

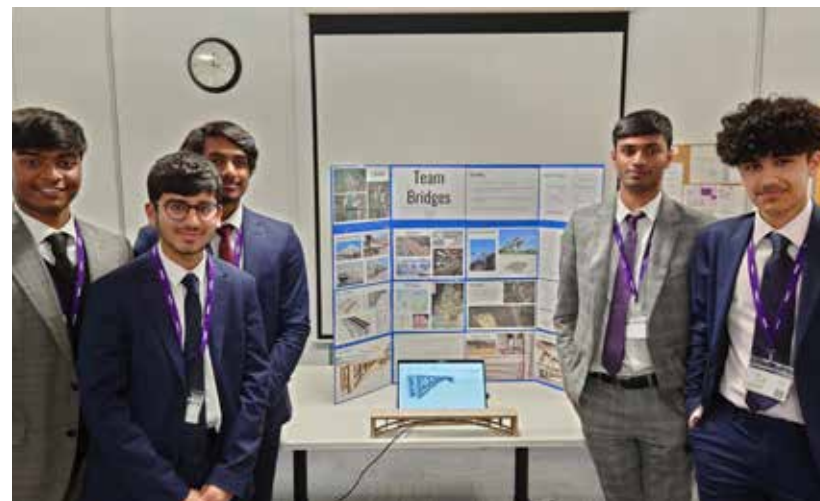


# INSPIRING ENGINEERS SCHEME

The Inspiring Engineers Scheme is now in its fourth year at Wilson's and this year saw a record twenty seven Lower Sixth Wilson's students take part in the scheme run by engineering consultancy firm Mott MacDonald. In groups of five and six, they had to research and design a solution to a hypothetical flood scenario on the Isle of Wight, focussing on a specific field of engineering from heavy machinery, bridges, accommodation, flood alleviation and airports. The groups write up their projects and submit them for a prestigious Gold CREST award. The students have been working on their projects since the start of the academic year and Wednesday, 30 March saw the culmination of the scheme where each group presented their project and prototype to their peers and a team of senior engineers from Mott MacDonald. This was then followed by a poster presentation of their work to engineers from across the company during a pizza lunch. Each group produced high calibre projects and presented in a confident and knowledgeable manner. Their assured performance and excellent prototypes impressed the engineers, a number of whom commented on the high quality of the work on display. The day ended with awards being given out to the most impressive groups from the three schools involved in the scheme. Wilson's fared very well, with the Accommodation group winning the sustainability prize and the Heavy Machinery group winning the top prize of best overall project.

Well done to all those involved who, through their hard work and commitment, have gained valuable engineering experience for their CV and UCAS application. Current Year 11s interested in engineering should keep an eye out for the return of the 'Inspiring Engineers' Scheme in September, where we will hope to emulate the success of this year's projects.

*Pictured below: The Winning Team with their trophies.*



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## Looking Ahead

- Monday 25 April - Prayer Group Meeting (8.00 p.m.) - ALL WELCOME
- Tuesday 26 April - Year 7 Parents' Information Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Monday 2 May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 3 May - Young Musician of the Year (7.00 p.m.)
- Thursday 5 May - Wilson's House Chess Competition (3.40 p.m. - 5.40 p.m.)
- Tuesday 10 May - Senior Vocalists' Evening (7.00 p.m.)

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Solvitur ambulando

There can be no better time of year to review travel habits in order to improve our health and reduce our environmental impact! All parents, pupils and members of staff are encouraged to remind themselves of the great benefits of walking or cycling to school/work. Pupils are reminded that they can use the Hannibal Way exit at the end of the day to take a short cut to Waddon or Purley Way.







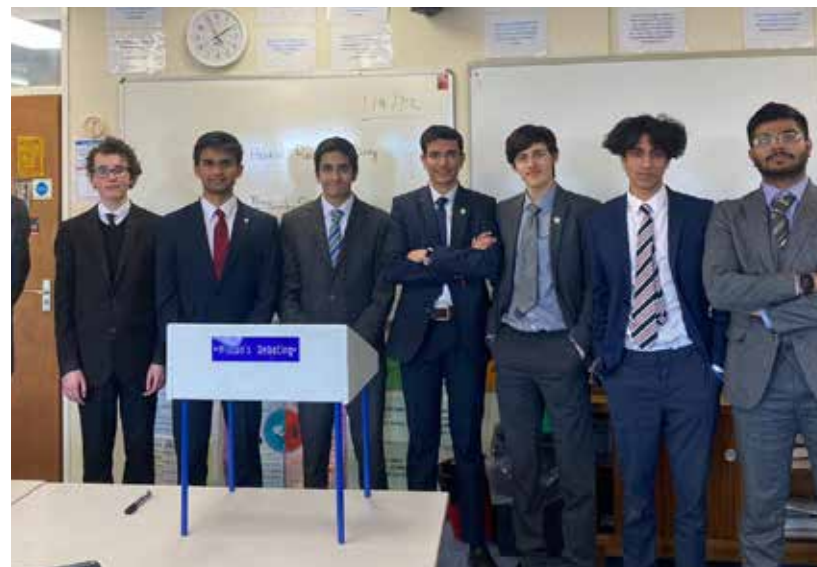
# DEBATING

Senior Debating has now grown to incorporate a large cohort of Year 11s attending every week to improve their skills and observe how the sixth formers debate. We made the decision this term formally to switch to the 'British Parliamentary' debating format to give the Year 11s and Year 12s a more representative experience of competitive debating, which they have quickly grown to enjoy. Over Saturday and Sunday, Wilson's sent two novice and two experienced teams to participate in the online Durham Schools Debating Competition. Each team were challenged to argue on a series of complex motions such as the proposal that environmental movements must become pro-capitalist in their policies and advocacy, to whether it is always appropriate for First Ladies of the United States to be politically active. Our teams enjoyed successes with each scoring significant victories in their respective rounds. This led to one of our novice teams (Aran and Ishaan) 'breaking' to the quarter-finals of the competition with 9 points – the joint highest performance for our school! Unfortunately, although receiving the same number of points, one of our senior teams (Neil and Aditya) narrowly missed out on their own break by 2 points. This reflected the stiff competition faced by all teams in this competition, drawing teams from institutions such as Eton and Westminster. Other teams enjoyed numerous successes such as Ian and Ben winning two debates outright, as well as Divy and Tomas enjoying some of the highest speaker scores for our school which were accumulated through a particularly stellar performance in a debate concerning whether or not to relax labour protection laws.

Article by Neil, Senior Debating Prefect (Year 13)

Debating at Wilson's forms a core pillar of the extracurricular activities that take place every week. I personally have been engaged in debating ever since I entered the school as a small bright-eyed Year 7. From then, I have seen a host of debates ranging from "This house would change the voting age to sixteen", the first debate in which I ever spoke, to whether Putin was justified in his invasion of Ukraine, a more recent topic where we employed a Prime Minister's Questions format, this being a style of debate that emulates that of the House of Commons in which one person defends a view point while the "House" of assembled parliamentarians scrutinise them. Debating never ceases to bring out the best in each individual who attends, and as you go up the school the challenges and, subsequent rewards increase. For instance, earlier this year, Zach, Nihithan and I all travelled down to Carshalton Boys' School to speak on the pressing matter of climate change. It was a wonderful event with Wilson's walking away with the award for Best Closing Speech. Mr Lynch has been an extremely supportive and caring teacher who has led all our training, provided us countless opportunities and really helped us hone our individual and collective skills as well as our confidence. All of this really stems from getting involved in debating and honestly, I would not change a thing about me walking through those doors in Year 7.

