligated or guilty for it.

Its time to create an unbreakable love for yourself, that cannot be broken by the unkind words and actions of others.

A poem by Tiffany Moule

LOOKING AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH OVER THE HOLIDAY

The holiday can be an incredibly joyful time, whether you celebrate Christmas or not. It is a time to over-indulge, relax, and spend time with family. For some, however, this time can be far from easy and we might find family time stressful, or feel too much pressure to have a good time. Below is a note from our Wilson's Wellbeing Prefect Daniel that addresses this very topic.

Holidays are a time for relaxing, no doubt, and I hope this break is exactly that for all of us, but students (including myself!) often find it quite easy to let their schedules slip over any break. Sleeping and eating patterns often become irregular and unhealthy, so it's really important that we all try to keep some sort of routine and keep some essence of stability across the Christmas period. It's also tempting to spend the two weeks holed up inside your bedroom, but going outside with friends or just on a walk will provide a change of scenery, and fresh air is always good for the mind. Christmas is a time to come together with family, to celebrate and enjoy the shared spirit of the season. However, not everyone's family experience is the happiest during this time. You might find yourself around an increasing number of conflicts, making the holiday unnecessarily stressful. On the other hand, you might worry that your Christmas experience isn't as full as everyone else's, and compare it to other people on social media or in TV and film. Childline has a list of tips to deal with Christmas-related issues and will remain open during the holiday period, and so their counsellors will always be available to talk. Furthermore, the list of links in everyone's planners are all really useful places to go to for support when school is closed for the holidays. Don't hesitate to talk to somebody if your Christmas isn't going well: even though it's a generally happy time, that doesn't invalidate any negative feelings about the holidays. On the whole, I hope this Christmas brings you as much joy as it can, and I wish you all happy holidays and a happy New Year! by Daniel, Wellbeing Prefect

Our school counsellor Monika has put together some tips on how to look after our mental health, and avoid unnecessary stress over the festive period:

- Plan ahead for the whole period so everyone knows what to expect and avoid stressful situations.
- Involve the whole family in preparations.
- Give yourself and others a quiet day to recharge and reconnect..
- Do things together and also allow space for everyone's 'me' time.
- Start something new with the family – identifying trees when on a walk, collect things and make table decorations.
- Manage expectations nothing can be perfect. Aim for good enough.
- Family will remember time together more than things.
- Be gentle to yourself and others.
- This time of the year is also about building traditions for later life and the more harmonious the better the memories will be.
- Some families may experience memories of loved ones. Allow yourself to feel the sadness and share it with others.
- Create a time line of the past year entering significant moments for each member of the family.

May this time of the year fill your home with joy and peace.



SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

The 4th XI front two players, Stuart and Roman (both Yr 12), continue to blossom with their excellent link up play. This week it was Roman with two good goals. Christopher (Yr 11) opened the scoring and Matthew (Yr 11) with the bullet header to win the game for the 3rd XI against Oaks Park. Player of the week is Akshay (Yr 8) who scored a stunning 4 goals for the U13Bs.

Team Of The Week:

The 4th XI finished their term in fine style with a 5-1 win away at Royal Russell. They completed a fine two months of football from the Year 12 team which resulted in seven wins from twelve games. The 3rd XI were outstanding in beating a very good Oaks Park team in the Quarter Final of the Sutton Cup. Team of the week are the U13As who also moved into the semi-final of the Sutton cup with a win over Sutton. The win was even more special as it meant Mr Parkinson's last game ended with a cup win!

Teams of the Year:

Below is the dream team from the A teams of all years. Each coach has nominated players who have excelled on the pitch and also shown fantastic commitment to their teams off the pitch. Well done all.

A Team Of The Year



Subs

- 12. Ved (U13A) 13. Arjun (U15Á)
- 14. Jonathan (U14A)
- 15. Samo (U12A)
- 16. George (1st XI)
- 16. Stuart (4th XI)

Pictured below:

- 1. Rithish with a hattrick
- 2. U13A Team of the Week
- 3. Akshay Player of the Week







Co-curricular and **Sports Links**

Co-curricular Timetable **Sports Fixtures**

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 8 December Wilson's vs Glvn (Friendlies)

3rd XI drew 1 - 1 5th XI lost 1 - 2

Wilson's vs Royal Russell (Friendly)

4th XI won

Friday 10 December Wilson's vs Oaks Park (Sutton Cup)

3rd XI won 2 - 1

Saturday 11 December Wilson's vs Sutton (Friendlies)

U₁₂A drew **U12B** 2 - 1 won

U13A 2 - 1 (Sutton Cup) won

10 - 2 **U13B** won U14A 6 - 0 won

U15A 1 - 6 (Sutton Cup) lost

U15B 3 - 5 lost

