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Many of the prizes have been endowed by old boys and former parents, and we were particularly delighted to be able to award this year for the first time the Kamaljit Gill Trophy for Charitable Service, in memory of our late and much missed colleague. Her family were able to join us for the evening to see the Trophy awarded. Anton and Theo in the Sixth Form treated us to accomplished musical performances and Aran, Monmoy, Syed, Adam and Atharva inspired us with reports of their endeavours with Outreach, Chess, the Charities Committee and the Templeton Scholarship project. It was a true celebration and set the tone for an exciting term ahead.



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- Monday 17 January - Year 10 Exams all week
- Monday 17 January - Higher Education Evening
- Thursday 20 January - Year 7 Soloist's Evening
- Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 January - Bronze D of E training weekend

Deputy Head's Reminder

Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

Our hearts have been warmed this week by a very thoughtful email from a former student (now at university) who started learning an instrument on the Year 7 scheme, who continues to play, and whose purchase of a new instrument has prompted him to donate his old one to the school for the benefit of another pupil. Not for oneself but for all, indeed!



FORM AWARDS FOR YEAR 12

In Monday's Year 12 Assembly, we were very pleased to present 10 Lower Sixth students with Form Awards. At the end of the Autumn Term, tutors were tasked with nominating just one student each for this award, based upon the following criteria:

- Who had shown real dedication to the SCS (Sports, Creativity and Service) programme
- Who had shown excellent diligence in their organisation for tutor sessions
- Who had shown excellent engagement with PSHE materials so far this year

Those nominated have acted as role models to others in their enthusiasm and good nature within the form. Congratulations goes to:

- Aayush in 12NC
- Muhammad in 12ADS
- Visnu in 12CEH
- Joe in 12PEG
- Nadeem in 12JER
- Josh in 12ZWC
- Pranav in 12CAR
- Rami in 12JSB
- Chris in 12AAW
- Arjun in 12RS



Year 10 Stock Market Competition

A key part of the GCSEplus curriculum for GCSE Business is to help students develop an understanding of the stock market and trading. Year 10 Business students have been given an introduction to the workings of the stock market and how to analyse company performance using websites such as Bloomberg. They were then set the challenge of investing in four companies from the FTSE 100 during the last half-term. With high levels of volatility in the market this was not

an easy decision for them to make. At the end of the trading period each Business class found out the best performer in their group. The overall investor champion across all Year 10 students was Vinay K. Class winners were Edmund L, Gautham M, Penuel O, Arnav P and Bharanie R. We hope all Business students have found this task interesting and may consider becoming potential investors in the future!

A Hobby of Mine

This week Mr Redmond (Physics) tells us about his exciting hobby.

What is your hobby?

Scuba Diving

How did you get into it?

My neighbour got me into it as he is a very keen diver and would commonly share stories and pictures of his diving holidays. I had always enjoyed swimming so this seems an ideal hobby to get into. I went along to his club and did a taster session. I enjoyed that so much I joined right away and started learning to dive.

What do you enjoy about it?

When you're out on a dive it is a very calming experience as it is far removed from the norms of everyday and thus can be very relaxing. Exploring wrecks and reefs can be very exciting as you are never sure as to what you will find.

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

The easiest way of getting into diving is through a club as they can train you and then you have a group of people to go diving with afterwards. Look to see if there is a local scuba or BSAC club in your area. Most clubs will offer a try dive which involves trying on the kit and swimming around a pool to see if you enjoy it before having to commit anything.

UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge

The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students.

It is organised in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing.

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

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

The competition runs for different year groups, as below, and this year the school entered into all categories, a total of over 500 students.

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

In the Elite group the school entered 32 students. "Best in School" went to Tharun in Year 12 with 184 points. An additional 5 students achieved "Gold Award Certificates", signifying that they were in the top 10% nationally. Collectively, the students were 14 points above the national average. In the Seniors category, 47 students competed and "Best in School" went jointly to Tom and Raheem in Year 10. A further 10 students achieved the "Gold Award Certificate" and this group were 35 points above the national average. Additional congratulations to Tom who also achieved joint Best in School

last year in the intermediate category.

In the Intermediate group the school entered 239 candidates. "Best in School" was awarded to Bhranav(8D) who achieved a score of 189 points. In addition, 125 were also awarded the "Gold Award Certificate". Collectively, the students were 44 points above the national average.

In the Juniors group there were 86 students entered. There was a very strong showing and "Best in School" was awarded to Jion(7C), Fraser(7C), Nikhil(7G) and Rounak(7H), all of whom scored the maximum of 200 points! This group of students were over 50 points above national average, a fantastic effort all round.

All the students that were in the top 10% nationally, and received their Gold Award, will now be invited to the next stage of the competition, the Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC) which takes place in February next year.

Congratulations to all students that participated this year and best of luck to those that will be competing in the OUCC!



Bhranav Y8



Fraser Y7



Jion Y7



Rounak Y7



Nikhil Y7



Raheem Y10



Tom Y10



Tharun Y12





SPORTS NEWS

Player OfThe Week:

Ellis (Yr 13) gained his fifth clean sheet in eight games with a superb all round performance in wet conditions for the 1st XI on Saturday. In the same game Dmitri (1st XI) scored two great goals to take his tally to twenty-three goals for the season. The players of the week are Seeralan (Yr 10) and Philo (Yr 11) who both scored goal of the season contenders with rocket strikes into the top corners.

Team OfThe Week:

In a quiet first week back the 1st XI continued their fantastic form beating Teknika and Brentwood. In the last seventeen games they have won fifteen, drawn one and only lost one game, that was on penalties. Team of the week are the 3rd XI who despite missing key players played some superb attacking football in drawing with Brentwood 3-3. They couldn't quite hold on for the win, but they continue to improve every game.

Pictured:

- 1. Ellis Y13 Player of the week
- 2. 3rd Xi Team of the week



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 5 January

Wilson's vs Teknika Football Academy (Friendlies)
31st XI won 2 - 1

Saturday 8 January

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

1st XI	won	2 - 0
2nd XI	lost	5 - 1
3rd Xi	drew	3 - 3

Wilson's vs Alleyn's (Friendlies)

U13A	lost	3 - 0
U15A	lost	3 - 1

SUPPORTING PURLEY FOOD HUB



The Wilsonian spirit of service has been in particular evidence in recent days with the annual collection for Purley Food Hub, a food bank supporting local families in need. Students and staff were invited to bring in donations of dried and long life foods and hygiene essentials, focusing particularly on those items the Food Hub are currently most in need of. More than 2,000 items were donated, with Southwark taking the lead as the House with highest number of donations overall. It was wonderful to see the tables in the foyer straining under the weight of so many generous contributions!

Members of the Charities Committee got to work loading up the school minibus and the items were delivered to Purley Food Hub this week. They have been in touch to say a big thank you to everyone who took part - "Thank you very much indeed to all at Wilson's for your generous donation to the Food Hub this week - we are most grateful and know our clients will be too". Further information about Purley Food Hub and additional ways to support their work can be found on their website: <https://www.purleyfoodhub.net/>

Non sibi sed omnibus in action!



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Looking Ahead

- Monday 24 January - Year 11 Options Interviews with senior staff all week
- Wednesday 26 January - Flu Vaccination catch-up session (Years 7-11)
- Monday 31 January - House Music Week
- Monday 31 January - Year 12 Parents' Evening (4pm)
- Thursday 3 February - Intermediate Maths Challenge.
- Tuesday 8 - Thursday 10 February - Senior Production

Deputy Head's Reminder

Transport Hogging

As the weather slowly begins to improve this term, we will be encouraging more pupils to walk short distances (e.g. to Waddon or Wallington stations) rather than taking up space on the bus needed by those taking longer journeys! We will once again be using a striking 1944 wartime information film about the thoughtless use of public transport to promote this message.

Y7 MUSICIANS MAKE AN IMPRESSION

Twenty-eight of our most accomplished musicians in Year 7 gave excellent performances during the Soloists' Evening in the John Jenkins' Hall on Thursday night. A very wide range of performances, from Mozart on the piano to Bernstein on the French horn and Britten on the violin to Deep Purple on the electric guitar, kept a cheerful and enthusiastic audience entertained throughout! Particular highlights included the two saxophone performances from Arlo and Philip, Shun's captivating Carulli on the acoustic guitar, and the very sensitive playing by so many performers on our newly-restored Bluthner Haessler piano.

The event allowed the students involved to showcase their talents on their principal instruments, but we look forward to seeing them all back on stage – along with every pupil in Year 7 – in the Showcases at the end of March. We would also encourage them all to sign up for House Music!



Pictured above: Year 7 Saxophone and Horn



Pictured above: Year 7 Soloists



Pictured above: Food Hub Collection



“About Us” POETRY COMPETITION

Last term, students from Y7-11 entered the “About Us” Poetry Competition, which encouraged young poets to consider the links which bind the universe together. Pupils really enjoyed thinking about the connection between poetry and science. Whilst we await the results of the competition, you may enjoy reading this inventive poem by Vedanth (7B) pictured right, which uses the image of a caterpillar to explore the process of transformation. Vedanth was inspired by the new poem “Roll Up! Roll Up!” by the Chicago poet Cheryl Moskowitz.



METAMORPHOSIS

The egg has hatched, it commences life,
The caterpillar, austere, plain.

A basic entity, no identity.

Ravenous, it feasts feverishly on leaves,
Still unable to assuage its hunger,
It digests itself, and hangs on a leaf,
Subconsciously weaving a cocoon, a chrysalis.

Metamorphosis does its magic, Now the caterpillar is alluring, not tragic; a butterfly.

Just like a butterfly, we too go through metamorphosis,
From child to adult; mentally and physically,
Mischievous to mature or innocent to cunning.

When time comes we too metamorphose, like a seed grows to create a rose.

Whether you change for the better or change for the worse,
Remember your roots, your childhood, your journey and hardwork,
Perpetuate your culture,
And like the butterfly who was once a caterpillar, glow from in and from out.

Like Heraclitus’s prospection, change is the only constant in life, a universal connection.

BRITISH PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Fourteen Wilson’s students took part in Round 1 of the British Physics Olympiad. This competition was sat by 2300 of the brightest Physicists in the country. All 14 Wilsonians achieved at least a Bronze 1 (details below), putting them in the top 50% of the very strong selection of students to sit the paper.

Eight of our students were in the 170 nationwide to achieve a Top Gold, meaning they qualify for Round 2 of the competition, which will select a small squad to represent Britain in the International Physics Olympiad. No more than one student in a year group has achieved this really impressive feat previously.

Student Results	
Name	Award
Marc	Top Gold
Siobann	Top Gold
Dulain	Top Gold
Tathushan	Top Gold
Adi	Top Gold
Joseph	Top Gold
Makar	Top Gold
Boyu	Top Gold
Drew	Gold
Aaron	Gold
Sanuka	Silver
Anton	Silver
Kiyan	Silver
Ansh	Bronze I

The next stage is an extremely challenging 3 hour exam which they will be sitting in the next few weeks. Our congratulations to them on their achievements so far and best wishes for the examination to come.



CHESS RESULTS

Briant Poulter (Surrey Schools) Chess league

Wilson’s B beat Sutton Grammar School A
3½ - 2½
Wins for Rahul (10G), Anuj (8D) and Pratyush (10S)

Wilson’s C beat Sutton Grammar School C
12 - 0
2 Wins for Adam (U6), Vedant (9G), Josh (8S), David (U6), Ian (L6) and Aryaman (L6)

Ivan Gromov Online Schools Chess League

Wilson’s B beat Wilson’s A
4½ - 1½
Wins for Ronik (8H), Ben (11H), Shourya (8D), Eeshaan (L6) and Ugas (L6)



Pictured above: Rahul and Pratyush



Pictured above: Anuj





SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

It was goal crazy this week with 147 goals scored in all games. Aarav (Yr 7) grabbed his first hattrick for the school with three excellent goals for the U12Es. Two players managed four goals in one game with Jonathan (Yr 9) and Roshan (Yr 8) hitting the net four times for the U14As and U13Cs respectively. Euan (Yr 10) scored a vital goal for the U15Cs and showed fantastic commitment to travel to Brentwood to help the C team. Player of the week is Kirushan (Yr 8). He scored a stunning five goals for the U13Cs in their fine win.

Team Of The Week:

The U14Bs and U15Cs worked hard as a team to get good away draws against the always strong Brentwood teams. The U12Cs and U13Cs played some excellent attacking football to gain two convincing wins versus St John's. Team of the week are the U12Es who got their first win of the season versus Brentwood. A good all-round team display full of enthusiasm.



Pictured above: U14B after their draw with Brentwood



Pictured above: U12E Team of the Week



Pictured above: Aarav with a hattrick for the U12Es.



Pictured above: Kirushan, Player of the Week

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 4 January		
Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)		
U13A	lost	0 - 5
U13B	lost	0 - 1
U13C	lost	0 - 8

Saturday 8 January		
Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)		
U14A	won	6 - 1
U14B	drew	2 - 2
U14C	lost	0 - 4
U15C	drew	1 - 1
U16B	lost	0 - 5
Wilson's vs St. John's (Friendlies)		
U12A	lost	2 - 5
U12B	won	4 - 2
U12C	won	9 - 1
U13A	lost	0 - 1
U13B	lost	2 - 5
U13C	won	9 - 0

Wednesday 12 January		
Wilson's vs KCS (Friendlies)		
1st XI	won	4 - 1
2nd XI	lost	1 - 7
3rd XI	lost	0 - 3
4th XI	won	2 - 1
5th XI	lost	3 - 4

Thursday 13 January		
Wilson's vs Hayes (Friendly)		
U14A	lost	2 - 4

Friday 14 January		
Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)		
U12A	drew	3 - 3
U12B	lost	2 - 5
U12C	lost	1 - 2
U12D	lost	5 - 6
U12E	won	5 - 1





OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Students at Wilson's attain places at a range of universities and we are proud of them all. At this time of year, we are particularly pleased to congratulate students who have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge. This year thirty three students have been offered places in a wide variety of subjects including: Medicine, Law, Economics, History, Engineering, Geography and Modern and Medieval Languages. Two students have been offered choral scholarships, one at St John's College, Cambridge and one at New College, Oxford.

A successful Oxbridge application requires that a student demonstrate real dedication to his chosen subject, far beyond what is taught in lessons and over a long period of time. What is tested in the application process is the intellectual flexibility, curiosity and resilience of the candidate, not recall or answers learned by heart!