Article by Ethan, Intermediate Debater (Year 9)



Pictured above: Senior Debating Team

## WILSON'S FILM COMPETITION 2022

The Wilson's Film Competition is the biggest annual student-run event of 2022 and this year's edition was the grandest yet, with over 70 students making 30 films across the Spring Term. Ranging from murder mysteries to music videos, we were enthralled by variety of productions this year.

Many members of the school were amused seeing students frantically filming their entries, carrying a tripod and some quirky props around different locations. The effort and dedication everyone put into their films was overwhelming, from crafting their plots all the way to the final editing touches.

The much-anticipated Awards Show took place on Tuesday, 29 March in the JJ Hall. It was a pleasure to see around 200 people attend the event with their infectious enthusiasm, while watching the winning films and announcements of the award-winners.

Ayush and Varakan took up the hosting duties again this year (but this time in tuxedos!). The judge panel consisting of Mr Cady, Ms Mattinson, Mrs Fletcher and Mr Edge opened the golden envelopes revealing the winners and gave their encouraging comments on the films. It was worth noting that Ayush made sure to avoid the audience from engaging in any confrontational violence unlike at the Oscars!

Although the leaders of Film Club, Ayush, Varakan and Varnan will be leaving soon, we're looking forward to many more short films produced by the film club itself, various screenings, the next editions of the Popcorn Review and of course the return of the Film Competition.

The majority of films are now available to watch on the Wilson's Film Club's YouTube channel and the award-winners are listed below:

Junior Category:

1st Place: 'Recursion' by Evan  
2nd Place: 'Alone' by Sudersen  
3rd Place: 'Pollution' by Nathaniel

Senior Category:

1st Place: 'Not a Fight Club' by Toni, Fadil, Athar Michael, Aadharsh, Ed and Ali  
2nd Place: '!'OLATION' by Finlay  
3rd Place: 'After Hours' by Vedang, Jack, Aadi and Haayed

Speciality Category

Performance Prize: 'Rise' by David  
Editing Prize: 'Lego Stop Motion: Robbery of the Hopeless Gem' by Nathan

(Article by the Film Club Team)



Pictured above: Varakan and Ayush





# DUKE OF EDINBURGH REPORTS

## Silver DofE Newsletter Report

The Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition happened over the first weekend of the Easter break, and was a fun (even if a little cold) experience for me and my group. We learnt many valuable lessons from our mistakes to help us next time and were taught some important skills by our supervisor.

On the first day of walking, we set off at a fairly fast pace. We were making our way, kilometre after kilometre, alongside our instructor confidently and only rarely got lost. The weather was cold but dry, and we were feeling good about ourselves. Confident in our abilities, our instructor left us when we broke for lunch, and we continued on our way. Being a total of 18km to walk, it was tiring but we managed to make it to the campsite achieving our goal: we weren't last! The evening was nice and relaxed, and we finished our hearty warm meal of pasta with sausages and tomato sauce with plenty of time before sunset.

The following morning can only be summed up with one word: cold. When we woke up, any water remaining in bottles had frozen as temperatures dropped to -3 degrees Celsius overnight. This was where our first lesson was learnt: wrap up warm for the nights! We tried our best to get up and get active, with a number of us going for a short jog to get our blood flowing, and were packed up and ready to leave by 9am. The day warmed up as it progressed, and we continued on our way (although perhaps not with the same confidence as on day one.) We were all relieved to see the second campsite, and set up as quickly as possible to get the flattest spots. That evening we had even more time than before, and spent it making copious amounts of Maggi noodles.

The third day was significantly warmer than the second, and we managed to wake up without our hands and feet completely incapable of movement. Despite this, we weren't as efficient as we had hoped. Washing up bowls and stoves and setting away tents was left too late as the sun rose higher and higher into the sky, and once again we were only just ready to leave by 9am: an hour later than we had initially hoped. Yet, with our bags a little lighter and the determination to make it back to the station in Crowborough, we set off. We managed (just about) to stay calm with each other until the end, and despite being the last group to return we were happy with how we had done. I am looking forward to doing the real thing in July in, hopefully, warmer weather and have learnt many important lessons of things to do, and not to do, when it comes to the qualifying expedition.

Article by: Aaron 11D1



## Gold DofE Newsletter Report

During the second week of the Easter holidays, the DofE Gold participants travelled to Abergavenny in Wales to do their practice expedition which would be performed on the Brecon Beacons. This was an exciting experience for us, especially as students in the Lower Sixth had been thrown straight into the deep end with this being our first ever expedition, due to the pandemic disrupting our previous ones.

Once we reached Abergavenny after a long train journey, we were picked up and driven to our first campsite, and we were immediately overwhelmed by the stench of manure from the nearby farm animals (and soon learned that this would be a repeating occurrence at most of the campsites). Although the smell wasn't great, the view of the mountains and fields was incredible, and we knew we were in for a great time. We got straight into setting up tents and cooking within our groups, but, as the sun quickly set, the temperature steadily dropped, and we went into our tents to sleep for the night. However, there really was not much sleep happening at all! It was so cold we could barely sleep for an hour at a time and we kept on waking up throughout the night, forced to put on more and more layers of clothing.

The next day, we awoke to a beautiful sunrise and the birds singing woke us early by 6am. We quickly packed up, got ready, and attempted (and struggled) to fit in all of our equipment into our rucksacks, which each ended up adding a weight of around 15kg onto our backs, and so was quite a shock to the system. Fortunately though, we had our assessors to help us navigate the morning of the first day and to give us tips to aid us for the following days of walking, but after this, we were left to read the maps on our own, using every piece of information we could get from them to help us to not get lost and ultimately reach the final campsite. This first day really was a challenging day since we were just getting used to walking around with such heavy loads, which we could really feel weighing down on us, and climbing mountains like this is no mean feat. Trekking up the mountains and around the fields of Wales was really tiring and we soon became very sweaty, making us go from wearing around five layers in the morning to just one by the time we had reached the top of the hill. Our entire bodies would be in pain, from our backs to our feet, but we would push through, climbing nearly a kilometre above sea level, and be rewarded by the immense views that made us feel like we were looking at the world from an entirely new and clearer perspective. Then, after around 8 to 9 hours of walking, once we had cleared the mountains and reached our final destination, we could finally take the bags off our backs and unpack for the night. The evenings were by far the most fun part of the day, where all the groups are relaxing together, and we are all cooking and talking about our walks. We would also play card games and enjoy as our backs loosened up from carrying the weight of the rucksack the entire day. Luckily, the following nights of sleep would be better than the first, since we would actually get some sleep as we were exhausted from the climbs.

The following days would be just as difficult and strenuous, but it slowly started getting easier as we got used to carrying the huge rucksacks and walking for kilometres at a time. We were incredibly fortunate to have such lovely weather unlike the usual miserable British weather, which really boosted the fun we got from this experience. Although the journeys would be causing extreme fatigue and the sleeps would be really uncomfortable, we learned a lot from this expedition and it was definitely an enjoyable experience that we will never forget. It broke us down, but it also built us up so that we can prepare for our qualifying expedition that we will do in the summer, which we are all hoping to be just as exciting if not more.