Can the candidate apply familiar knowledge in unfamiliar contexts? Does he enjoy the intellectual challenge of divergent questions? Does he demonstrate by his actions over time (rather than his words) real commitment to and love for the subject? As such you can't really 'prepare' for an application once you enter the Sixth Form, instead the student who is thirsty for knowledge and willing to test himself to his intellectual limits is one who will inevitably shine. Even then, the application process is highly competitive, with applicants from across the world. Not everyone can succeed.

Whether your son is in Year 7, Year 11 or somewhere in between, we would encourage him to develop areas of interest in the subject (or subjects) he loves, by throwing himself into wider reading. Not because of a future application to a possible university, but because it is fun and motivating for bright young people to do!



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- Monday 31 January - Year 12 Parents' Evening (4pm)
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Deputy Head's Reminder

Early Mornings

For pupils who arrive early to school, the Dining Hall area is available from 7.45am to purchase food or drink. The playground is also supervised from 8am and the Library is open from 7.45am for quiet work or reading. As far as possible, we expect homework to be completed at home and it is only in exceptional circumstances that boys should be working at this time - much better just to chat with friends and relax before the day ahead!





BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD DofE TRAINING

Over the past two weekends, the school has been home to a huge number of students going through the training for their upcoming Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions. Last weekend 120 Year 10 Bronze students and, the weekend before, 60 Year 11 Silver and 40 Sixth Form Gold students undertook two days of training. They learnt how to read a map, put up a tent and cook their meals. They were instructed in Expedition First Aid and were advised on suitable kit.

They also planned their Practice Expedition which will take place over Easter (Silver/Gold) or in May (Bronze).

Considering that barely any of the participants have done any DofE training before, due to Covid, the instructors were very impressed with how efficiently they all got on with the tasks at hand and I hope that they are looking forward to their expeditions!



SUBBED vs DUBBED

In watching a new hit series from Netflix a few months ago, my attention was drawn to one of the biggest controversies among viewers of international television: subtitles versus dubbing. Happy to read and watch, I embraced the authenticity of the programme by switching on subtitles, watching the series as its makers intended. However, I was horrified to learn that others were watching in English! In watching the dubbed version, one becomes vulnerable to edited lines - the English version, after all, is not a direct translation of the South Korean original. One of the main joys from film can be found in appreciating its creators' intentions. Watching with subtitles embraces the culture of the programme, and ensures that its intended message is fully grasped. Watching it dubbed can skew its presentation, and mask some of the South Korean culture which is so central to its meaning. Besides this, the audio of dubbed television tends to be criminally out of time with the visuals, which is simply irritating!

Admittedly, subtitles are not always necessary. For example, Money Heist (15) is generally watched in English, despite its Spanish origins. This is understandable - the series is extremely action packed and dramatic, with a far greater entertainment purpose and much less meaning. It is therefore important to consider the nature of television before deciding how to watch it.

Subtitles are dismissed by many for various reasons. Some claim that television is intended for relaxation, which is ruined by the prospect of reading and strained focus. Others claim that tone cannot be understood in a different language, corrupting humour or emotion. Yet Parasite (15), the 2019 thriller, is renowned for its humour and tension and - though it may require some focus - one cannot fulfil the enjoyments of film without paying attention to it. So, although it is important to consider the nature of the programme, I would argue that subtitles are invariably the clear winner!

Article by Tom, Year 13



CHESS NEWS

National Cup, First Round

Wilson's B beat Gordon School 6 - 0
Wins for Varun (U6), Sahil (U6), Anuj (8D), Pratyush (10S), Eeshaan (L6) and Vedant (9G)

Wilson's D lost to Sutton GS A 1 - 5
Draws for Aryaman (L6) and Arlo (7D)

Briant Poulter Chess league

Wilson's A lost to Hampton A 1½ - 4½
Win for Denis (8H)

WIMBLEDON 2022!

We are delighted to announce that the following students from Years 9 and 10 who were nominated for Wimbledon trials have been successful and have been selected as ball boys for Wimbledon 2022:

Joshua A,
Dennis D,
Asa G,
Ali K,
Jae-min P,
Diyath P,
Bruno S,
Ben S,
Aditya T
Tom W



The boys had been successful in Wilson's own trial sessions which took place earlier this term, when more than 30 students were narrowed down to 10 nominated students. Those students then attended the All England Lawn Tennis Club's selection trials where they had to compete for a place as a ball boy against students from numerous other schools. They all impressed the selectors on the day and all ten nominated students will therefore join Wilson's students in year 11 and above as ball boys at Wimbledon 2022.

Our congratulations go to all of them for the hard work they have put in already and our thanks go to the sixth form students who have given up their time to help run the weekly training sessions.

YEAR 7 RUGBY

The U12A Rugby Team registered their first win of the season, with a dedicated and committed performance against Box Hill. On a bright but cold afternoon, every player stepped up their game and put together a mature and assured performance. The key focus was on completing the basics and eradicating the silly mistakes. A standout performance from Philip P set the standard, with excellent contributions in both attack and defence. Ryan Y was tenacious in the tackle and Howard B showed good game-experience, with slick hands and good link-up play. Despite a couple of lapses in concentration, there was a degree of maturity which meant the team in yellow ran out 25-10 winners. Well done to all the players who took part.



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YEAR 8 POETRY

8S students enjoyed reading about Robert Desnos and his famous poem L'Oiseau du Colorado after learning about French cuisine. The students had fun creating their own poems following the same pattern used by Robert Desnos.

We are pleased to include the poem from Vignesh (pictured below.)

Bonne lecture!

L'Oiseau du Colorado
Mange des frites et du poireau
Du riz et du petit oignon
Des saucisses et du champignon
Des pâtes et du grand melon
De l'orange et citron jaune

L'Oiseau du Colorado
Mange du pain et du cabillaud
De la viande et des nouilles
Des carottes et de la citrouille
Du jambon et du sanglier
De la pizza et du gros gibier



SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Ved (Yr 8) organised his back four with his usual authority and his handling was excellent to gain the U13As a clean sheet in their game against Salesian's. Zac (Yr 9) in his new role as sweeper for the U14Bs continued to lead by example as captain winning numerous headers and tackles. The U12Bs Rico (Yr 7) put in a man of the match performance to inspire them to a 2-1 win versus City Of London. Player of the week is Ege (Yr 7) who scored a hattrick for the U12As, one of the goals being a bullet header into the top corner.

Team Of The Week:

The U12As played some outstanding football in their thrilling 3-3 draw with City Of London and at the same venue there were good wins for the U12Bs, U12Ds and U12Es. Mollison Drive was a fortress Saturday with all three teams winning and not conceding one goal. The U13Bs won 1-0, Bhranav (Yr 8) with the winning goal. The 1st XI beat Gordon's 3-0 with yet another clean sheet to follow up their Quarter Final Sutton Cup win over Glenthorne. Team of the week are the U13As who beat Salesian's 1-0 at home with a committed, hardworking team performance.



Pictured above: U12A Team of the Week



Pictured above: Ege, Player of the Week



Pictured above: Zac, U14B Team Captain

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 19 January
Wilson's vs Glenthorne (Qtr Final, Sutton Cup)

1st XI won 2 - 0

Wilson's vs ACS Cobham (Friendlies)

2nd XI drew 2 - 2

3rd XI won 7 - 2

5th XI won 6 - 0

Friday 21 January
Wilson's vs City of London (Friendlies)

U12A drew 3 - 3

U12B won 2 - 1

U12C lost 2 - 6

U12D won 4 - 3

U12E won 4 - 2

Saturday 22 January
Wilson's vs Gordon's (Friendly)

1st XI won 3 - 0

Wilson's vs Salesian College (Friendlies)

U12A lost 0 - 3

U12B lost 2 - 1

U12D won 3 - 2

U13A won 1 - 0

U13B won 1 - 0

U14A won 4 - 3

BADMINTON RESULTS

Wilson's A/B vs Royal Grammar A
U.19 won 18 - 2



HOUSE MUSIC WINNERS 2022

The House Music competition is a Wilson's tradition that seems to grow in popularity and quality from year to year. Following last year's entirely online event, we returned to live classes this year, with 236 entrants joining in a series of afternoon performances judged by professional musicians from across London and the UK. There were some exceptional performances this year, particularly in the vocal and woodwind categories and the winners should be extremely proud. As always, all participants are awarded points for their house and the winners of each category will perform in the Young Musician Grand Final on Thursday, 28 April at 7pm. Photos to follow next week!

SENIOR WOODWIND (9-13)

1. Jihoon (11G)
 2. Shravan (10H)
 3. Anton (13D)
- HC. Ray (13G)
HC. Alex (13B)
HC. Shanjeev (12C)
- ## JUNIOR WOODWIND (7-8)
1. Joshua (8S)
 2. Philip (7H)
 3. Chengcheng (7C)
- HC. Samo (7C)

SENIOR PERCUSSION (11-13)

1. Aaron (11D)
 2. Tai (10D)
- ## JUNIOR PERCUSSION (7-10)
1. Adhiraj (7G)
 2. Abhinav (8D)
 3. Adithya (9D)

SENIOR VOICE (10-13)

1. Varnan (13S) & Theo (13B)
 2. Aaron (13C)
 3. Varakan (13B)
- ## JUNIOR VOICE (7-9)
1. Pavamaan (9S)
 2. Joshua (8S)
 3. Soham (8S)
- HC. Vignesh (8S)
HC. Alex (9H)
HC. Hritesh (9S)

SENIOR STRINGS (9-13)

1. Han-Joon (11C)
2. Han (10G)

JUNIOR STRINGS (7-8)

1. Rohan (7G)

SENIOR GUITAR (10-13)

1. Ishaan (11D)
 2. Ramin (12G)
 3. Dave Babu (10H)
- ## JUNIOR GUITAR
1. Pavamaan (9S)
 2. Marko (8B)
 3. Abha (8D)

BRASS

1. Michael (10C)
 2. Poorwa (10B)
 3. Ved (8H)
- HC. Kai Tian (7S)

SENIOR PIANO (10-13)

1. Ray (13G)
 2. Ugas (12S)
 3. Theo (13B)
- HC. Ishaan (11D)

YEAR 9 PIANO

1. Sean (9D)
 2. Shreyas (9S)
 3. Karan (9B)
- HC. Henry i (9B)
HC. Jierui (9G)
HC. Pranjay (9H)
- ## YEAR 8 PIANO
- Bobur (8B)
Alex (8B)
Husniddin (8G)
HC. Jamie (8G)
HC. Joshua (8S)

YEAR 7 PIANO

1. Chengcheng (7C)
 2. Terry (7D)
 3. Samo (7C)
- HC. Arlo (7D)
HC. Benjamin (7B)
HC. Spencer (7H)



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- Tuesday 8 - Thursday 10 February - Senior Production
- Tuesday 8 February - Relationships and Sex Education Information Evening (6 p.m.)
- Friday 11 February - END OF HALF TERM
- Monday 14 - Friday 18 February - HALF TERM
- Monday 21 February - TERM CONTINUES

Deputy Head's Reminder

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is coming up on Tuesday, 8 February and this will be marked in assemblies and tutor periods next week. Many parents have found this website an invaluable source of information and advice: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Emmanuel (Yr 13) went goal crazy for the 2nd XI Wednesday scoring five goals in their thrilling 9-4 win. Abishan (Yr 9) never stopped running for the U14Ds winning countless tackles and interceptions. Two U14Cs to shine were Thibissan (Yr 9) who made some excellent blocks to get the cleansheet for his team and Saaruukesh (Yr 9) who scored two excellent goals. The U17As showed a lot of promise for next year against Corinthian Casual's with Jadon (Yr 12) winning the spirit of football award for his display. Player of the week is Zayn (Yr 11) who was outstanding at right back for the 3rd XI against John Fisher.

Team Of The Week:

The 2nd XI put in their best performance of the season to comeback from 4-2 down to win 9-4 and there were good wins for the U14As and U14Cs away to City of London. Team of the week are the 3rd XI who marched into the semi finals of the Sutton Cup with a 5-2 win over John Fisher. Matthew, Freddie, Yousif and Chris (All Year 11) with the goals.



Pictured above: Freddie with 2 goals and 3 assists for the U16As

Wilson's U16A (Yr 11) 5 vs 2 John Fisher (Sutton Cup)

Wilson's started fast, pressing their opponents high up the pitch. Nazar and Bradley were a constant threat going forward with their clever movement causing John Fisher problems. The breakthrough came early when a ball on the keeper and a quick response from 1st XI right back Matt meant he fired into the net to give us a 1-0 lead. John Fisher, despite not having much threat managed to equalise with a scrappy goal after a long throw into the box. The rest of the half was even with little between the teams. After the half time team talk, the Wilson's team was re-energised and started the second half fast like the first. Bradley broke free and drove towards the goal and was eventually brought down inside of the box. Freddie kept his cool from the spot, sent the keeper the wrong way with an unsavable penalty to give Wilson's a deserved lead. From there on, Wilson's dominated, Yousif netting off a corner and Freddie poaching a free kick that was headed for the corner. The boys lost focus for a moment and conceded a goal and Max made a vital save to keep it at 4-2. The outcome of the game was over soon with another delivery into the box got Chris on the scoresheet to end the game 5-2 and see the side through to the semis. Special mention to the two full backs Han and Zayn who played a major role in keeping the John Fisher attack quiet.

Match Report: Freddie (Yr 11)



Pictured above: 3rd XI Team of the Week



Pictured above: Thibissan and Saaruukesh

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 26 January

Wilson's vs Hayes (Friendly)

U15A drew 1 - 1

Wilson's vs Wimbledon College (Friendlies)

2nd XI won 9 - 4

4th XI lost 1 - 2

Wilson's vs John Fisher (Sutton Cup)

3rd XI won 5 - 1

Thursday 27 January

Wilson's vs City of London (Friendlies)

U14A won 4 - 0

U14B lost 1 - 2

U14C won 2 - 0

U14D lost 0 - 9

Friday 28 January

Wilson's vs Hampton (Friendlies)

U12A drew 2 - 2

U12B lost 1 - 5

U12C lost 0 - 3

U12D lost 0 - 3

U12E lost 2 - 3

Saturday 29 January

Wilson's vs Corinthian Casuals (Friendly)

U17A lost 0 - 2

Calendar

- Monday 14 - Friday 18 February - HALF TERM
- Monday 21 February - TERM CONTINUES
- Friday 25 February - Year 9 immunisations
- Monday 28 February - Friday 4 March - Sixth Form Exams Week
- Monday 7 March - Friday 11 March - Sixth Form Exams Week
- Thursday 10 March - Y8 Parents' Evening

Mental Health Week

This week we have been marking Children's Mental Health Week with assemblies and extended tutor group activities. Announcements slides have focussed on the theme 'Growing Together' and have included advice from sixth form students, such as this from Aaron: "Don't ever be afraid to ask your friends for help or advice. Sometimes it can be reassuring to hear another voice talk through your worries. As clichéd as it sounds: that's what friends are for".