Article by Prince – Year 12







# Year 11 Revision Opportunity - Macbeth

BBC Radio 4 is premiering a new radio adaptation of "Macbeth", featuring David Tennant, this weekend. The first part is broadcast on Saturday afternoon, at 3pm, and both parts will be available on BBC Sounds afterwards. This is an excellent opportunity for Year 11 students to review this crucial GCSE English Literature text! By hearing the play read aloud, you will have a much better sense of the whole play from beginning to end, and remember crucial parts more easily. Don't miss this excellent, free, opportunity! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0016zh2>

## MALLINSON ROOM RECITALS

The Music Department took to the road on Wednesday with a terrific series of senior vocal recitals at the Mallinson Room in Wallington Library! Year 9 GCSE Musicians joined the adventure, walking briskly to and from Wallington with their energetic teachers, Dr Clayden and Mr Kramer. We enjoyed music by Handel (a range of excerpts from Messiah), Schumann, Tchaikovsky, Fauré, and Berlioz from some of our very best Sixth Form singers. Congratulations and well done to all involved. Keep an eye on the Music Department website for details of the House Music Grand Finale (Tuesday, 3 May), Vocal Evening (Tuesday, 10 May) and other visits and events this half term.



Wilson's Update  
Non sibi sed omnibus





# SPORTS NEWS

### Player Of The Week:

The U12Cs went goal crazy in their final game and Sachin (Year 7) in particular had a day to remember scoring 5 goals. Tobi (Year 13) in his last game for the school scored a fantastic goal from outside of the box for the 2nd XI. Player of the week is Dmitri (Year 13) who produced a man of the match performance against Glyn for the 1st XI. In a new position he scored a superb goal and covered every blade of grass.

### Team Of The Week:

The 2nd XI were filled with all Year 13s in their game against Box Hill with all playing their final game for the school. It was a fitting end as they won the game 2 - 1 and a huge thanks to them for their commitment to Wilson's football over these last seven years. Team of the week are the 1st XI whose fantastic season carries on after beating Glyn in the Surrey Cup Semi-final. Winning their final home game of the season meant they finish with 21 wins out of 21 games at home.

## Wilson's Football Cup Fever

The U16As came up against a very good Carshalton side in their Sutton Cup final. Playing against a blizzard and gale force winds first half they gave themselves too much to do but well done to all the squad on a successful season. The 1st XI has two cup finals to finish the season. They face Carshalton in the Sutton Cup final, and they have an exciting final game against Hampton in the Surrey Cup final. This game will be played Monday 2 May with a 6.45 pm KO at Dorking Wanderers FC. The boys will appreciate all the support in such a big game!

# Thank You!

The football season is over for another year, and we would just like to thank all those that have made it possible to play nearly 400 games this season! Thank you to all staff, families, friends, referees, and opposition who make this possible. The biggest thank you is to the pupils who continue to show fantastic dedication and continuously do the school proud every time they pull on that yellow jersey both in performances and fair play.



*Pictured right top: 1st XI Surrey Cup Finalists*

*Pictured right middle: UI 2B vs. Bishop Thomas Grant*

*Pictured right bottom: UI2C vs. Bishop Thomas Grant*

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# FOOTBALL RESULTS

## Tuesday 29 March

### Wilson's vs Bishop Thomas Grant (Friendlies)

U12A	lost	0 - 1
U12B	won	3 - 0
U12C	won	17 - 2

## Wednesday 30 March

**Wilson's vs Wallington (Friendly)**  
U13B      lost      2 - 5

U13B	lost	2 - 5
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## Wednesday 23 March

**Wilson's vs Glyn (Surrey cup Semi Final)**

1st XI won 3 - 1

### Wilson's vs Box Hill (Friendlies)

2nd XI	won	2 - 1
4th XI	won	11 - 1

### Wilson's vs Ewell Castle (Friendlies)

2nd XI	drew	1 - 1
4th XI	won	6 - 0

## Thursday 31 March

### Wednesday 17 March Wilson's vs Carshalton (Sutton Cup Final)

U16A	lost	1 - 5
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# IMPERIAL COLLEGE TOUR

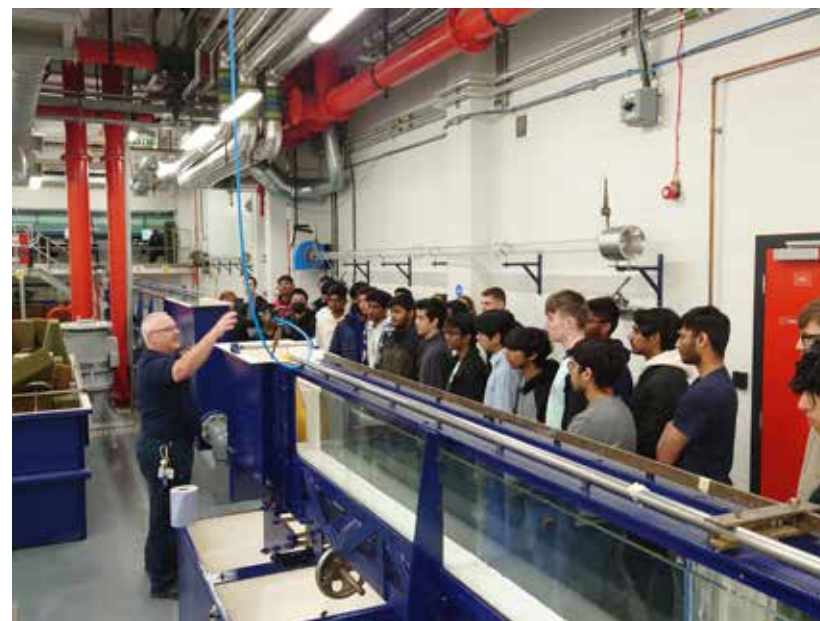
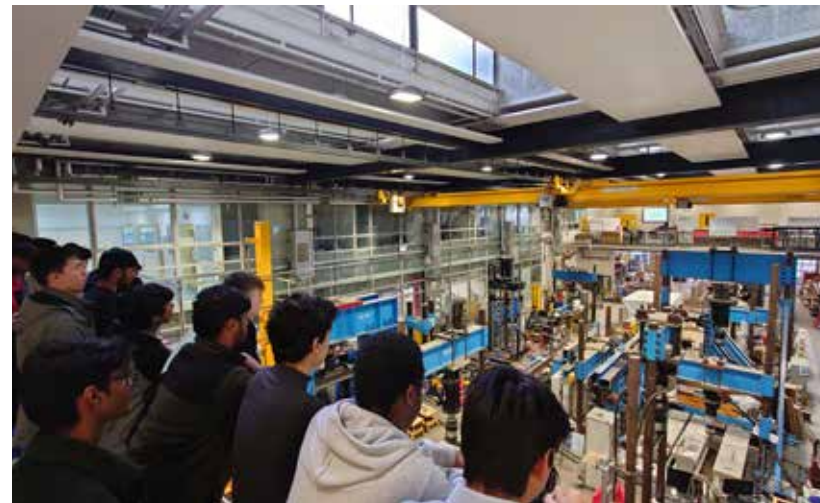
Following the Celebration Day conducted at Mott MacDonald, the Inspiring engineers cohort was invited to Imperial College for a tour, as well as to experience studying engineering at university.

The day started with our arrival at the Skempton Building. Immediately, we were stunned by the size and complexity of the Civil Engineering Department, as we took our seats and listened to a presentation on what engineering at Imperial College entails. This was not only enlightening but also informative as to the role of engineering in the wider world. This was then followed by an extensive tour of the college campus, displaying Imperial's rich culture and its world leading facilities in research and science. One of the most impressive labs we saw was the Fluid Dynamics Lab, where we were given many impressive demonstrations by a current student on the various applications of wave dynamics. Other innovations currently being undertaken by Imperial students included material analysis progressions such as permeable pavements and reinforced concrete. We were then taken back to the department for a lecture, by Mr E.Rico, as well as preparation for a task which we'd complete later in the day.

The lecture detailed the various civil engineering feats that created London, including the evolution of the complicated waterway system and the intricate public transport networks. With this knowledge, we were then geared for a task and presentation of our own. We were tasked to design the layout of a site in Stratford, while considering the demands for power, water and transport. This developed a holistic approach towards problem solving and our teamwork, when we worked to create an efficient system that could be fully implemented at the given site.

On the whole, this was one of the most fulfilling experiences offered in Year 12 and we would push all aspiring engineers to apply.

Article by Joseph and Aadin



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## Looking Ahead

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## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Being a source of positivity online

This week we asked all pupils to reflect in their tutor groups on whether they were a source of positivity online, for example by typically posting cheerful and happy messages, never forwarding or dwelling on negative content, calling out anything hateful or mean, and always being kind and respectful. Parents are urged to continue these discussions at home!





# THE BENEFITS OF STAYING CONNECTED

On Tuesday 26 April, 'The Benefits of Staying Connected' talk took place in the JJ Hall, received by a Y13 audience whose time as students at Wilson's will come to an end in a few months time. Delivered by Mr Sturt OW (Geography Teacher), Mr Straw OW (Alumni Engagement Officer), Mark Mace OW (President of The Old Wilsonians' Association) and Mr Edge (Director of Development), the speakers effectively conveyed the many reasons why the boys should stay connected with Wilson's and each other after leaving the school, drawing on the range of social, professional and sporting opportunities on offer for Old Wilsonians.

Importantly, 'Alumnet' was highlighted as Wilson's Alumni Network platform which allows boys to stay in touch with each other, access mentoring and career opportunities, and connect with the diverse, successful and expansive community of Old Wilsonians. Y13 Leavers were encouraged to register for Alumnet after the talk and are able to do so at the following link (<http://www.wilsonsalumninetwork.com/>).

The Development Team wished Y13 the best of luck with their upcoming A-level exams, and are looking forward to officially welcoming the Y13 - Class of 2022 - as members of the Wilson's Alumni Network soon!



# CCF NEWS

## Article by Sgt. Merzlikin

Qualified Aerospace Instructor Course Number 14.

Over the last 7 months I have taken part in the Qualified Aerospace Instructor Course Number 14. The annual course is the most prestigious opportunity for air cadets and only 40 cadets in the entire country get onto it. It teaches cadets between the ages of 16-18 disciplines such as air traffic control, aerodynamics and air power. All participants are known throughout the course by a "call sign" (mine being "Shuttle") that they choose themselves. We were split into five syndicates named after current RAF aircraft and it is in those syndicates that we worked to prepare our presentations, develop teamwork plus our public speaking and project management skills. This has definitely been the most demanding and challenging course I have been on, but it has also been the most interesting. Many past QAIs return to help mentor training QAIs in the next QAIC and that is what I hope to do next year. We are also expected to attend National Air and Space Camp to assist with the teaching and training of the attendees. It has been an honour working with my fellow QAIs as well as meeting many ex-RAF pilots at graduation dinner, and I hope that I will be able to inspire cadets in the RAF to try out for this course.



## SPARE CAMEL?

Rehearsals for the Junior Production of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat have begun and Mrs Straw is busy collecting costume items that we might use. She is looking for the following things

Old striped trousers dressing gowns or pyjamas - preferably cotton/flannel type material. Any size.  
Dish Dash robes – preferably to fit boys in years 7- 9

Shalwar Kameez boys or women's styles and sizes  
Brightly coloured old sarees

Gold glittery/sequin outfits or material

Tassels or upholstery trimmings

Black and gold striped material

Gold or brown leather belts

Brown leather sandals

Black or blue berets

Strings of plastic onions

Plastic fruit

A camel

Please pop any donated items in a bag and hand to reception clearly labelled for the attention of Mrs Straw

All donations will be very gratefully received.





# 1ST XI SUTTON CUP MATCH REPORT

## WILSON'S 1ST XI 3 vs 0 CARSHALTON

### Article by Jasper (Year 13)

In the wake of an FA cup semi-final weekend the 1st XI found themselves in a slightly less glamorous, but equally competitive, Sutton Cup final tie against Carshalton on Thursday. The 1s were in imperious form, having won 21 out of 21 games at Mollison Drive, but had yet to win some all-important silverware to put in the trophy cabinet.

The coach journey to Northey Avenue, the hallowed turf of Sutton Grammar School's playing fields, was rousing - Freddie (Year 11) was singing 'Que Sera Sera, whatever will be will be, we're going to Northey Avenue, que sera sera' and captain Tom (Year 13) was entering into impassioned monologues about his love of the grassroots game.

And grassroots it was. The potent combination of a dry pitch and ferocious wind meant that neither side could get into their flow for the opening 10 minutes. They knew they had to match the physicality of a gritty Carshalton side and Dmitri (Year 13) led the front line (which was made up of him, Kwesi (Year 13) and Freddie) in keeping the Carshalton defence on their toes. Despite some golden chances presented to Tom and George (Year 13), the first half finished 0-0.

As the second half got underway the 1s began to grow into the match as Carshalton's fitness and sharpness waned. The tireless efforts

of Tom and Jacob (Year 13) in midfield limited the Carshalton attack to very little as sweeper-keeper Ellis (Year 13) dealt consummately with the odd long ball over the top. In the end, George found his shooting boots, presumably after getting an earful from the skipper after his earlier missed chances and put Wilson's 1-0 up after some industrious work from Kwesi in capitalizing off a sloppy Carshalton throw. Kwesi would continue to cause havoc on the wing for Wilson's second goal as his weaving run resulted in Dmitri slotting home a first-touch finish, to the surprise of a Wilson's side which had grown accustomed to him blasting similar opportunities over the bar in training. After some principled, no-nonsense defending from the back four of Jasper (Year 13), Harry (Year 11), Matt (Year 11) and Joel (Year 13), Wilson's hammered the final nail into the coffin as Joel bundled a corner into the back of the net. Having scored two goals earlier in the season Joel would go on to claim that he was "the most prolific left-back Wilson's has ever produced" during the post-match frivolities. The jury is still out on that one. Finally, Ayokunle (Year 13), Stuart (Year 12) and Hari (Year 12) saw action in the closing minutes as Mr Wells sought to close out the match using Simeone-esque "dark arts".

All in all a well-deserved cup final win for the 1sts. Now they look towards the season finale - a Surrey Cup final against Hampton - at Dorking Wanderers on 2 May.



Pictured above: Freddie (Year 11)  
Tom and Kwesi (Year 13)



**House parkrun**

Saturday morning 5K

Students, Teachers, Parents and Friends all welcome

Run, walk or volunteer for your house

Times don't matter!  
Just come for fun :)

Don't forget to register and print off your barcode if you want to know your times! (parkrun.org.uk)

**Saturday 7th May**

Where: Roundshaw Downs

When: 8.45 arrival for 9am run start.

Housepoints for everyone who participates.

Bonus housepoints if you are on the Parkrun Volunteer team on the day.







# YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2022

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The Grand Finale of House Music 2022 (Young Musician of the Year) took place in the John Jenkins Hall on Tuesday evening. Our adjudicator this year was Claire Cossins (Senior Instrumental Leader for Sutton Music Services), who had the unenviable task of deciding between some outstanding performances.

Our Senior Musician of the Year was awarded to Anton, whose performance of Schubert's Der Erlkonig was described as "terrifying, in a good way!". Schubert creates four distinct characters within a piece lasting just four minutes, and Anton conveyed them all very effectively. Written when the composer was only 18, the piece has a famously complex and often dissonant accompaniment and yet a very tuneful melody line that sometimes has to be sung in the sweet voice of a small child and sometimes in the demonic persona of the Erl-King.