In Year 11, Mr Cady delivered an assembly on the importance on speaking about poor mental health, especially for men, who statistically are less likely to discuss or seek help for their mental health problems. And last week Mr Burton spoke to the Year 9 students about how important hobbies and co-curricular activities are for supporting positive mental health.

 SWITCH OFF	Turn your phone off at bedtime	Set your phone aside when studying	Use apps that make you happy	Make an effort to connect face to face
 LEARN SOMETHING NEW	Learn a new language	Make time for your interests and passions	Learn new skills from others	Commit to set amount of time every day/week
 PRACTISE EMPATHY	Write short notes of gratitude	Treat everyone with respect	Think more, say less	Volunteer, or do community service
 LOVE MORE	Share thoughts of appreciation and love	Make an effort to contact those you don't see often	Find people that lift you up	Forgive others
 GIVE SELF CARE	Ask for help when you need it	Write a journal, or diary, every day	Share your feelings with a trusted friend or adult	Prioritise quality sleep

"Recognise your escape hobbies i.e. the things that you can do to forget about everything else in the world e.g. cooking or singing." Aayush, Year 13

'SPEAK OUT' CHALLENGE

On Friday 4 February, the school's McAlister Room became a workshop and a performance space for twenty-five of our Year 10 pupils delivering speeches on topics as diverse as the value of perseverance, positive strategies to promote mental health and the agonising annoyance of online adverts. The school was delighted to again host the Speakers' Trust to coach pupils to improve their public speaking skills. With many even very able young people across the country lacking the confidence, skills and opportunity to share their ideas as eloquently as possible, the mission of the "Speak Out" Challenge is to change this and to challenge students to 'speak out'!

Beginning the day with an expert-led, interactive workshop, pupils were then challenged to plan, from scratch, a speech they had created on a theme of their choice. By the end of the day, all pupils performed to their classmates and a small panel of judges, all the time benefiting from the close guidance of Sarah, a Speakers' Trust trainer whom we were delighted to welcome back to Wilson's. By the time they presented in the afternoon, every student had truly left their comfort-zone and "spoken out" on a topic of their choice focusing on delivering a message with a positive impact regardless of the subject.

Particular congratulations go to the five winners and to the two speakers who received prizes as "Highly Commended". We now look forward to the regional finals once peers have had a chance to hear from their peers!



VISITING LECTURER

Tuesday 8 February saw the arrival of guest speaker Mat Hughes, professional Anti-trust economist at Alix Partners. His work has covered cases involving cartel activities in the European truck market, mergers, patents and much else besides. He discussed the close links between what students are taught at 'A' level and the 'real' world, touching on competition policy, market structure and perceptions of the public interest. Students were led to understand that economics to be of use in his world (and policy making in general) requires scientific method, the application of knowledge from other disciplines and a willingness to be intellectually curious.



The 100 plus assembled year 12 and 13 students also enjoyed a lively question and answer session where Mat was quizzed about career advice, the ethics of advocacy and specific cases he had worked on.

The Economics and Business department as well the student attendees would like to thank Mat for what was an engaging and entertaining talk that provoked much thought and comment from those who had the privilege to be present.



A Hobby of Mine

This week Chemistry Teacher Mr Brown talks to us about juggling.



How did you get into it?

I was taught how to juggle by my form tutor at school. As a fan of motorsports, I read about Max Verstappen along with other racing drivers juggling as a part of their pre-race rituals – so I thought it would be interesting to see if I remembered how.

What do you enjoy about it?

The goal of this training is the enhancement of reflexes, improving balance and hand-eye coordination. The difficulty is controlled by the user, and I enjoy the challenge and reward of learning a new technique or trick. It is also some stress-free light exercise on a rainy day!

How often do you do it?

A couple of times a week. Fortunately, it is not an activity that requires much time, space or planning!

Is it something you turn to when you feel stressed?

I find it really helps me if my brain or body needs a reboot. Almost as a way of recalibrating my motor skills to my brain.

What advice would you give to someone wanting to try it?

You can juggle a surprising number of objects. Juggling becomes far easier if the objects are of the same mass and shape, but this is not a must; in a pinch some balled up socks work well before you maybe progress to buying (relatively inexpensive) juggling balls or advanced equipment. YouTube offers many detailed tutorials, which are very easy to follow and allow you to progress at your own pace. Once you are comfortable with the basics you can move onto a whole variety of tricks at your own leisure. My best advice is to juggle over your bed; this stops you from running around chasing your poor throws but also stops your pet from stealing your balls when they hit the ground!

ENTOMOLOGY CLUB

In Entomology Club last week, students were introduced to the life-cycle and characteristics of the Praying Mantis, with the opportunity to view a live specimen – the Giant Asian Leaf Mantis. I personally really enjoyed watching the feeding of the Praying Mantis, as it captured and devoured its locust prey, which can take up to an hour! I could also see how well the Praying Mantis camouflages on the tree branch. Entomology club is incredibly interesting and its fun to spend your lunchtime with insects!

Article by Yashwanth (7H)

Many thanks to Adam for bringing in his own praying mantis and delivering the presentation and to Harvey and Brandan (both in Y12) for their assistance.



FILM CLUB

Behind the Scenes of Film Club: The Period One Film

Period One was enjoyable to make, especially as the actors got to see a compilation of what happened behind the scenes. Although the final product looks seamless, it took many takes to get one part of the film completed without any bouts of laughter. Yet, unless you attend Film Club, you will not see any of the behind-the-scenes action. Even though we had a rough script, our lines were impromptu. For example, the sixth formers in charge of Film Club, Ayush and Varakan, would stare at me intently to ensure quality-control. Imagine how hard it was to contain my laughter and maintain composure!

The film focuses on an irritated teacher who tries to hold a PSHE lesson via Google Classroom, but faces challenges in the form of poor connection and having to answer the door. Although we filmed this in-person, it represents the medium of virtual learning, which was illustrated by Ayush's editing. In my opinion, the short film was amusing since both students and teachers can relate to the struggles of online learning. Although the film was unrealistic at times, it was a sound attempt at portraying the plight of learning through Google Classroom.

Especially considering that it is the first official production by Film Club, this is a must-watch film. While a valiant attempt does not necessarily make 'Period One' a masterpiece, we wish to show that Wilson's is a place full of budding creativity. Please click the following link to watch the film. <https://youtu.be/AoQPrqjFoGc>

Remember to keep your eyes peeled as there are many productions in the works, including a mental health awareness and thriller films. Creating film ideas with members of film club is really enjoyable. Hopefully you find watching this film as enjoyable as we did producing it!

Article by Vinay (9S)



The Popcorn Review: The Pursuit of Happyness (12)

The Pursuit of Happyness is an inspirational life story about Mr Chris Gardner (played by Will Smith), with a far from a normal lifestyle. He is struggling to live off what he calls a job (selling a bone density scanner which hardly contributes to the world of diagnosis), whilst juggling being a father to his son, Christopher. The joyous faces of stockbrokers leaving a nearby building inspire Chris, and he decides that this is what he wants to do. With an approachable personality, he also has an amazing eye for solving logical and numerical problems.

It is an empathetic film with the setting beautifully laid out, especially the day-care and the graffiti that adds to its stunning detail: all but average for Hollywood. Every emotion portrayed by Will Smith is visible. He lives up to the intense and earnest person he is playing.

His son Christopher (played by Will Smith's son, Jaden Smith) is adorable and charming with his obliging attitude and the amount of trust he puts in his father. The stubbornness that occasionally comes out of Christopher only adds to it. Overall, this is a constant, seemingly never ending and emotional 'Pursuit' for happiness. Only by watching the film and paying close attention will you understand why it was called The Pursuit of Happyness.

Article by Arnik (8H)



HANS WOYDA MATHS COMPETITION

The Hans Woyda Mathematics Competition is run every year between 64 schools across London, organised into 16 Leagues of 4 teams. Wilson's School has always been part of this and this year was no different. The competition takes one Year 9, one Year 11, one Year 12 and one Year 13 student from each school and challenges them to complete difficult maths problems under timed conditions. One of the rounds is a race, so only the first person to get the right answer gets any points!

During the Autumn term, we had three matches against the other schools in our league (Woldingham, Trinity and Caterham Schools) and we finished second. This meant that we were through to play a knockout competition against Tiffin School in Kingston. Unfortunately we were beaten at this stage, but our students put up a good fight!

Congratulations to Idhant, Haas, Aditya and Shreyas for representing Year 9 during these four matches, to Arsh, Isa, Shuayb and Nithushan for Year 11, to Eeshaan, Alex, Tarun and Bavin for Year 12 and to Syed, Varnan, Anton and Arya for Year 13. All of these students will be receiving housepoints for their efforts.

An example (non-calculator) question is as follows. Students had 60 seconds to answer their question:

"Two fair octahedral dice have eight faces numbered 1-8. They are both rolled to give two numbers.
Year 9: Find the probability that the sum of the numbers is 10.
Year 11: Find the probability that both numbers are less than 7
Year 12: Find the probability that one of the numbers is at least double the other
Year 13: Find the probability that one of the numbers is a factor of the other."

POETRY BY HEART

This week, Mrs Fletcher and Alex (Y13) launched the Wilson's round of Poetry by Heart, a national poetry recital competition.

Wilson's Heat will take place on Tuesday, 1 March.

It would be really helpful if they had an idea of how many students to expect, so they would very much appreciate it if any students who are interested in entering would fill in this google form: <https://forms.gle/vju2JELNmYEZpuDKA>.

All entries win house points, and the winners will go through to the national competition. You could be performing on stage at the Globe Theatre!

LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS 2028?

Our congratulations go to Alex (Year 9) who, after winning the Sutton Schools' Cross Country competition went on to compete for Surrey in the South East Inter Counties 2022 Junior Boys on Saturday 5 February and won that as well. Will we see him competing at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028?

Article by Alex (Year 9) below.
The Surrey Schools' cross-country championships was very testing. Arriving there, I heard news of a fierce competitor and so what I had hoped to be an easy race, turned out to be a big challenge. Being cheered on by the crowd, I just managed to take home the victory, and it felt very satisfying, compared to if there had not been a close rival. I was able to hold off the challengers and win in a time of 12mins 28 seconds, a margin of thirteen seconds. I felt proud to be able to take first place in the Wilson's colours.



Pictured above: Alex with medal and in action.

CHESS RESULTS

Briant Poulter Chess League

Wilson's A vs. KCS Wimbledon

Wilson's A lost 2.5 - 3.5
Win for Denis (8H)

Wilson's B vs. KCS Wimbledon Juniors

Wilson's B lost 2.5 - 3.5
Wins for Anju (8D) and Jack (10C)

Wilson's C vs. Whitgift A

Wilson's C won 9 - 3
Wins for Aryaman (L6) and Ian (L6) both won twice, Pratyush (10S), Adam (U6), Josh (8S) and Vedant (9G) all won once.

Ivan Gromov Online Schools Chess League

Wilson's A vs. Altrincham GS

Wilson's A won 4 - 2
Wins for Shivam (9H), Anuj (8D), Pratyush (10S) and Vedant (9G)

Wilson's B vs. Tiffin A

Wilson's B lost 0.5 - 5.5
Draw for Aryaman (L6)

Wilson's Runners

A number of Wilson's Runners were running at Roundshaw Downs parkrun at the weekend to mark Mr Schofield's 250th parkrun.



This is a remarkable achievement and comes after doing parkrun most Saturday mornings since 2014, most of these being at Roundshaw parkrun which is close to Wilson's School. However, he still has a way to go to catch up with Mr Alderson who has completed more than 500 parkruns and counting!

This parkrun also marked the first outing in the new Wilson's Runners T-shirts which were very gratefully received from funds raised by the Wilson's School Parents and Friends Association.



SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Viktor (Yr 8) was tenacious as left back for the U13Cs in their tough game against KCS; he never stopped trying and helping his team-mates. Burak (Yr 7) earned the U12Bs a draw away at Dulwich with numerous fantastic saves. Dmitri (Yr 13) was outstanding for the 1st XI against Bede's in the National Cup. He was everywhere in mid-field covering every blade of grass. A rarity for the 1st XI with both Jasper (Yr 13) and George (Yr 13) getting on the scoresheet with two composed finishes. Player of the week is the ever-reliable Clint (Yr 13) who has been a model of consistency for the 1st XI this year and again played a major role in them getting two more clean sheets.

Team Of The Week:

The U13Bs battled to a good 2-1 win against Dulwich with Leon (Yr 8) and Avirat (Yr 8) getting the goals. Team of the week is the 1st XI who won their two huge cup games. A fantastic display beat a very strong Bede's team 3-0 in the last 32 of the National Cup and a clinical performance against Glenthorne took them into the semi-final of the Surrey Cup. A superb effort from the whole squad who are in great form winning 20 out of their last 22 games.



Pictured above: 1st XI Team of the Week



Pictured left:
Jasper and George,
1st XI goalscorers

Surrey Schools' Cricket Tournament

On Thursday 27 January, the Wilson's U14s cricket team entered into a Surrey Schools Indoor 6-a-side (6 overs) tournament at Wallington County Grammar School. In a 5-team tournament (Wilson's, John Fisher, Carshalton Boys, Wallington Grammar and Oaks Park) Wilson's had to play John Fisher twice to get through to the final.

In the first encounter chasing 36 Wilson's managed to win in the last over with Ali hitting powerful shots to see us to victory. In the second encounter with John Fisher, Wilson's batted first and posted a score of 54. In return John Fisher were bowled out 15 runs short of their target. Vaibhav and Ali were the pick of the bowlers with disciplined line and length that put the John Fisher batsmen behind the run rate.

In the final, Wilson's elected to bat first against Oaks Park. After two overs Wilson's had lost 3 wickets but a spirited innings from Ishan helped to reach a competitive total of 50 off 6 overs. Excellent bowling from Ali, Vaibhav and Ishan saw Oaks Park fall short by 10 runs giving Wilson's a much deserved win.



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 31 January
Wilson's vs Bede's (Ntl Cup last 32)
1st XI won 3 - 0

Tuesday 1 February
Wilson's vs KCS (Friendlies)
U13A lost 0 - 5
U13B lost 0 - 5
U13C lost 0 - 3

Wednesday 2 February
Wilson's vs Glenthorne (Quarter Final Surrey Cup)
1st XI won 8 - 0

Friday 4 February
Wilson's vs Rutlish (Friendly)
U12A lost 0 - 2

Saturday 5 February
Wilson's vs Dulwich College (Friendly)
U13B won 2 - 1
U13C lost 1 - 7
U13D lost 1 - 7
U13E lost 0 - 9
U12A lost 1 - 4
U12B drew 0 - 0
U12C lost 4 - 5
U12D lost 1 - 7
U12E lost 3 - 6
U12F lost 0 - 16

READY AND ABLE TO HELP OTHERS

At the Relationship and Sex Education Information Evening before half term, parents were reminded that all teaching in PSHE and RSE is guided by the school motto – “Not for oneself but for all”. In many topics, this is about building pupils’ understanding and respect for others, their views and cultural backgrounds. In other areas – not least when learning about bullying – the school motto directs us to intervene or otherwise act to help others.

Pupils learn first aid skills repeatedly over the years and Year 13 students have just enjoyed some recent refresher lessons. Following a theory lesson in the Autumn Term, the students put into practice CPR and looked at how to put someone else in the recovery position. We discussed how and when CPR should be delivered and thought about the ways in which we can keep ourselves safe in First Aid situations. All of these skills will be invaluable as the students move onto the next stage of their education and is one of the reasons why this is part of the statutory Health components of PSHE.



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- Monday 14 March – Founder's Day Service for Year 7
- Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March – Year 7 Showcases (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 25 March - MUFTI Day
- Thursday 31 March – Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Spreading Kindness Online

We must continue to highlight the risks and the potential negative impact of social media via tutoring and teaching. However this half term we would like to turn our attention to the ways in which people can inspire and help others online, including by offering words of encouragement or expressing gratitude to lift the spirits of others. We would love to compile some examples of this from pupils or parents in our community; please get in touch if you have a story to share!

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Player Of The Week:

Despite defeat Tom (Yr 13) was magnificent for the 1st XI in their national cup game. Playing against excellent academy players Tom put in a complete performance to be one of the best players on the pitch. Ollie (Yr 10) scored two classy goals for the U15Bs and Arjun (Yr 10) was the best player at sweeper in the same game. Player of the week is Nikhil (Yr 8) who scored an impressive four goals for the U13Bs in their fine win.

Team Of The Week:

The U13Bs made it three wins in four games with a dominant display against Bishop Thomas Grant. Team of the week are the U15Bs who got their first win of the season over Bishop Thomas Grant. In difficult conditions with high winds the team worked hard for each other, stuck together, and kept battling to the end to secure the excellent win.



Pictured above: U15B Team of the Week

Table Tennis

U13 Southern Regional Finals

A very well done to Ieuan, Gajan, Dorian and Vignesh who took part in the U13 Southern Regional Table Tennis Finals on Friday 11 February. All managed to qualify in the top two of their groups and made it to the last 16 knock outs. Both Gajan and Dorian made the last 4 and faced each other in the semi-final. Dorian ended up victorious after a very close 5 set match. Dorian then lost in the final while Gajan won his 3rd place play-off resulting in them being placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Both boys have now qualified to play in the Southern Nationals to be held in East London in April. Well done to all 4 boys on their performance in the tournament!



Pictured above: Ieuan, Vignesh, Dorian and Gajan



Pictured above: Gajan and Dorian

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Wednesday 9 February Wilson's vs St Dunstan's (Friendlies)

2nd XI won 3 - 2
3rd XI won 5 - 1

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

4th XI lost 0 - 1
5th XI lost 1 - 2

Friday 11 February Wilson's vs Barking Abbey (Ntl Cup Last 16)

1st XI lost 2 - 3

Monday 21 February Wilson's vs Bishop Thomas Grant (Friendly)

U15B won 3 - 1

Tuesday 22 February Wilson's vs Bishop Thomas Grant (Friendly)

U13B won 7 - 0

Upcoming Cup Games

Sutton cup Semi Finals

U13A vs Carshalton (tbc)
U14A vs Carshalton (24 February)
U16A vs Cheam (8 March)
1st XI vs Greenshaw (18 March)

Surrey Cup Semi Final

1st XI vs Glyn (23 March)

A SUPERB 1st XI SEASON SO FAR!

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Deputy Head's Reminder

Supporting pupils during current world events

Thank you to all those who have donated to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal this week.

We are very grateful to the team at Sutton Wellbeing Services (part of Sutton CAMHS) for the advice and guidance that they have prepared about supporting young people during these uncertain times. We are keenly aware that the current crisis in Ukraine will resonate in very disparate ways across our community of pupils and their families. If you have any particular concerns, please bring these to the attention of your son's Head of Year.



With victories against Gordons, Brentwood, KCS Wimbledon, Glenthorne and Bede's so far this term, this is definitely shaping into a vintage season for the 1st XI. Football has been at the heart of life at Wilson's for generations and the school still runs more than 20 teams from U12 to U18 level, playing over 400 matches in total per season. No other state school in the country plays more fixtures. Read on for George's report on the latest victory against Royal Russell – the 21st win in the last 24 games and a great fillip for the upcoming cup games, including Surrey Schools semi-finals on 30th March!

Wilson's 1st XI 5 vs 1 Royal Russell

On Saturday, Wilson's 1st XI turned up to face Royal Russell, a match characterized by long-standing rivalry, with a history of great competitiveness and quality. After taking a well-deserved break over half-term our team was ready to get back to our winning ways and restore our momentum. Shortly after the game began, George (Year 13) produced a superb cross from a throw down the line by Mathew (Year 11), and Freddie (Year 11) ensured the ball found its way into the back of the net. Tom (Year 13) showed his class, scoring two goals. He produced some magic in the first, weaving in and out of the opposition and releasing a thunderous strike which bounced past the keeper. Joel (Year 13) found his way on to the scoresheet, exhibiting the aerial threat we possess in the corner department. However, despite the best efforts of reliable Centre-back Clint (Year 13), Wilson's was unfortunately unable to keep a clean sheet and an unavoidable goal was conceded. Special mention must be made to debutants Sam (Year 11) and Stuart (Year 12), who scored a great back post header showing a degree of clinical scoring ability, apart from two successive open goal misses earlier in the game. Dmitri (Year 13) was unable to get on the scoresheet on this occasion despite having fifteen attempts on goal!



Pictured above: U12A vs Dunstan's College

Other Football News

Player Of The Week:

Sam (Year 9) has had a superb season since moving to centre forward for the U14Bs; he scored another two goals Saturday, the second being a 'goal of the season' contender. Stuart (Year 12) had a memorable 1st XI debut, making countless interceptions and working tirelessly; he was rewarded with a debut goal with a back post header. Aaron (Year 7), who was outstanding at right back for the U12As, wins player of the week. He was defensively excellent against two very good players.

Team Of The Week:

Despite losing 3-2 the U13As put in one of their best performances for the school under Mr Oluwu. The whole squad were outstanding and only lost thanks to an incredible overhead kick goal. It was a successful week for our Year 7s with the A's, C's, D's, E's, and F's all winning against Dunstan College. Team of the week are the U14Bs who did a memorable double over Royal Russell. Mr Straw was proud of the whole squad for their determination and togetherness in securing the win.



Pictured above: U14B Team of the Week vs Royal Russell



DISSECTION CLUB

This term we have been fortunate enough to have a new addition to Wilson’s line up of co-curricular activities: Dissection Club. The club focuses on dissecting and investigating a plethora of organs, from head to toe. After a brief but detailed explanation of the anatomy and functions of the organ, kitting ourselves out with gloves and aprons, we begin the dissection itself. Students normally share an organ between four and are able to freely and thoroughly explore their specimen.

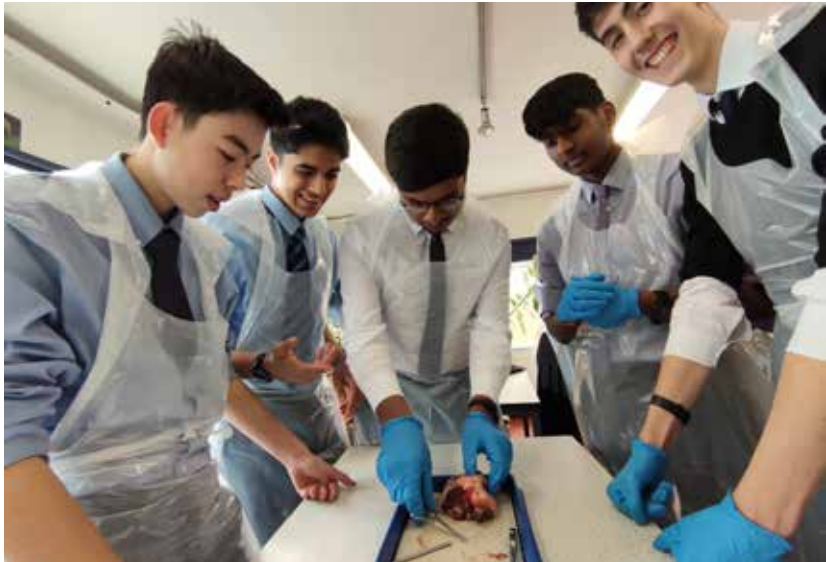
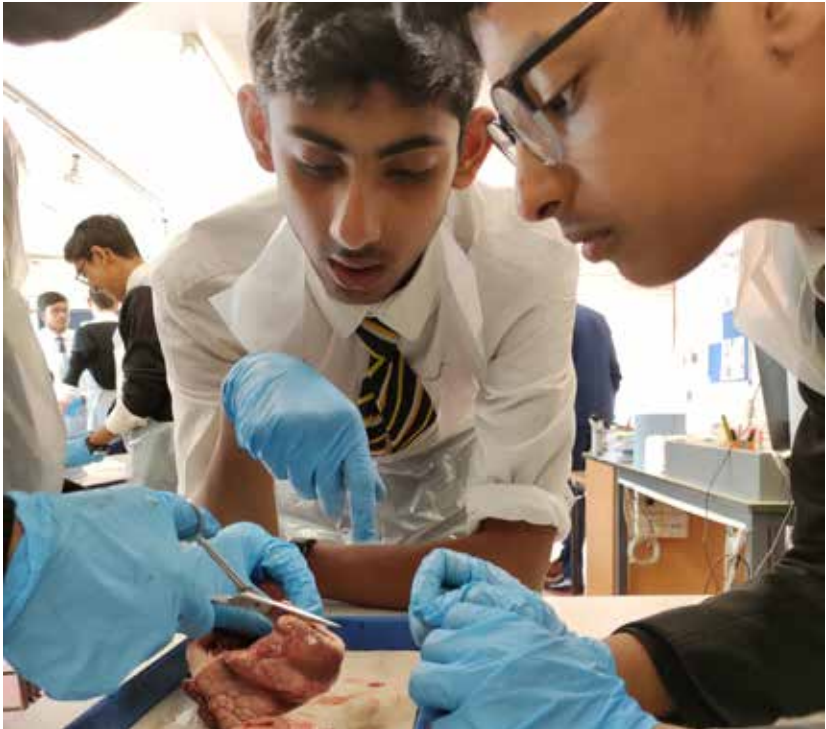
We started the club so that we could deepen our understanding and knowledge of biology overall but also to extend beyond the textbooks. Being able to see what we see in books or have learnt about in lessons, right in front of us has been really beneficial to our learning, especially since it is an opportunity

that may not be often possible in normal classes. Hopefully, it provides everyone with not only an entertaining time, but an insight to the somewhat gory experiences for those who are considering a career in medicinal fields.

A special thanks to Miss Park for supervising the general safety of everyone who comes and Mrs Higgs for providing everyone the organs and equipment to dissect every week.

This term has been very successful so far, dissecting both the heart and the kidney as well as the eye next week, and so we hope to see many of you in S5 in following Friday lunchtimes.

Article by Shyam (9B2) and Sachin (9H).



POETRY BY HEART

Congratulations to all our entrants into the inaugural Wilson’s School Poetry By Heart Competition!

Mrs Fletcher and Mr Cole very much enjoyed listening to all students’ recitals. Pupils from years 7-12 selected and learned poems from classic and modern writers, and performed these this week in our school heat. Vedanth (7B) gave a highly entertaining reading of “You Are Old, Father William” by Lewis Carroll; Joshua (8S) gave a moving reading of “Sea Fever” by John Masefield; Pavamaan (9S2) chose the topical and wry “What If?” by Benjamin Zephaniah – a response to “If” by Rudyard Kipling, the Wilson’s school poem.

All our competitors should be congratulated for their confidence and commitment in learning and performing challenging poems to an audience of their peers. Students listened carefully and kindly to their peers’ performances and enjoyed a stimulating and uplifting lunch hour.

Special congratulations must go to our category winners: Classic, 11-13 was won by Vignesh (8S), reciting “The Witch” by Mary Elizabeth Coleridge; Freestyle, 11-13 was won by Aaron (7B), reciting “Harriet Tubman” by Eloise Greenfield and Classic, 14-15, was won by Ryan (11D), reciting “Envy” by Adelaide Anne Procter.

Selected students will now go forward to the national competition to win a chance to perform on stage at the Globe Theatre. Every student has also won points for their house for taking part in the first ever Wilson’s Poetry Recital competition!



SATRO PROBLEM SOLVING COMPETITION

Both teams have made it through to the final!

On Thursday, 24 February, two teams of students from Year 9 and 10 ventured to St Philomena's School to take part in the SATRO Problem Solving Competition heats. The competition involves the teams being set a practical problem to be solved using only a limited number of resources. The task this time was to design a marble run that switched on a light ten seconds after the marble was released. This required careful planning and even more careful building. Both teams produced excellent designs and, in a Wilson's first, both teams scored highly enough to progress to the finals; Year 9 as key stage 3 winners and Year 10 as runners up in the key stage 4 heat. We wish both teams the best of luck for the final on 16 March.