Pavamaan performed both as a singer (with Gershwin's 'I Got Plenty of Nuttin') and as a classical guitarist. It was for the latter performance which he was declared winner of Junior Musician of the Year, with 'Preludio Saudade' by Mangore. He is the first guitarist to win at the House Music Grand Finale that we can remember, and richly deserved to do so. He captured the serenity of the cathedral imagined by the composer.

Other excellent performances among many mellisonant moments, included Han-Joon with the first movement of Brahms' Violin Concerto No.2 and Joshua, whose performance of Povolotsky's 'From the Sixties' had toes tapping around the JJ Hall.

Thank you to Dr Clayden and Mrs Straw for organising the event (which of course followed several category finals back in February), to Mr Kramer for engineering the recordings and backing tracks, and to Mr Lissimore for providing accompaniments for several of the performances.

Wilson's Senior Musician of the Year	Anton (13D)
2nd Place	Han-Joon (11C)
3rd Place	Raymond (13G)
Highly Commended	Theo (13B)
Wilson's Junior Musician of the Year	Pavamaan (9S)
2nd Place	Joshua (8S)
3rd Place	Adhiraj (7G)

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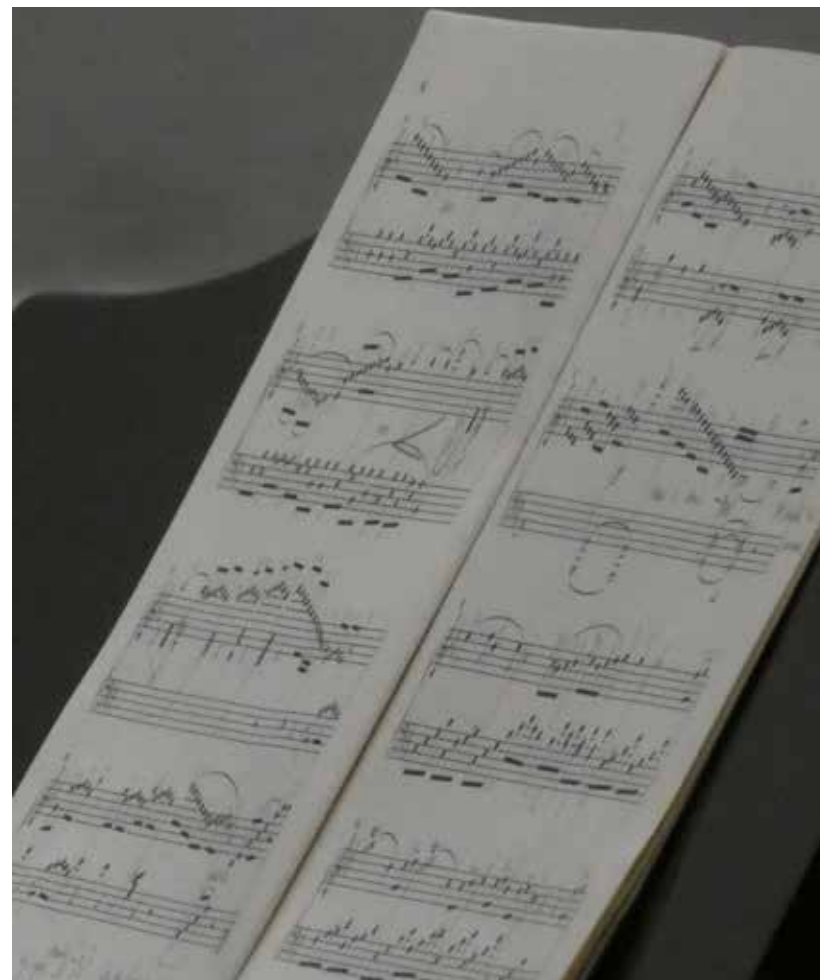
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## Looking Ahead

- Tuesday 10 May - Senior Vocalists' Evening (7.00 p.m.)
- Friday 13 May - Year 11 and Year 12 Study Leave begins.
- Monday 16 May - Public Examinations begin.
- Wednesday 18 May - Early Finish for Students.
- Friday 20 May - Year 13 Study Leave begins.



## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Sleeping well

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







# Wilson's Update

*Non sibi sed omnibus*





## NATIONAL FINALISTS: POETRY BY HEART!

We are so pleased to announce that Pavamaan (9S2) and Ryan (11D) have been chosen as national finalists in the "Poetry By Heart" competition. In a competition with over a thousand entrants from across the UK, this is a really significant achievement. And Wilson's is one of very few schools to have finalists in two different categories!

Pavamaan and Ryan both entered the Wilson's round of the competition last term, performing for Mr Cole in the school hall, and were selected to go through to the national competition, along with a range of other students from Wilson's. They and their fellow entrants then made video entries of their chosen poems.

All students who entered the competition chose two poems to learn by heart and deliver. Pavamaan selected "Silence" by Thomas Hood, a philosophical and profound poem about the places in the world where no sound can be heard, and "What If?" by Benjamin Zephaniah – a modern adaptation of "If" by Rudyard Kipling, the Wilson's school poem. Ryan selected "Envy" by Adelaide Ann Proctor, a powerful dramatic monologue with a twist, and "The Ex-Queen Among the Astronomers" by Fleur Adcock, a strange and exciting story of a deposed queen.

Pavamaan and Ryan have won the opportunity to perform their poems on stage at the Globe Theatre in London in June: a once in a lifetime opportunity. They will get to meet top poets, too - Poet Laureate Simon Armitage will be reading and the Poetry By Heart poet judges will be at the heart of the event. These poets will be familiar to many Wilsonians who have studied English Literature at GCSE and A-Level: Daljit Nagra, Jean Sprackland, Valerie Bloom, Liz Berry, Patience Agbabi and Glyn Maxwell. These renowned poets will judge all the finalists and select a winner in each category – so Pavamaan and Ryan could go even further!

As well as congratulating Pavamaan and Ryan, it's important to recognise the support of the students who also entered the competition, and Varakan and Ayush (Y13) whose help was invaluable in recording the videos. All the students who entered have gained a great deal from the experience – meeting other poetry enthusiasts in school, learning classic and contemporary poems, and enjoying listening to others' performances.

If you would like to hear the poetry recitals in full please use the following links:

<https://www.wilsons.school/resources/Ryan-Envy.mp4>

<https://www.wilsons.school/resources/Pavamaan-What-If.mp4>



*Pictured left:  
Pavamaan and  
Pictured right:  
Ryan*



## WILSON'S PHYSICISTS REPRESENT THEIR COUNTRY

After progressing through the earlier rounds of the BPHO competition, a set of 12 students for the astrophysics and physics sections were selected. (See issue 560)

Although intense, the camps were surprisingly relaxed in how they were run. One of the main focuses was actually meeting people, many of whom are going to study at Oxbridge next year, and learning to cooperate as a team when tackling problems - not unlike professional physicists. We walked around Oxford on our way to and from the physics department, experiencing what the historic city is like (and getting a sneak peek of a new season of Sex Education). All expenses were paid for and accommodation, including an en suite bathroom, was supplied by Jesus College, where we had catered dinners in a dining hall adorned with historic portraits.

On the Physics camp, topics such as Thermodynamics and Electromagnetism were taught, often by university students, with a focus simply on learning new physics as no new content was tested. There were also 2 hour-long experiments where we were given a sheet with questions which prompted experiments on simple harmonic motion and optics. These were done with new and responsive equipment and nearby technicians to answer any questions and was a really fun way to learn about the topic.