Key Stage 3 Team:

Shreyas	-	9S1
Irvin	-	9G1
Adhvait	-	9S2
Hritesh	-	9S2
Pavamaan	-	9S2
Dev	-	9S2

Key Stage 4 Team:

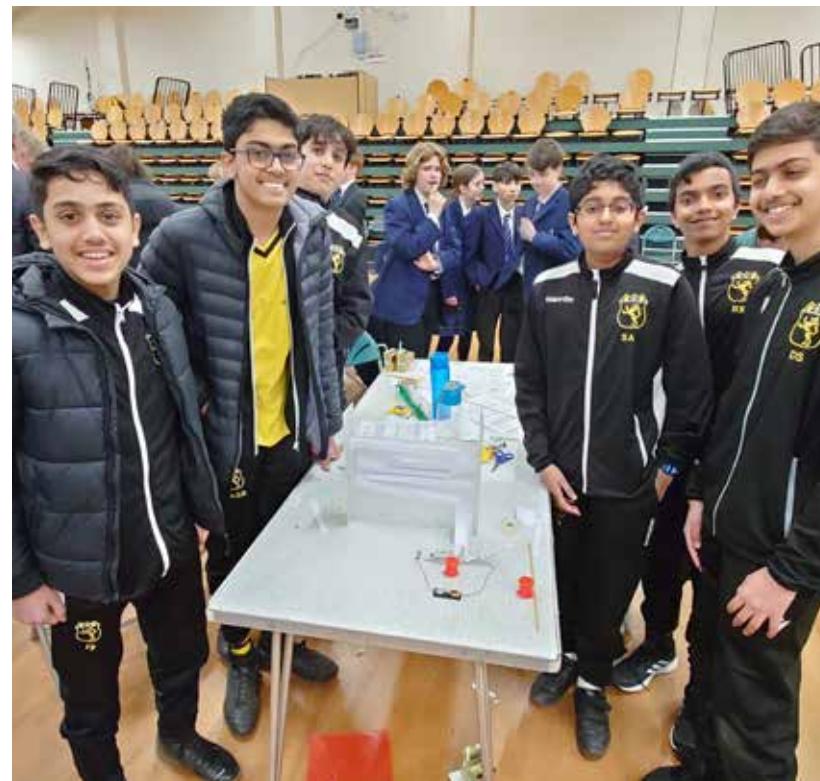
Sasank	-	10G1
Fadil	-	10S1
Parthasarathi	-	10G1
Rahul	-	10G2
Mannan	-	10G2
Advait	-	10B1



Pictured above: Year 9 team during judging.



Pictured above: Year 10 team with their design.



Pictured above: Year 9 team with their design.

FILM CLUB

The Third Man (PG)

Loss of Innocence

A key theme of the film is the loss of innocence. Holly writes books about heroic figures who always prevail. He trusts in his old friend at first, and is very reluctant to believe Harry Lime had done anything wrong. This initial innocence is worn away throughout the movie, as Holly begins to realize how heartless Harry was. This is represented especially well in the Ferris Wheel scene, where Holly realises that Harry could easily kill him, and would do so to save himself. This is a contrast to the start of the film, where Holly fully supports his friend, believing that he is truly innocent.



This contrast could show us one of two things: it might show us that Holly is naive and stupid to trust Harry in the first place, as the police informed him about the situation. It might also show how easily people can change because of greed. Harry's previous image (at least to Holly) as a good man is repeatedly tarnished throughout the film as we learn of the horrible things he has done and, especially, by his own words when he finally meets Holly. The violence, the drugs, and the betrayal of friends are all motivated by greed and eventually lead Harry to his death in the place which is itself a dramatic metaphor: the sewers.

The Nihilistic View Of Harry Lime

"If I offered you £20,000 for every dot that stopped - would you, old man, tell me to keep my money?" - Harry Lime (atop the Ferris Wheel)

This warped outlook on human life is used by Lime to justify his actions. Harry's view is that nothing matters and that morality is just a perspective and an opinion, rather than something everyone should follow. Whether this view has been developed throughout Harry's life or it is a product of war (remember this is written in 1947), we do not know. Even his closest friend realises that he no longer knows Harry.

Article by Conor (11C)



SPORTS NEWS

Squash National Schools' Finals 2022

U18 Team

The U18 Squash team are through to the finals of the National Schools Competition 2022 after successfully finishing top of their group in both Stage 1 and Stage 2. During Stage 1 the team of Chris C (Year 13), Luke G (Year 13), Thomas H (Year 10), Zayaan J (Year 10) and Josh C (Year 11) beat Whitgift School, Hampton School and Reigate Grammar School to progress in the competition. The students then produced some excellent performances in Stage 2 under pressure beating both Trinity School and Brentwood School with Tom H (year 13) coming into the team. The team now have the National Finals to look forward to which will take place in Nottingham. Congratulations on their performances so far!

Badminton

Our Badminton squads continue to put in some excellent performances so far this season. Boys have performed fantastically in games against RGS Guildford, Trinity, Whitgift and Tiffin. Impressively they have not lost a match as yet! Keep up the good work boys.



Pictured above: Senior Badminton Squad

Athletics

Another remarkable run for Alex L in Year 9, he finished 5th at the National Cross Country championships last weekend on Parliament Hill, finishing in a time of 14.51.

Alex was actually running against other boys who are older than him, so for his actual age group he would have been first for Year 9 in the whole country!

Another great performance, keep up the great work Alex.



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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Thursday 24 February
Wilson's vs Carshalton (Sutton Cup Semi-Final)
U14A lost 2 - 6

Friday 25th February
Wilson's vs Dunstan's College (Friendlies)

U12A	won	3 - 2
U12B	drew	0 - 0
U12C	won	5 - 0
U12D	won	9 - 0
U12E	won	8 - 0
U12F	won	3 - 0

Saturday 26th February
Wilson's vs Royal Russell (Friendlies)

1st XI	won	5 - 1
U15A	lost	1 - 2
U15B	lost	0 - 2
U14A	lost	0 - 3
U14B	won	3 - 1
U13A	lost	2 - 3





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BAR MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

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

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

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

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



Pictured above: The team anxiously awaits the final results

HISTORY CLUB

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



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

Article by Aaron (Year 13)



RASTC contd.



BPHO/BAAO RESULTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

The total numbers of students achieving each award were:

Gold	12
Silver	22
Bronze	41
Commendation	24
TOTAL	99



WILSON'S CHESS

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

Junior Team Chess Challenge

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

Briant Poulter (Surrey School's) League

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



MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

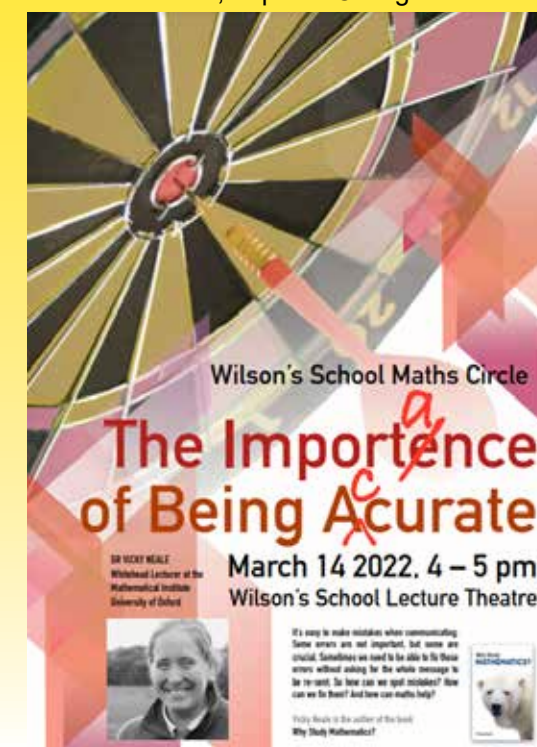
After two years of not being able to hold Maths Circle Lectures, the maths Department is delighted that Wilson's can once again host these lectures. These really are one of the highlights of the school year for the maths department and are a great opportunity for the sixth form students, both here at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

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

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

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

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





SPORTS NEWS

Football

Player Of The Week:

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

Team Of The Week:

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



Pictured above: Zac, Player of the Week



Pictured above: U13B Team of the Week

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

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

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

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

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



CELEBRATING EDWARD WILSON - YEAR 7 FOUNDER'S SERVICE

Imagining what Wilson's School might have been like 400 years ago is very challenging. Today Camberwell is a very lively and populous district of South London, whereas in 1615 it was a small village in the country which was popular with retiring merchants and officers attracted to the peace and quiet (and the company of sheep, horses and geese). We find it equally hard to know what our founder was like: we have no pictures nor recorded memories of him. But respect for Edward Wilson's faith and spirit of generosity is an essential part of the school's ethos and Year 7 pupils recently celebrated a special Founder's Service in his honour at St Michael's and All Angels Church.

This was a very enjoyable event, with excellent performances from the Chamber Choir, the presentation of the banner by the CCF and Lieutenant Colonel Burton to The Reverend Canon Angela Ghebikan, an address from the Headmaster, and rousing renditions of the School Song and Jerusalem.

Reflecting on the school's long history, we can take inspiration from its success in overcoming some great challenges and in the courageous decisions that have allowed the school to survive: the total closure of the school and its re-formation in 1880, the relocation of the entire school during the Second World War, and all the other threats to the school's existence and character that have been overcome – including the one that required the school to move to Sutton borough in 1975. We can learn something about resilience from being part of a school that has survived such hardships and Wilson's School's history lends credence to the old saying: "This too shall pass".

We all share a direct link to the school that Edward Wilson founded in 1615 and this contributes to the special character of togetherness and equality at Wilson's. We hope that Edward Wilson would be proud of us too.



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Links

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Looking Ahead

- Monday 21 March - Maths Circle Lecture (4:00 p.m.)
- Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March – Year 7 Showcases (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 25 March - MUFTI Day
- Monday 28 March - Maths Circle Lecture (4:00 p.m.)
- Thursday 31 March – Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 1 April - TERM ENDS (3.05 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Promoting Positive Mental Health

We are delighted to be hosting our latest 'Promoting Positive Mental Health' conference for school leaders across London and South East England on Wednesday, 18 May. Any parent or friend of the school with a particular interest in attending this event should contact the school office for further details.



"ABOUT US" CREATIVITY COMPETITION

We were thrilled this week to learn that Varad (7D) was selected as a national winner in the "About Us" poetry competition. His brilliant poem "The Fungi" was placed in the top ten entries nationally. With more than 1500 entries to the competition this is a very impressive achievement. Zyaan, also in 7D, was a winner in the equivalent scratch animation competition for his innovative scratch animation about litter, called "The Journey of a Wrapper". Only nine animations were selected, so again this is a noteworthy achievement.

Varad's poem and Zyaan's animation will now tour the UK as part of the "About Us" exhibition. "About Us" is the opening event for UNBOXED: Creativity in the UK, a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of creativity taking place across the UK this year. It is a free open-air spectacular event using cutting-edge projection mapping, animation, music and poetry to celebrate our connections to everything around us: past, present and future. The spectacle is touring five locations from March to May 2022. 25-minute projection shows will immerse audiences in a journey through 13.8 billion years of history since the dawn of the universe celebrating the infinite ways in which we connect to the cosmos, natural world, and one another. Varad's poem and Zyaan's animation will be part of the projection. The show has been scored by the acclaimed composer and musician Nitin Sawhney.

Varad's poem celebrates the connectivity of fungi. We loved the way the poem unites Varad's interest in creativity and science. Well done Varad! The judges of the competition were very complimentary about Varad's work.

Zyaan's animation uses humour to recreate the journey of a hot dog wrapper, from when it is dropped by a careless young person, to its destination in the stomach of a fox. His animation also makes good use of music!

You can see Varad's poem and Zyaan's animation, as well as the other winning entries, at <https://aboutus.earth/competition-winners/>. The exhibition will be in Luton during the Easter holidays, in front of the Town Hall, from 14 - 20 April 2022. You can find out more about this here: <https://aboutus.earth/luton/>



MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

This week we had the return of our Wilson's School Maths Circle lectures and a superb first lecture to kick off the 2022 series. Dr Vicky Neale from the University of Oxford spoke about "The importance of being accurate" and focussed on how maths can be used to check and correct information sent over the internet such as ISBN book codes and bank details for transactions. We also had the most students that we have ever welcomed to one of the lectures, including over 100 students from 8 different schools (well over 200 students in total).

Students had the opportunity to ask questions about the University of Oxford, as well as studying maths at university, and could also buy one of Vicky Neal's books "Why Study Mathematics?" and "Closing the Gap: The Quest to Understand Prime Numbers".

We hope that the students found the lectures both intriguing and enjoyable as well as providing a valuable insight into university studies.

Next week's talk will be on "The mathematical equation that caused the banks to crash" by Mr Jerrom from Wilson's.

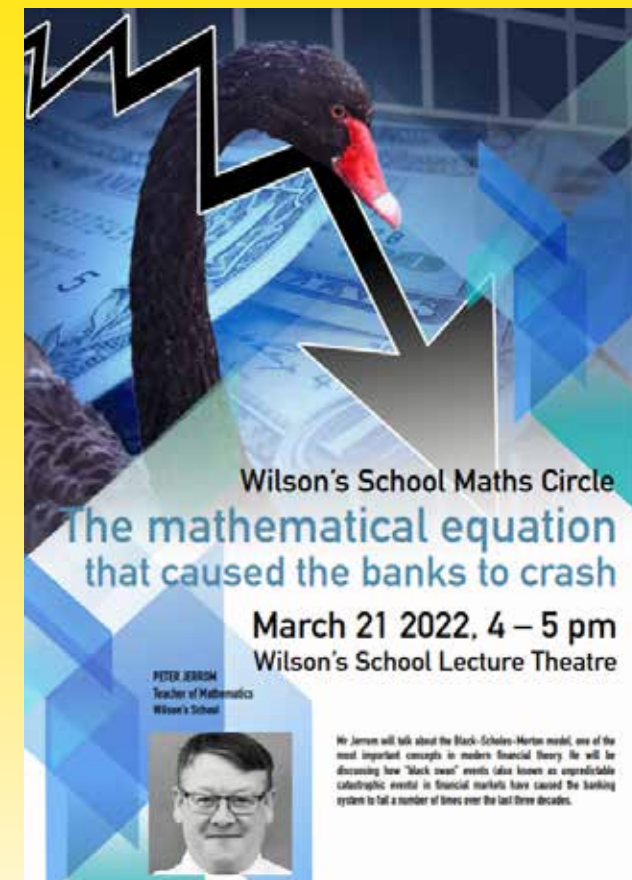


Pictured above: Vicky Neal

GARDENING CLUB



Thank you to all the families who collected Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' tokens for our School when doing their grocery shopping during the Autumn. We have received a fantastic selection of free gardening equipment which will be used by the gardening club over the coming weeks.



OXFORD VISIT

Article by Kristian (Year 12)

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting Brasenose College, currently the most sought after college at Oxford for Classics as well as being Mr Lawson's "alma mater", in the delightful company of my Latin class (Aayush, Bryn and Ethan). After a long journey on the Oxford tube, we had an enjoyable second breakfast in the Queen's Lane Coffee House. Waffles and pancakes were devoured with a side of Catullan poetry - this would be our supplement for the exciting, academic morning we would experience. As we walked to Brasenose College, we managed to glean insight into a typical Tuesday at Oxford, with many students either cycling or walking to their morning lectures, encumbered with all manner of books and laptops.



Pictured above: During the Brasenose visit.

We had an extensive tour of the college and asked questions about both classics and life as a student at Oxford. As a Classics student myself, I was thoroughly impressed by the huge library in Brasenose. The next meal of the day was lunch at the High Table in Brasenose Hall, a delicious affair with more opportunities to converse with other students as we were surrounded by portraits of great scholars of the past, including William Golding. The highlight of our day was our tutorial with Dr Llewelyn Morgan, who discussed with us meter in Catullus' poetry- though at first daunting due to the unfamiliar topic, we quickly became immersed in conversation about both Catullus and ancient literature at large. We ended our day at The Ashmolean museum with a tour of the Arthur Evans exhibits – Arthur Evans discovered the actual labyrinth in Knossos, Crete and was a Brasenose undergraduate.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those involved in organising this trip. After our day at Oxford, I would say that contrary to popular belief, reading Classics at university is not solely reserved for those who are privately educated, but instead an engaging, interesting opportunity for everyone to consider for their futures.



Pictured above: Enjoying the Queen's Lane Coffee House.

Summing up a tremendous day, the students commented:
"I had the best day of my life" (Bryn)
"Classics has become my sole passion in life" (Aayush)
"The Bodleian library thoroughly entranced me" (Ethan).

FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING

On Wednesday evening, our wonderful PFA handed over a cheque for £56,000 towards the fitting out of the new buildings.

Wilson's Parents and Friends' Association (PFA) formed in 2012 to raise funds for the school and to encourage and develop Wilson's community through involvement in social events. The PFA works in conjunction with the Head. The PFA is a fun way to meet other parents and get involved with the Wilson's community. The PFA welcomes any help you are able to offer to make a tangible difference to Wilson's and your boys.

Mr Cole writes:

The school's motto is NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS (not for oneself, but for all!). The Parents and Friends' Association at Wilson's embodies this motto in all that it does. Through its work, the experience for Wilson's boys has been improved in very significant ways. I would particularly like to thank Nina Guha who is stepping down as Chair and has been outstanding in every respect.

As Headmaster, I am tremendously proud of their success and grateful for their efforts. All busy professionals, their commitment to Wilson's highlights the way in which our community works together to achieve the very best for current and future Wilsonians.



Pictured above: The PFA Team presenting a cheque to the Headmaster.

RUGBY NEWS

The U12A rugby squad travelled to Twickenham last Friday, to take on a hotbed of rugby schools in the Orleans Park Rugby Sevens Tournament.

On a day where the weather was more akin to the winter months, the boys still managed to play with an element of skill and panache, which showed the progress they have made in their first season of Wilson's Rugby.

The group stage saw us pitted against Hampton Boys and Isleworth and Syon School. Despite a strong start, Hampton were always a bit too strong and we could not compete with their speed, knowledge and understanding of how to play the shortened format of the game. With matches only six minutes each half, any mistake was capitalised on and lapses in concentration usually led to conceding tries. The second game in the group was a much closer affair. With the scores tied at two tries each, the last play of the match saw Vincent Y finish a slick move that ran the length of the pitch to score the winner!

Finishing second in the group meant we went through to the Plate competition, playing the runners-up from the other three groups. This saw us matched against the hosts (Orleans Park), Richmond Upon Thames School and Kew House. Some tenacious tackling from Ryan and the all-firing Philip contributed to another win, loss and a draw, meaning we finished as runners up in the Plate Competition. A really excellent effort from all those involved. This bodes very well for next season.



SPORTS NEWS

Football

Player Of The Week:

Max (Yr 11) put away the goalkeeping gloves to make his left wing debut for the 3rd XI and was inches away from scoring the winner. Two U14As to impress this week were Tom and Joshua (both Year 9). Tom curled in a perfect strike to grab the equaliser in their game versus Forest while Josh was excellent in playing up a year group for the U15As. Player of the week is Muizz (Year 11) who made an outstanding penalty save right at the end of the game to earn a draw for the 3rd XI.

Team Of The Week:

The 3rd XI had another successful week beating Freeman's 1st XI and drawing with Forest 2nd XI. They go into their Sutton Cup Semi final this week against Cheam in good form and full of confidence. The U12Es continued their successful season beating Forest 2-0 in the rain and mud! Team of the week are the U13As who won 1-0 away against Wimbledon College. An excellent away performance against a very good side, Atharv (Yr 8) with the winning goal.



Pictured above: U13A Team of the Week



Pictured above: U12E Team win again!

Match Report Wilson's U14B 3 vs 2 Trinity

On Thursday 7 March Wilson's U14Bs faced Trinity U14B having lost the previous fixture 0 - 7. Wilson's started the game brightly, pressing the opposition with intent. Lofted through balls from the midfield allowed Sam (Year 9) to get through on goal with just the goalkeeper to beat and all our pressure was eventually rewarded with a goal. Sam managed to take the ball around the keeper and provided a composed finish from a tight angle. However, Trinity began to grow into the game, showing good link-up play in midfield. A lapse in concentration from the Wilson's back line allowed Trinity a tap-in from a free kick. Despite this setback we held firm to go into half time at 1-1.

After an inspiring half time team talk, Dilakshan replaced Jeremy hoping to get us back in the lead. Early in the second half the Trinity striker was clean through, and he calmly finished into the bottom corner: 2-1 to Trinity. We knew we should've prevented that goal, but we were determined to score. A quick break forward resulted in a cross to Dilakshan. He controlled the ball with one touch and smashed it into the top corner with the second. 2-2 and we were back in the game. However, Wilson's didn't stop there, and we continued to press the opposition; Sam won the ball in the centre circle and ran towards goal. He fired in a cross-come-shot and Dilakshan was there again to tap in. 3-2 Wilson's! In the dying minutes of the game, we stayed deep in our own half soaking up Trinity pressure. Attack after attack came, but we stood firm. Eventually the final whistle blew, much to the delight of the tired Wilson's team. Overall, an excellent attacking second half performance that deserved a win.

Match Report: Zac (Yr 9)



Pictured above: Tom with a stunning free kick for the 1st XI.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 7 March

Wilson's vs Wallington (Friendly)

U15B lost 1 - 7

Tuesday 8 March

Wilson's vs Wimbledon College (Friendlies)

U13A	won	1 - 0
U13B	drew	4 - 4
U13C	lost	0 - 4
U13D	lost	0 - 5

Wednesday 9 March

Wilson's vs London Freeman's (Friendlies)

3rd XI	won	2 - 1
5th XI	won	4 - 0

Thursday 10 March

Wilson's vs Wallington (Friendly)

U14B lost 0 - 2

Friday 11 March

Wilson's vs Wimbledon College (Friendlies)

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

Saturday 12 March

Wilson's vs Forest School (Friendlies)

1st XI	drew	2 - 2
3rd XI	drew	0 - 0
U15A	lost	0 - 3
U14A	drew	1 - 1
U13A	lost	0 - 1
U12A	drew	2 - 2



WILSON'S YEAR 9 STUDENT AWARDED ENGLAND VEST

National English Schools' Cross Country Championships

Wilson's School is proud to announce that Alex (Year 9) has been awarded his first England vest.

Alex has had a brilliant couple of weeks of Cross Country running. He put in a fantastic performance at the National English Schools' Cross Country Championships in Paddock Wood at the weekend finishing in 2nd place with a time of 13mins 12 seconds and narrowly missed out on first place. Due to this performance he has been awarded his England vest and will represent his country this coming weekend in an event in Pembrey in Wales. Prior to this he also came 4th in the U15 (where he was a year younger than most runners) in the British Athletics Inter Counties competition the weekend before.

Our congratulations go to Alex following two great performances and we wish him all the best of luck in Wales this coming weekend.

Pictured right: Alex (Year 9)



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Looking Ahead

- Monday 28 March - Maths Circle Lecture (4:00 p.m.)
- Thursday 31 March – Spring Concert (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 1 April - TERM ENDS (3.05 p.m.)
- Monday 18 April - BANK HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 19 April - SUMMER TERM BEGINS (late start for students 10:50am)

Deputy Head's Reminder

The house system: fostering leadership, teamwork and friendship

Well done to all pupils involved in our first vertical tutoring sessions on Tuesday morning! We look forward to the next opportunity to hold these. It's not too late for pupils to suggest ideas for new house competitions to Mr Elwood.



AIR CADET PILOT SCHEME

Article by Sgt Cascini

Run by the RAF each year, the Air Cadet Pilot Scheme is an initiative which provides cadets with the fantastic opportunity to train as a pilot with the aim of 'going solo' by the end of the course. Earlier in the year, I put forward my application and, after an agonising three month wait, I found out that I was fortunate enough to be one of the 29 cadets across the country to be selected for the scholarship this year.

Over a two-week residential course in the summer, run by Tayside Aviation at Dundee Airport (Scotland), I will have the opportunity to complete twelve hours of pilot training in an Aquila A211 light trainer aircraft, hoping that I can complete my first solo flight at the end of the course. This invaluable experience would not have been possible without the support from Flt Lt Luck and Lt Col Burton, which I am immensely grateful for, as I look forward to a once in a lifetime opportunity to pilot an aircraft.



Pictured above: Sgt Cascini

MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

The mathematical equation that made banks collapse

Many students would not give up an hour of their after school time to see a talk and so to see over 180 students from several different schools at Mr Jerrom's talk on the mathematical equation that made banks collapse is testament to his ability to captivate an audience. The talk was highly specialised and although complex I can wholeheartedly say that the talk left each and every one of us with something to think about afterwards, whether it be a career in investment or rather the maths that went behind the equations. Banks can make mistakes and, as Mr Jerrom explained in his talk, an over-reliance on expecting that something won't go wrong can often lead to huge disasters or as he so eloquently put it "Black Swan Events" such as the 1929 Wall Street crash or 1987 Black Monday. It was not just for maths students either as often he brought in aspects of physics through Brownian motion and his own experiences in foreign exchange trading that made the talk accessible to a wide range of audiences. To conclude, the talk was more than simply pure mathematics, it was a brilliant concoction of the experiences of a young forex trader in the city blended with the equations set out by the Black-Scholes model and it is something that I would thoroughly recommend to any student with any sort of interest in economics and how the world works. If I learned anything it's that, however unlikely something is to occur, we can never really know what things will be like in a year a month or even a day's time and that sometimes life simply isn't quite what you expect it to be.

Article by Aryan (Year 12)



Pictured above: Mr Jerrom lecturing to a full venue

NEXT WEEK'S LECTURE



NÁBOJ

On Friday 18 March, a team of five students from Wilson's participated in the Náboj Senior Mathematics Competition. Náboj is an international maths competition for secondary school students, organised by multiple mathematical institutions which include the University of Cambridge and ETH Zürich. It is designed to promote mathematical ability, inventiveness, ingenuity and teamwork. Normally, the competition would have taken place at the University of Cambridge but it was conducted online this year due to COVID restrictions.

The competition took two hours and our team of five worked together to answer as many mathematical questions as possible in the given time. Wilson's School came fifth out of twenty two schools in the UK, narrowly missing out on a podium finish. During the two hours, we completed a total of 25 questions. Abingdon School came first in the UK, completing a total of 36 questions. We hope to come back stronger in next year's competition and fight for first place!

Article by Alex (Year 12)



FUNDRAISING FOR DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

With the sun shining and a bustling crowd of spectators making its way onto the field, the scene was set for what promised to be a Wilson's football classic. The teacher side looked strong despite late losses such as 'il Goro' (Mr Gore), while the student line-up was just as formidable with Felix 'twinkle toes' (Y13) slotting into a strong Year 12 team. Mr Walters and Alex (Y13) sat poised in the commentary box, ready to pounce ruthlessly on the slightest of errors from teachers and students alike. Before a ball had even been kicked, this had all the ingredients for football heritage.

The teachers started the game on the front foot, proving that the flair of a young student team was no match for wisdom and experience. Mr Karamath did not hesitate to begin his torment of the student back line, chasing down an abundance of loose balls and misjudged clearances. And he was soon to be rewarded. Within minutes the staff striker found himself one-on-one with the opposing keeper, slotting calmly into the bottom corner. 1-0. The students knew it would be an uphill battle from here - but they weren't done yet. Approaching half time, an inswinging corner fell invitingly to the edge of the box, where the firm right boot of Felix was ready to meet it. A beautifully guided volley into the bottom left corner was enough to beat Mr. Dixon in goal and send the student end into pandemonium. Like poetry in motion. 1-1 at the break.

The teachers returned eager to spoil the party. Captain Mr McLaughlin's half-time words seemed to send his side up through the gears, causing problems for some tired student legs. It wasn't long before Mr Oluwu had found an inevitable breakthrough, drilling a well-placed finish past the keeper from the edge of the box. A suitable act of revenge following a questionable penalty decision from the (coincidentally) student referee in the first half. 2-1. From here on the game opened up; chances went flying at both ends of the pitch, as formations became a distant memory of the first half. But it was the teachers who were able to capitalise once more. Latching on to a headed through ball from Dr Johnston, Mr Karamath sealed the deal by slotting calmly into the bottom corner, rounding off with a Ronaldo-esque 'suiii' to rub salt into the student wounds. The game ended 3-1 to a strong staff side.

Regardless of the score and the entertaining elements of the match, it was played in brilliant spirit by both sides for an even better cause. A huge thank you goes out to everyone involved, especially the charity committee, led by Ms Atwell, with generous donations leading to fantastic £3,816.38 being raised (via online donations and money-in-buckets) for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian appeal.

Article by Tom (Year 13)



'AND THEN THERE WERE NONE...'



In the John Jenkins Hall on 10 February, the final night of Wilson's production of Agatha Christie's murder mystery 'And Then There Were None' took place. For over three months the cast and crew had been working tirelessly to prepare, and the result did not disappoint! It was a resounding success, and a fitting farewell to the Year 13s who have been a part of our productions for the last seven years.