*Pictured above: Marc (left) and Siobann (right)*

On the Astrology and Astrophysics camp, we also had the opportunity to learn to use a 6" telescope, although the weather was cloudy every night, so we were not able to use them outside. Charles Barclay, vice president of the Royal Astronomical Society, also came down to Oxford to give us a lecture, and we used his telescope with a solar filter to observe the Sun in its 25th phase. To conclude the camp, we had a 2 hour Data Analysis paper and a 3 hour Theory Paper, to test our ability to learn new content and think critically.

Both camps were a lot of fun, and we were pleased to be told that we had been selected for the UK Physics and Astro national teams respectively. We now have much more content to learn in preparation for the international competitions happening at the end of July and August.

To celebrate our achievements we were invited to the prestigious Royal Society, on Thursday 28th, for a buffet lunch and awards ceremony. It was nice to meet everyone again, and since this was the first in person ceremony since 2019, there were also the 2020 and 2021 teams there.

Article by Marc and Siobann (Year 13)



*Pictured above: The BPHO and BAAO finalists in front of the Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford*



# BRONZE DofE TRIP

## Article by Aadarsh (10S2)

The DofE expedition was an event that I would say was...highly anticipated, at the very least. And, quite frankly, I would be lying if I said that it did not live up to all of what it was expected to be. It surpassed our expectations with flying colours.

I vividly remember preparing for the upcoming weekend, buying and being introduced to all kinds of commodities and essentials that I would never have thought of using before, all the way from roll mats to first aid kits. And then there was the packing experience. It was certainly a...well, heated discussion that I had with my parents as to how many clothes I would bring, how much food I would bring and all sorts of unrelated arguments. In the end, my bag totalled to a rather hefty 17kg, how would I carry this weight? So I slept, wondering how I was to carry this much weight for tens of kilometres, completely oblivious to the enjoyment I would be having the very next day.

And the next day came swiftly, arriving at Dorking Station by 8:35pm, eagerly anticipating the journey that awaited me. As soon as my group of good friends and I took off, it was immediately apparent that our travel would not be easy, as we were immediately greeted with some extremely uncomfortable uphill terrain, as if the topography of the land itself had welcomed us into the multitude of trials and tribulations it had to offer. However, all these challenges posed no match for us, as our unwavering team spirit and charisma kept us going. Our leadership skills and responsibility came to the fore as we methodically navigated through difficult terrain as the sun rose to its zenith, and time seemed to fly by as we kept walking and persevering through countless hills, valleys and farms until we finally, after what seemed like eons of walking, reached Jordan Heights. And, saying that we were rewarded would be a slight understatement. We were greeted with beautiful landscapes and views after every tough climb, and some of the memories I have made while traversing this obstacle course of nature with my friends and my amazing instructor Roger are ones that I will never forget. Jordan Heights was what I would describe as the highlight of the trip. After briskly setting up our tents, we spent some (well-deserved!) time relaxing and really getting to enjoy our time together, with card games such as Uno!, amongst other activities. Making dinner was the culmination and highlight of our self-sufficiency throughout the trip – the meals we shared as a group as well as our interactions with the many other groups were full of fun and laughter. And, yet again, time rapidly passed like a whisper of wind, being the everlasting force of nature it is, and before we knew it, we were asleep by 10pm, awaiting our return journey.

The return journey, and the continuous showers of rainy British weather, was also one that went smoothly with our newfound talents and leadership skills guiding us through. By the time we returned to Dorking Station at 4pm after a day (probably the most active 31 hours I have ever taken part in!), everyone was filled with a great sense of accomplishment after the tens of kilometres that we had arduously conquered together as a team. One might say that this is the spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards – bringing people together as a team and nurturing leadership qualities that we all have locked away inside of us!

To conclude, the DofE Expedition was a complete success, and despite the obvious drawbacks such as distractions off route, this experience really brought me and my friends together as a team and honed our navigation skills to their maximum, as well as developing our leadership qualities. To finish off my report, I urge anybody reading this to take part in DofE awards if you aren't trying to do so already – this was easily one of the best experiences I have ever had in my life and I am sure that the 120 others who took part in the expedition alongside me can testify to this!





# SURREY SCHOOLS' TENNIS FESTIVAL

Wilson's entered the doubles tennis event in the U14 and U15 age groups. Mark and Dennis represented Wilson's at U14, while Bruno and Rajadithan played in the U15 tournament. The event is an all day doubles competition that took place at St George's College in Weybridge. Both pairings successfully navigated their way through the group stages, beating teams from schools including City of London Freeman's, Trinity School and Greycourt School. The U15 pairing (Bruno and Rajadithan) then played KCS Wimbledon in the quarter final. The match was a close one with the Wilson's students holding their nerve and coming out on top in a tiebreak to win the match 4-3. They then played Reed's School in the semi final which was a tough encounter. This proved to be the end of the road for Bruno and Rajadithan in the competition as they lost against a very good Reed's pair. Mark and Dennis were convincing winners throughout the tournament and looked comfortable all the way to the final. Another good Reed's pairing in the U14 competition was one game too far for Mark and Dennis. On another day, the result may well have been different with both teams playing some excellent tennis. Well done to all four boys involved on the day. A semi final and final is something to be proud of for both pairs.



Pictured above: Rajadithan (left) and Bruno (right)



Pictured above: Dennis (left) and Mark (right)

## CHESS RESULTS

On Saturday 23 April Wilson's won the Junior Team Chess Competition.

This national competition saw junior (U13) teams from all over the country compete to make it to the final of nine teams, which took place at Kings College School. Wilson's once again showed its tremendous depth of high calibre chess players by qualifying not one but two teams. This is the fifth time the competition has been run and has been won by the hosts KCJS on every occasion – until this year!

Well done to the A team on the day: Denis, Shlok, Balahari and Anuj. Special congratulations to Anuj for winning all of his games. The team scored 29 ½ and were a comfortable 3 points ahead of KCJS. The B team also played well, scoring 15 ½ and placed sixth. Well done to Joshua, Mark, Roni, Laxmi, Shourya and Arlo. The B team played the same opponents as the A team. Thanks also to Joshua, Mark and Ronik who played for the A team in the qualifiers in February.

Pictured below:  
Back: Shourya, Ronik, Balahari, Arlo, Laxmi and Mark.  
Front: Anuj, Shlok, Denis and Joshua







# SPORTS NEWS

## Team Reports

A busy week of cricket fixtures saw some indifferent results.

The 1st XI had three fixtures, and an all-day match against the MCC, a National T20 against Caterham School and a 40 over match against Ardingly. Unfortunately, we lost all three in what was, in parts, very close matches. Batting highlights came from Pranav who scored 50 against the MCC and 50 against Ardingly. Jackson scored 66 against MCC and Ellis scored 50 against Caterham and 49 against Ardingly.

The U15As started their County Cup competition against Rutlish School with an 8-wicket win. Unfortunately, a friendly against Trinity saw them lose by 8 wickets.

The U14As had a good performance against Trinity winning by 10 wickets. Adhrit (69) and Vaibhav (32) batted exceptionally well. A

close game against Ardingly saw them lose by 20 runs. 2 wickets for Shiram off his 5 overs was the pick of the bowlers. Ritvik (40) and Adhrit (25) batted positively but just fell short at the end.

The U13As lost to a talented Trinity team in the County Cup by 54 runs. An opening stand of 80 by Saisurya and Ved gave some hope after 11 overs but finished on 134 for 3. Back to winning ways on Saturday beating Caterham by 61 runs. Rayyan (38) and Neil (2 wickets for 13 runs) were the standout performers.

The U12As had a tough week losing all three matches. In the County Cup, Epsom were too strong scoring 161 for 1 off 20 overs. Trinity had powerful hitting batsmen and reached 141 for 5 and at Caterham we did not score enough runs by only posting 126 runs iwhich Caterham got for the loss of only 2 wickets.