For the first time since The Crucible two years ago, we could rehearse as normal without Covid hampering our progress. With a cast of 11, it was a small affair and created a close feeling within the group that lasted right up until the final bows. As usual, the set and acting was superbly overseen by Mr Kavanagh, resulting in one of the best plays I have been involved in during my time at Wilson's!

Thank you very much to everyone who came to watch. We hope you enjoyed it and will watch again next year!

Article by Aaron (Year 13)



OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Last week on Monday, Wilson's Outreach Programme saw the launch of its new mentoring scheme with the first of its six mentoring sessions. Organised by Ms Paschoud and Miss Hughes, and with the oversight of Mr Coop, this project has the purpose of challenging and supporting selected children from our local primary schools as well as identifying ways to support them further. With thorough guidance, the children embraced the opportunity to develop their Maths and English skills. They engaged and persevered incredibly well through each of the half hour sessions on fractions, decimals and percentages and comprehension questions on challenging texts. Our thirteen Year 12 mentors very ably assisted them and recorded their observations of the children that they were allocated. The pupils were intrigued, enticed by the idea of a mini competition we set up for them and were eager to learn!



Running side by side with the mentoring scheme, we have ten Year 12 volunteers who visit our local primary schools on Wednesday afternoons and six Year 12 volunteers who visit St Elphege's every Monday after school, on rotation, to help with their KS2 STEM club, which is overseen by Mr Ironside. A special thank you to everyone who enables all of these Outreach endeavours. If you would like to find out more about our Outreach work please email Mr Coop TWC@wilsonsschool.sutton.uk.

Article by Atharva (Outreach Prefect, Y13)



WOLF SALIENT RETURNS!

This week saw the much anticipated return of 'Wolf Salient' – the alumni-focussed e-newsletter recently set-up by Wilson's Development Office to keep our ever-growing community of Old Wilsonians better-connected!

One issue of Wolf Salient is published per school term online, bringing readers 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 second edition of Wolf Salient attached at this link (<https://www.wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk/shared/Wolf%20Salient%20V01E02.pdf>) and circulate it to 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 was@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk with your thoughts."





SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Max (Yr 11) was one of the stars of the show last week at left wing but this week it was back to his normal position of goalkeeper and he didn't disappoint. He made three unbelievable saves to help send the U16As through to the Sutton Cup Final. U13D Captain Alexander (Year 8) was a constant threat for the Trinity defence and scored with an accurate finish in the bottom corner. Player of the week is Raghav (Year 7) who scored a stunning hattrick for the U12Es.



Pictured above: Raghavan with a hattrick.

Team Of The Week:

This week we had our first team into a cup final with the U16As battling to a 1-0 win over Cheam after extra time. Nazar (Year 11) with a great header back post only two minutes from penalties. A huge well done to the whole squad who have performed consistently well all season. They were shortly followed by the 1st XI who beat Greenshaw 3-1 in their semi-final. The 1st XI didn't stop there, they picked themselves up again the next day to beat Brentwood 2-0 away. Team of the week are the U13Ds who were involved in a fantastic game to watch versus Trinity, they won the game 3-2 but credit to both teams who played the game in the right spirit.



Pictured above: U13D Team of the Week



Pictured above: U14B Team vs. Brentwood



Pictured above: Alexander, Captain of the U13D team.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Tuesday 15 March

Wilson's vs Cheam (Friendly)

U12A lost 1 - 3

Wilson's vs Trinity (Friendlies)

U13A lost 0 - 5

U13B lost 1 - 2

U13C drew 1 - 1

U13D won 3 - 2

Wilson's vs Cheam (Sutton Semi Final)

U16A won 1 - 0

Friday 18 March

Wilson's vs Greenshaw (Sutton Semi Final)

1st XI won 3 - 1

Wilson's vs Brentwood (Friendlies)

U12A lost 2 - 6

U12B won 3 - 1

U12C lost 1 - 8

U12D lost 5 - 6

U12E won 3 - 2

Saturday 19 March

Wilson's vs Brentwood Friendlies)

1st XI won 2 - 0

2nd XI lost 1 - 4

4th XI won 3 - 0

U13A lost 1 - 2

U13B lost 3 - 7

U13C lost 1 - 2

U14A drew 0 - 0

U14B lost 1 - 4

U14C lost 2 - 3

U15A won 5 - 2

U15B lost 0 - 6

U15C lost 2 - 5

THE HALLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

This term has been one of the most exciting and uplifting in the recent history of the music department. Although we have been keen to stage live events safely at every stage of the pandemic, Thursday, 31 March saw our first Spring Concert since 2019 and it had the atmosphere of a great gala event! Along the way this term, the House Music competition has seen nearly a quarter of pupils at the school perform as soloists and ensemble performers, Mr Kramer's new Odyssey Big Band has seen latent talents emerge (particularly in the rhythm section), and rehearsals of traditional ensembles such as Senior Orchestra, the choirs and wind bands, have seen fostered palpable improvements in pupils' musicianship.

Last week's Year 7 Celebration Evenings were hugely enjoyable. A Year 7 pupil described the event as "a phenomenal experience". After a series of performances, including the 90-piece wind band made up of half the year group on each night, the Evening ended with a short prize-giving, celebrating not only musical progress but also pupils' friendliness, kindness and participation. A full set of reviews can be found here: <https://wilsonsmusic.wixsite.com/index/year-7-celebration-evenings-spring-2022>.

The Spring Concert itself was a very special occasion, described by one parent as "the most moving and inspiring event". The evening began with the beautiful Entrée Des Muses from Rameau's Les Boreades (bassoon solo, Anton May) before Handel's Concertino for Trumpet (trumpet solo, Theo Horch) launched us into a wide array of musical ensembles. Several performances were excellent, but the 16-piece clarinet ensemble's performance of Rheinberger's Abendlied was outstanding. Highlights from the second half included a foretaste of next year's planned performance of Carmina Burana (In

Taberna) and a rousing rendition of Doreen Carwithen's Suffolk Suite – the perfect piece to mark her centenary year.

Next term promises a range of exciting events, beginning straight away with a vocal recital from our top Sixth Form soloists in the Mallinson Room on 20 April. The Young Musician Final follows soon after on 3 May, with another vocalists evening a week later on 10 May. As well as the summer concert, we look forward to performances at the Horniman Bandstand, and other venues across London TBC. Keep an eye on the music department website for further information!



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- Tuesday 19 April - SUMMER TERM BEGINS (late start for students 10:50am)
- Thursday 21 April - Year 9 Parents' Evening (4.00 p.m.)
- Monday 25 April - Prayer Group Meeting (8.00 p.m.) - ALL WELCOME
- Tuesday 26 April - Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)

Deputy Head's Reminder

Congratulations student leaders

The Intrigue publications, the string quartet performance in the concert, and last week's Film Club Award Ceremony are great examples of what can be achieved through students' own initiative. But of course not all student leadership takes place under the spotlight; many older pupils can be found quietly supporting drop-ins and lunchtime clubs every day of the week. Thank you and well done to those senior students who have helped and inspired their younger peers this term!



SIXTH FORM SUBJECT COMMENDATIONS

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

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

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

Nominations were as follows:

Subject	Year 12	Year 13
Art	William E	William L
Biology	Harry S	Piriyanthan SP
	Chirag V	

Chemistry	Andrei C Tarun N Shanjai M Christian O	Anirudh N Tahir K
Computing Design & Technology Economics	Aaron W Pratham J Ayush M Ben O-R Harvey E Aadin P Thomas V Luka K	Thilaxan S
English French Geography German Government and Politics History Latin Maths	Hari B Aayush P Daksh P Bavin J Chirag V	Siobann B Sahil K Varnan G Theo H Matthew A Ilyas P Tomas M Fin G Neel P Neel P Joel P Ayush N Adi J Anujan T Theo H Anton M Ayokunle L Mann P Joshua D
Music		
Philosophy Physics	Momin K Akshaiyram R Tharun M Craig L	
Spanish		Tomas M



Pictured above: Year 12 students who received a commendation



Pictured above: Year 13 students who received a commendation

YEAR 12 FORM AWARDS

On Monday, Year 12 Form Awards were announced. Form tutors chose to nominate students who have demonstrated one or more of the following:

- Enthusiasm and excellent engagement with PSHE materials this term.
- A positive contribution to the form or to the wider school community.
- Outstanding commitment to their SCS activities.

The winners were:

12AAW	Aaron W
12CEH	Aravindh B
12ADS	Craig L
12CAR	Aadin P
12NC	Luka K
12JSB	Dhillon K
12RS	Ben O-R
12JER	Adam D
12PEG	Jindu E-U
12ZWC	Aryan M



Pictured above: Year 12 students nominated for Form Awards



#700STEM CHALLENGE

On Thursday 24 March 2022, I travelled to Sydenham High School for the #700STEMChallenge awards evening after being selected as a finalist for my essay on the applications of quantum dots.

The evening involved talks from many different guests, such as Stephen Brennan, a consultant surgeon, Rory Newton, a former oil and gas engineer, and finally Kiran Hamid Irshad, an emerging markets credit trader. Each talk gave invaluable insight into various STEM careers. They highlighted how it is perfectly normal for your interests to change, and that no matter what STEM degree you take, the skills gained from that degree are applicable to almost any other job. The talks also emphasised the idea that passion, commitment, and hard work can take you anywhere you want.

Regarding the competition itself, I had come first in the under 18's Technology and Engineering section and was thrilled to have done so. My essay was about several uses of quantum dots, including the use of nanomaterial to increase the efficiency of solar panels as well as its effectiveness in the delivery of drugs due to its photoluminescence.

I would like to encourage any aspiring STEM students to participate in this challenge, as it really does develop your understanding or passion for the subject and it can open doors to new ideas and new people who share similar interests, just as I had learned from this competition.

Article by Shanjai (Year 12)

The Physics Department is also very pleased to announce that Boris (Year 11) came third in the U16 Technology category. You can read articles from both Shanjai and Boris on the school website using the following link: https://www.wilsonschool/resources/STEM_Challenge_2022_V2.pdf.



Pictured above: At the Awards Evening

MATHS CIRCLE LECTURES

When we say $2 + 2 = 4$, what are our definitions of 2, + and 4?

Monday's lecture was conducted by Professor Kevin Buzzard of Imperial College London. At first, this statement seems self-evident but Prof. Buzzard explained that proving this fact is complicated and very interesting. When we were taught this fact as young children, it was simply asserted rather than proved. The idea of proving such a simple fact was foreign to most people as we just assume it to be true. By breaking down and explaining the concept of a natural number and defining the operation of addition, Prof. Buzzard was able to build up his proof and demonstrate that $2+2=4$. This method of carrying out maths is very different as it involves rigorously justifying every step rather than taking certain facts for granted. He went on to explain the modern use of theorem provers (programs that help with verifying proofs) in helping prove complicated and elusive mathematical theorems. Prof. Buzzard was well-received by the large audience.

Guiseppe Peano devised a form of arithmetic based on three axioms: first, that zero is a number; second, that if n is a number, then so is the successor of n , and third, that the first two axioms make all the (natural) numbers. He arbitrarily defined 1 to be $S(0)$, the successor of 0; 2 to be $S(1)$; 3 to be $S(2)$ and 4 to be $S(3)$.

As for addition, he had this recursive definition: we don't know what $n + m$ is, but we do know that $n + 0$ is n , and that $n + S(m)$ is $S(n + m)$. For example, $1 + 1$ is $1 + S(0)$, by definition of 1, which is $S(1 + 0)$, by definition of addition, which is $S(1)$, also by definition of addition.

Using these rules, can we then show that $2 + 2$ really is 4? We proceed as follows: $2 + 2$ is $2 + S(1)$, by definition of 2, which is $S(2 + 1)$, by definition of +. We cannot jump to saying that $2 + 1$ is 3, so we continue by noticing that 1 is $S(0)$, so $S(2 + 1)$ is $S(2 + S(0))$, which is $S(S(2 + 0))$ by our rule for addition. This is the same as $S(S(2))$ (again by definition of addition), which is $S(3)$, by definition of 3, which is 4, by definition of 4. Q.E.D.

Article by Syed and William



Pictured above: Professor Buzzard lecturing to a full venue

Biology Olympiad

A total of 28 Year 12 Biologists recently elected to complete the Biology Olympiad, an online competition consisting of two, 45-minute multiple choice papers. The questions were based upon topics and ideas that students are not familiar with, requiring them to use their problem solving skills and understanding of core principles.



Well done to Ishan M who achieved the highest overall score of the cohort and placed in the top 5% of students taking part nationally, earning him a Gold Award in the process.

Congratulations also to Jathumilan, Agustya, Denushka and Muhammad who all achieved Silver Awards and to Ayush P, Tom R, Mert, Denis, Pranav, Thomas V, Kirthigan, Alex W, Shriram, Adam A, Kavin and Brandon who all received a Bronze Award.

Well done to all who took part!"

New! Wildlife Club Photography Competition

Wildlife club is thrilled to launch its first Photography Competition and we invite you to enter with any photo you have taken of nature (animals, plants, landscapes etc.).



- £10 Amazon voucher for overall winner and other prizes to be won
- House points for every entry
- Only one entry per student/staff member
- Must be your own work (entries will be cross-checked)
- Editing is permitted (but must be declared with the original photo sent in too.)
- Judges: Mr Burton, Mr Cole and Miss Waterhouse

All these details will be posted on SMHW but if you have any questions, please ask!email Ms Banner. Please send your photo as a JPEG with a title and short description to Ms Banner no later than Wednesday 11 May. srb@wilsonschool.sutton.sch.uk We look forward to seeing your entries!





WELLBEING UPDATE

What else do you do?

The lighter evenings this week, as well as the lovely recent weather have certainly helped remind me that spring is upon us. The spring term always brings with it certain challenges: older students near the end of their courses and preparation for upcoming exams becomes very real, it can feel like we don't have enough time in the day to get through everything we need to and the harsh weather and dark nights can take a toll on our mental wellbeing. At such times, when things feel hard, and work stressful, we must remember to continue to make time for the activities we do in life to unwind and enjoy ourselves. It is at such demanding times that these hobbies can actually be more beneficial, giving us a chance to unwind, refresh and catch up with friends. We thoroughly encourage students to ensure they include 'down-time' within any revision plans over the holiday and into exam season.

Our co-curricular timetable has been running as normal this term, and I am confident in saying that we seem to have more exciting opportunities for students to get involved than before the pandemic. Recent additions have included Aviation Society and Tech Club, both set up and run entirely by Year 10 students and Dissection Club. We have asked some students to write about co-curricular clubs that they attend and hopefully this might inspire you to try something new in the Summer Term. There truly is something for everyone at Wilson's.