The U12Bs have started the season well with 2 wins in their first two matches beating Trinity by 1 run and Caterham by 9 wickets. Tejas batted confidently in both matches.



Pictured above: U14A Team

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## CRICKET RESULTS

### Monday 25 April

#### Wilson's vs MCC

1st XI                      lost                      by 41 runs

### Tuesday 26 April

#### Wilson's vs Rutlish School

U15A                      won                      by 8 wickets

#### Wilson's vs Trinity

U14A                      won                      by 10 wickets

U14B                      won                      by 5 wickets

### Wednesday 27 April

#### Wilson's vs Caterham School

1st XI                      lost                      by 5 wickets

#### Wilson's vs Epsom College

U12A                      lost                      by 77 runs

### Thursday 28 April

#### Wilson's vs Trinity School

U15A                      lost                      by 8 wickets

U15B                      lost                      by 52 runs

### Friday 29 April

#### Wilson's vs Trinity School

U13A                      lost                      by 54 runs

U12A                      lost                      by 60 runs

U12B                      won                      by 1 run

### Saturday 30 April

#### Wilson's vs Ardingly College

1st XI                      lost                      by 47 runs

2nd XI                      lost                      by 98 runs

U14A                      lost                      by 20 runs

U14B                      lost                      by 3 wickets

U13A                      won                      by 124 runs

#### Wilson's vs Caterham School

U13A                      won                      by 61 runs

U13B                      won                      by 3 runs

U12A                      lost                      by 8 wickets

U12B                      won                      by 9 wickets







# A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE: THE PREFECTS' DINNER

The hard work and dedication of a huge number of people enable the smooth day to day running of the school, and key among these are our Prefects. The prefect body of 5 Deputy School Captains, 6 House Captains, 15 Senior Prefects and Duty Prefects are not just Prefects in title – they work exceptionally hard and it is no exaggeration to say that the school could not operate as it does without them.

Prefects undertake significant numbers of duties before school, at break and lunch and the Senior Prefects have many additional responsibilities besides. All of this they manage with good cheer and dedication, showing they understand that true leadership is about service.

On Thursday 5 May, the Sixth Form Prefect Team were formally recognised for their unwavering commitment and service to the school over the past year. They attended a dinner for the team at Nonsuch Mansion, during which the Prefects were thanked for their service and the selfless manner in which they have undertaken their duties for the benefit of the whole school.

Particular mention was made of the outstanding leadership of outgoing School Captain Ronnie Guha. His kindness, humility, good humour and skill have made him an excellent leader and we are exceptionally grateful for his service to the school.



*Pictured above: Prefects outside Nonsuch Mansion*

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## Links

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## Looking Ahead

- Friday 13 May - Year 11 and Year 12 Study Leave begins.
- Monday 16 May - Public Examinations begin.
- Wednesday 18 May - Early Finish for Students.
- Friday 20 May - Year 13 Study Leave begins.
- Monday 23 - Friday 27 May - Year 9 Exam Week
- Friday 27 May - Half Term ends.
- Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June - Half Term Holiday.
- Monday 6 June - Term begins.

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Great Revision

This week, we said a fond au revoir to our Year 11 and 12 students as they begin Study Leave! As the boys are told repeatedly through their time at school, great revision is an "active" process. If your son is not producing something as part of his revision (or better still transferring information from one form to another), it is unlikely to be effective!

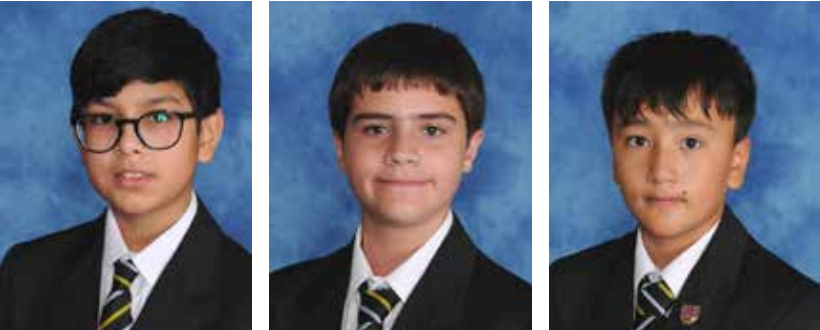






# OXFORD UNIVERSITY COMPETITION

Congratulations to Haseeb, Jamie and Luka in Year 7, who have achieved some of the best results in the country in the final round of the highly competitive Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC). Of the 4,136 who qualified for the OUCC nationally in their age group, Luka came 17th, Jamie came 13th and Haseeb came 8th, putting all three in the top 20 students nationwide.



Pictured above: Haseeb, Jamie and Luka

# CANSAT COMPETITION

Last week, six boys travelled to York as national finalists in the CanSat competition. CanSat is an initiative of the European Space Agency (ESA) that challenges students from all over Europe to build and launch a mini satellite the size of a soda can. The satellites would be tested by being fired to an altitude of about 150m and deployed. Once deployed, they would need to gather information based on the two sets of objectives. The primary objective was to determine air temperature and pressure. The secondary objective was decided by individual teams.

Our team decided to test whether the conditions of the landing area were suitable for human living conditions over time. The idea being to deploy these “pods” on an extra-terrestrial planet and test locations for suitability of habitation. An ambitious plan!

The group started their preparation in September and have had to submit several preliminary reports to show their progress, attend online webinars arranged by the ESA, as well as build their satellite. This was accomplished entirely in their own time and with no input from teaching staff. Only 10 groups were invited to the national finals, with stiff competition from schools around the country as well as another 7 groups from Wilson's.

Well done to Craig, Ayush, Avanees, Mark, Somanshu, Visnuvarthasarma and Jai

Although the group did not qualify for the international stage of the competition by placing in the top 3 in the nationals, they were praised for their data harvesting and in particular employing their characteristically strong Wilson's maths skills in processing their data. All the students involved in this group and the other 7 groups, 64 Wilson's boys in total, have worked really hard on their CanSat projects and should be commended for their above and beyond efforts.



Pictured above from left to right: Mark, Avaneesh, Somanshu, Ayush, Craig and Visnuvarthasarma.

# WILSON'S SUMMER TERM POETRY ANTHOLOGY

Would you like to have your writing published in a school anthology?

Mrs Fletcher and Abbas (Year 13) are inviting submissions for our latest anthology – the theme of which is “Protest”.

Inspired by one of the first great protests in UK history: the Great Rising of 1381 (often known as The Peasants' Revolt) students are invited to consider how poetry can write about protest or can enact protest. You can find lots of inspiration, including powerful videos of spoken word poetry, on the Young Poets' Network at <https://ypn.poetrysociety.org.uk/workshop/our-whole-lives-we-are-protest-a-poetry-challenge-inspired-by-the-people-of-1381/>

We already have a beautiful cover designed by Arko (Year 11). Students who came to our workshop discussed experiences of protests they have attended and read about, and discussed the ways in which poetry itself can give a voice to young people.

Some great advice from the Young Poets' Network is to remember that the personal is political: your lived experience and unique observations are what will make your poem interesting and moving. It's easy to rant and rage, especially when talking about issues you care about deeply. Try allowing complexity, contradictions and little glimmers of hope to make their way into your poem.

Please send all your entries to Mrs Fletcher ([krf@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk](mailto:krf@wilsonsschool.sutton.sch.uk)) by Monday 6 June.





# CHES NEWS

## Wilson's Inter-House Chess

150 excited pupils packed into the John Jenkins Hall for the inter-House (and Inter-Form) chess tournament. Almost all the forms in the school were represented, many by the expected team of four players, some with reserves. Others had smaller teams, in some cases just one brave player unsupported by the rest of their form.