Here at Origami club (Wednesday lunch) we have fun making exciting and interactive models. We are a community of students who manifest our ideas on to paper while forgetting the stresses of everyday life and meeting others who share the same interest. During the spring term, we have made leaping frogs, dinosaurs and chibby dragon. Next term, as a grand finale we will be making the red dragon. This model is both ornate and fascinating to make, as well as providing a challenge for the everyday origami amateur to enjoy.

Christian Union meets every Tuesday in the 1880 room at lunch, and includes students from Years 7 - 13. We usually play a couple of games, eat some snacks and study a passage of the Bible together to build up our faith, followed by a short prayer. Everyone is welcome whether they are a Christian or just curious about God or faith. Calum Year 13

History Club every Thursday lunchtime. Teachers or students deliver enthralling presentations covering topics from great men of the past to studying influential women in history to even the history leading up to more recent events like the history of Ukraine and Russia. Normally, themes are based on events in history which students have researched either in preparation for university or out of a pure appetite for the subject. Forgotten history, such as the crucial contributions to the history of Britain by Black Tudors such as the famous Tudor trumpeter John Blanke, and how they are and should be interpreted by us as historians are always hot on the agenda and are often the centre of very lively, dynamic talks. What I particularly enjoy is the constant discussion and debate that dominates between pupils across the years when we get face to face with the sometimes-grisly past. I find the collaborative element with people around you in the club helpful too as it means you can get a broad, diverse range of views on a topic and are able to think much more critically. And as

if by some miracle that was not enough, you are even offered sweets at the start of the club! I feel that history is definitely more than the bloody battles or tyrants of the past. It is about thinking outside the box and history club is definitely where the past and the present are not treated as two different things but rather as interlinked in the chain of our modern society. It's one of my favourite subjects for a reason. Tobias Year 8

Recently at Geography Club (Tuesday lunch) we have learnt about everything from the depths of a mine to the geography of India, however I will be zooming in specifically on my presentation on crystals. First, we learnt about the plethora of quartzes, jaspers, and agates and specifically on their formation (and where they can be found.) The magic of crystals iridescence was then explained (including how opal, labradorite and rainbow moonstone have this stunning quality) and then I showed off my collection of crystals with many fascinating pieces including amethyst, ocean jasper (which can only be found in Madagascar), and even opalised fluorite. To conclude the presentation, I finally did a quiz to decide who would get the prize crystal (with ongoing marking). Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed presenting on crystals as I am very passionate on these stunning beauties of the earth and how they are formed. Krish Year 9

Rubik's Cube Club runs every Monday for Year 7 and 8 students in L12. There's a variety of cubes available which the cubers love to try. We recently held a tournament which many people decided to attend and many house points were won with every entry counting. Overall, we have had an amazing two terms of non-stop cubing! Cubers have enjoyed their time here and have tried puzzles they had never seen before. Aarav Year 7

At Pride Club (Monday lunch) we aim to create an inclusive and open environment where we are able to discuss ideas about sexuality and gender. These range from discussing news and political changes concerning LGBTQ+ topics, ideas about queer theory and queer film, such as 'gender performance' and 'campness', as well as giving students a safe environment to discuss their own concerns and experiences (and offering them advice). This term, during LGBT history month, we also researched and produced resources on notable LGBT figures that have been, perhaps, ignored within history such as Martha P Johnson, Sappho, and James Baldwin amongst others. The main purpose of Pride Club is thus to provide a place where people can feel safe and comfortable in their identity and are able to explore that in quite a casual setting. Adam Year 11 and Abbas Year 13

Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Society Every Wednesday lunch in room 22, we discuss various philosophical, ethical and religious topics, between all year groups. There are great opportunities to have debates and discussions provoking ideas outside of lessons, which give students a chance to develop critical thinking skills alongside gaining new perspectives on topics you wouldn't usually give second thoughts to. Previously we have had presentations on moral anti-realism and meta-ethics, the fundamentals of Bahaism and the nature of free will, amongst many others. In our session on meta-ethics, members were introduced to the debate of whether moral values do actually exist in the real world or only in our minds. We looked at arguments from prominent philosophers, before breaking

off into groups to allow for further debate and exploration of our own viewpoints. In a later presentation, Arman introduced the emerging world religion of Bahaism and the concept of the three unities of God, religion and humanity. We discussed the idea of whether all religions just being one religion, ever unfolding, is compatible with the view of other religions aiming for their own validity. If these topics have intrigued you at all, do come along to room 22 on Wednesdays, for an interesting debate and free biscuits! Arman Year 13

Politics Club, every Tuesday at 1:15, is a place for students to discuss the political ideologies that govern our country, our economy and the world. So far, students across all year groups have discussed topics from the leadership of the parties, to how well parties effect their manifestos on their constituencies, to how current events can lead to changes in places far away. A knowledge of politics will help you understand why leaders do what they do, and will be able to aid you in making day-to-day decisions. So come along to Politics club in room 21, and gain a deeper insight into your country, leadership and your future all while enjoying talks given by passionate students. Aarush Year 9



Pictured above: Students from origami club with their creations.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES NEWS

On Friday 25 March, Mrs Mulcahy's Year 10 class finally made contact with their French pen pals over at College de L'etand de L'or. The class had previously exchanged letters with their pen pals (in October and for Christmas), but at long last had a face-to-face meeting over Google Classroom.

The interaction began with a long but insightful presentation by Ravindu, who thoroughly explained what life is like at Wilson's School, from winning the House Cup to raising money for Centrepont, all in French! The presentation was well-received by the students in France, some of whom then replied with their own questions in French, to which their corresponding pen pal had to reply. The very first question posed was by an eager Man United fan, unsurprisingly about what football team their pen pal supported!

A second presentation was delivered by Muhammad about GCSEs at Wilson's. He spoke in French about what exactly the GCSEs were and explained that at Wilson's students get to choose their options in Year 8 and also about how the grading system works.

After another round of questions, the final, most humorous presentation was given by Ashwin, who went into detail about English culture in general. He introduced them to some English rappers, YouTubers and even taught them some commonly used slang! After this, he mentioned that he supported the team Arsenal, which was met with a mixed response of both cheering and jeering. To top it all off, the class finished with a somewhat successful rendition of Neil Diamond's 'Sweet Caroline' for the French students.

A student at College de L'etand de L'or also gave an interesting presentation in English about life in their coastal town, Mauguio. Unfortunately, before the class could properly follow with questions, they were cut short as the periods in the French school ended sooner than at Wilson's.

We look forward to speaking to our pen pals again, and Madame Mulcahy is already looking into one-to-one sessions between pen pals!

Article by Tony P.



The National Schools' Squash Finals

The U18 Squash team of Chris, Luke, Thomas, Zayaan and Sidhansh had their National Schools Squash Finals last week. Along with Mr Dudley and Mr Palmer, the students travelled to Nottingham after school last Thursday in preparation for the finals the following day. The team have performed extremely well to get to this point and have beaten numerous schools on their way to the final.

The finals in Nottingham is an event which hosts the last eight schools in the country with all teams playing three matches to determine the schools' final positions from 1st to 8th. Wilson's first match was a close one against South Hunsley School from Yorkshire. Chris, Luke and Thomas all won their matches resulting in a 3-2 win. After an hour or two off, Wilson's were then playing in the semi-final against Truro School (the eventual winners). In an extremely close match Wilson's came out with a 3-2 loss meaning their last match was the third place play-off. Unfortunately, after a long day tiredness and fatigue began to set in and Wilson's lost another close match 2 - 3 against Colchester Sixth Form College. Wilson's ended up finishing 4th in the country which is an excellent achievement having beaten the likes of Hampton, Whitgift, Trinity and Brentwood on their route to the final.

The team played very well and considering the close finishes to each match, they may have placed even higher on another day. Well done to all those students involved, along with Tom H and Joshua C who both played their part in Stages 1 and 2 of the national competition.





SPORTS NEWS

Alex wins British Schools Junior Championship

It was another day to remember for Y9 student Alex who marked his debut run for his country at Pembrey Country Park with a winning performance on Saturday (26/3/22). The England team dominated the 2022 SIAB Schools Cross Country International as they took the six team events and 11 of the 12 available individual medals and all four individual titles on a bright, sunny day in Wales. Jake Meyburgh had been the only athlete this year over any age group to achieve a UK Inter-Counties, English National, English Schools and English area title but he was unable to win a sixth major title this year as English Schools runner-up Alex, who is normally in the under-15 age group, repeated his Surrey



Schools victory with a 14:06 win in this junior boys' race. It was a fantastic performance once again from Alex, who has clearly gone from strength to strength in his running this year.

Well done and congratulations from everyone at Wilson's!

Pictured above: Alex in action

Pictured left: Alex on the podium

Rugby Season Finishes with a Bang..!!

Last week saw the final two rugby fixtures of the season, both against Box Hill School.

The 1st XV took to the field knowing that for the majority of the team, this would be their last match in a black and gold jersey. To say they bowed out in style was an understatement. Stalwarts such as skipper Callum F and the ever-present Jackson E at fly half pulled the strings to ensure that Wilson's were always on the front foot. Big ball carrying performances from Sam R and Pablo K, backed up by find of the season, Ronnie G, meant at half time the home team led by two tries to one. In the second half the shackles really came off, as Akila W, Siobhan B and Arthushchan S let loose in the back line, playing the free-flowing rugby we have been building and developing all season. Other new recruits Aaron S and Shinujan S also made their presence felt, rounding off what was an emphatic 36-12 victory. A great way to sign off for these dedicated and hard-working team mates. Well done for all their efforts, especially those who have given seven years of their Wilson's career to the rugby programme. We wish you all the best in your rugby endeavours.

Not to be outdone, it was the turn of the Year 9s against the same opposition the following day. Again, a close encounter in the first half saw the teams go into the break two tries a-piece. However, the second period was where the 'Mollison Drive marauders' really turned on the style, running in a further four tries and winning the match 40-17. Particularly pleasing performances from the always abrasive Dylan M and Aahil A meant there was always a route out of trouble and up the pitch when required. Ethan L was at his lightning quick best, using the dry sunny conditions to skip past opponents as if he was on the athletics track. Eliram K kept things ticking at scrum half and has really grown into a mature performer in this position. Another excellent season from this squad and some real potential to keep building the skills and rugby intelligence into next season. Well done to all the players who have represented the school.



Pictured above: 1st XI Rugby Team

Chess News

Wilson's School were pleased to host the regional final of Team Chess Challenge last week. 24 teams from 8 schools took part.

Wilson's A won the First section of 12 teams with 12.5 points out of a maximum of 16, and qualified for the National finals to be held later in the year. Top scorer was Henry (11D) with a perfect 4/4. Wilson's B came second on 9.5 points, equal with Tiffin A, Sutton A and Whitgift A. Aryaman (L6) scored 4/4 for the B team. In the second Section Wilson's G came first ahead of 11 other teams including Sutton B and Whitgift B.



SPORTS NEWS

Player Of The Week:

Joel (Yr 13) has performed consistently well for the 1st XI at left back this season and this week was no different. He showed his customary composure to score the 1st XI's second goal against Bishop Thomas Grant. Nana (Yr 8) has been a rock at the back for the U13As all season but in a new position of CF was a constant threat against Carshalton. Our players of the week are two goalkeepers, Aditya (Yr 10) and Craig (Yr 12), who were faultless to gain two excellent clean sheets on the final Saturday of the season.

Team Of The Week:

The 4th XI are finishing the season strong and gained another convincing win against Ewell Castle. The U12As put in an all-round good performance to beat John Fisher, the winning goal being an excellent team goal scored by Anish. The 1st XI made it twenty wins out of twenty games at home with yet another clean sheet, they have only conceded seven goals in those twenty games. Team of the week are the U12Ds who finish their season with a thrilling 3-2 win against John Fisher.



Pictured above: U12D Team of the Week

Match Report by Christopher

Wilson's U16As (Year 10) 1 VS 0 Cheam
Sutton Cup Semi Final

Wilson's entered the game full of confidence following two excellent results against London Freeman's and Forest in the past week. It took a long while for the game to settle, as relentless pressing from Chris, Nazar, Bradley and Freddie in attack forced Cheam into playing long balls over the top, which Matt and Yousif easily dealt with. Ivor and Harry were instrumental to the way Wilson's played both defensively and moving forwards, constantly breaking up any attacks Cheam tried to throw at them. Han-Joon and Zayn were extremely impressive in keeping their wingers relatively quiet. Chris and Nazar went close from Freddie's set pieces, while at the other end Max kept Wilson's in the game with several point-blank saves. The 70 minutes of regular time were rather uneventful, and the two sides headed to the side-lines tied at 0-0.

Extra time started quickly, with early chances for both teams. The tiredness began to set in, and support from Muizz, Sam and Thrissan on the side-line, along with the introduction of Philo, gave the team some much-needed energy. Every player on the pitch was preparing for a dreaded penalty shootout – heads were dropping and only the slight possibility of a late steal fuelled the teams to continue until the last whistle. But then, with what must have been 5 minutes to go, Wilson's won a corner, which Freddie floated delightfully into a crowd of bodies. Nazar rose highest to head into the top left corner and Mollison Drive erupted as he ran towards the home support.

Wilson's weathered the storm after that, with Sam brought on to steady the ship and help book Wilson's a place in the Sutton Cup final. It was an inspired performance from every player, and we hope to end the season on a high.



Pictured above: Christopher, Captain of the U16A Team

Co-curricular and Sports Links

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FOOTBALL RESULTS

Monday 21 March
Wilson's vs Carshalton (Sutton Cup Semi Final)
U13A lost 2 - 5

Tuesday 22 March
Wilson's vs Wallington (Friendly)
U13B lost 2 - 5

Wednesday 23 March
Wilson's vs Bishop Thomas Grant (Friendly)
1st XI won 3 - 0
Wilson's vs Ewell Castle (Friendlies)
2nd XI drew 1 - 1
4th XI won 6 - 0

Friday 25 March
Wilson's vs John Fisher (Friendlies)
U12A won 1 - 0
U12B lost 0 - 2
U12C won 4 - 1
U12D won 3 - 2
U12E lost 0 - 4

Saturday 26 March
Wilson's vs Richard Challoner (Friendlies)
U13A lost 1 - 9
U14A lost 1 - 3
U15A drew 0 - 0
U17A drew 0 - 0