Each team played three matches so the maximum possible team score was 12 points. The normal chess "Swiss System" of pairings was used where winning teams played each other as did those who had lost. Chess is no respecter of age and whilst year 7 forms were nervous about being paired with sixth form teams, when play started they showed that they could beat them.

In the inter-house rankings Datchelor set the pace from round 1 and won with 46 points ahead of Hayes second on 40 points and Camberwell third on 39.

The leading form was 8 Brecon with 11 points whilst 8 Hayes were second with 10 points. Indeed it was a very strong performance by the year 8s as 8D and 8S ranked joint third with 10G.



## CHES RESULT

### National School Chess Championships, Repechage

Wilson's beat Tiffin School 6 – 0

Wilson's drew with Hampton School 3 - 3

Two wins for Shivam (9H), Denis (8H) and Raghav (9H); one win for Shlok (8B), Balahari (7G) and Henry (11D)

Wilson's have qualified for the national finals to be held at the end of June.

## SWIMATHON

Wilson's PFA will once again be taking part in Purley Rotary's annual charity Swimathon on Sunday, 29 May at 11.00 am. If you are a confident swimmer, please join our team, make a splash and help us raise some cash for Wilson's School!

For info, email Nina Guha - wilsonspfa@gmail.com or visit our website:

<https://wilsonspfa.org/fundraising/pfa-events>

We look forward to welcoming some new recruits to our swimming team.





**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
 ( 11.00 am - 5.00 pm )  
 ( At New Addington Leisure Centre, 88 Central Parade, Croydon, CR0 0JB )

Join our Swimathon & fundraise for your favourite charity!  
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# SPORTS NEWS

## Team Reports

Two excellent performances from the 1st XI saw them beat King's College School (KCS) by 6 runs and Kingston Grammar School (KGS) by 88 runs. Against KCS, Arnav (59 off 39 balls) helped us reach a total of 141 off 20 overs. In reply KCS fell 6 runs short due to a fine spell of bowling from Nick (4 wickets for 20 runs) bowling at the end of the innings. Against KGS a powerful innings saw Jackson score 112 off 56 balls and Ansh score 50 off 28 balls to set up a score of 214 off 20 overs. In reply KGS ended their innings 88 runs short.

The 2nd XI followed the 1st XI by also beating KCS and KGS. Against KCS, Eshaan bowled with control taking 3 wickets for 5 runs and restricting KCS to 112. In reply, Zain batted through scoring 66 off 50 balls giving Wilson's victory by 8 wickets. Away at KGS the 2nd XI restricted them to 123 for 7 off 20 overs. Aditya T who moved up from the U15s took 3 wickets for 20 runs off his 4 overs. Wilson's came away comfortable winners by 5 wickets with Aditya K hitting 44 off 28 balls.

The U15s saw KGS score 124 for 8 off 20 overs. Untidy bowling and dropped catches helped KGS to a reasonable score. Ashutosh (2 wickets), Dyath (2 wickets) and Aditya (3 wickets) were the pick of the bowlers. In reply, Ansh (40) and Abhi (32) made light work of the total set by KGS and victory came in the 14th over.

In the U14 County Cup Match, our U14As beat the Harrodian School by 6 wickets. An astonishing 6 wickets for 6 runs by Vaibhav halted the Harrodian innings and they were all out for 44. Ritvik (16 off 20 balls) helped pass their total with 12 overs to spare.

Another win on Saturday for the U14As against KGS by 109 runs. Wilson's scored 150 with Ishan scoring 50. Disciplined bowling saw KGS bowled out for 41. Ishan (3 for 13) was a great all-round performance.

The U14Bs were too strong for KGS by bowling them out for 56. Vrishak (3 for 10) was the pick of the bowlers. The boys batted sensibly and won by 10 wickets.

The U13As had two good wins beating Carshalton Boys by 111 runs and KGS by 10 wickets. Top performances against Carshalton Boys were Ved (58 off 44 balls) and Rayyan (34 off 15 balls) and leaun (3 wickets for 5 runs). At KGS best performances came from Shourya (3 wickets) and Umair (2 wickets).

The U13Bs produced another win and batting first scored 196 for 2 off 20 overs with Ronik top scored with 41. KGS struggled against the Wilson's bowlers and were bowled out for 77.

The U12As lost to Carshalton Boys by 6 wickets. Posting a score of 97 for 8 was never going to be enough and Carshalton Sports College reached the total in 18 overs whilst only losing 4 wickets.

The U12As bounced back against KGS by bowling them out for 73 with Abhay taking 5 wickets for 10 runs. A positive stand of 57 between Anshul and Ashbik saw Wilson's pass the KGS total and win by 5 wickets.

A first outing for the U12Cs saw a comfortable 6 wicket win against John Fisher.



Pictured above: Jackson

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## CRICKET RESULTS

**Tuesday 3 May**  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton Sports College**  
 U13A won by 111 runs

**Wednesday 4 May**  
**Wilson's vs Kings College School**  
 1st XI won by 6 runs  
 2nd XI won by 8 wickets

**Thursday 5 May**  
**Wilson's vs the Harrodian School**  
 U14A won by 6 wickets

**Friday 6 May**  
**Wilson's vs Kingston Grammar School**  
 1st XI won by 88 runs  
 2nd XI won by 5 wickets  
**Wilson's vs Carshalton Sports College**  
 U12A lost by 6 wickets  
**Wilson's vs John Fisher**  
 U12C won by 6 wickets

**Saturday 7 May**  
**Wilson's vs Kingston Grammar School**  
 U15A won by 8 wickets  
 U14A won by 109 runs  
 U14B won by 10 wickets  
 U13A won by 10 wickets  
 U13B won by 119 runs  
 U12A won by 6 wickets  
 U12B won by 49 runs







# Wilson's Update

## *Non sibi sed omnibus*

Today we said a fond farewell to the Upper Sixth class of 2022, as they prepare to sit their A Level examinations and then venture on “to fresh woods and pastures new”. They joined us almost seven years ago and yet it seems hard to believe that it is already time to say farewell. To mark their departure, the departing students and staff enjoyed a buffet, kindly sponsored by the PFA, as well as an inflatable assault course and photo booth to capture memories. As has become traditional, many wore fance dress. Today’s events followed a leavers’ BBQ on Thursday night, which was also attended by staff at the invitation of the students, as well as a number of other events across the week to mark the leavers’ final days. This week has afforded opportunities for sharing memories, good wishes and thanks between students and staff alike, and has certainly been one that will be fondly remembered.

The Sixth Form is a source of energy and inspiration for the whole school. It sets the tone and determines the standards seen by other year groups, who often take their lead from the role models in Years 12 and 13. It has been wonderful to see the friendship, warmth and good-humour displayed by the great students in their final days at Wilson's. These traits have indeed been a hallmark of this year group and will no doubt have positively influenced generations of Wilsonian's to come too. Our best wishes to all of our Year 13 leavers for the time ahead and for the exciting adventures that lie beyond.



*Pictured above: Year 13 students say farewell*

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## Looking Ahead

- Friday 20 May - Year 13 Study Leave begins.
- Monday 23 - Friday 27 May - Year 9 Exam Week
- Friday 27 May - Half Term ends.
- Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June - Half Term Holiday.
- Monday 6 June - Term begins.
- Tuesday - Friday 7-10 June  
Year 7 Brecon Trip  
Year 8 Exam Week

## Deputy Head's Reminder

## Promoting Positive Mental Health

This week we welcomed delegates from a wide range of schools to a mental health conference in the McAlister Room, with a focus on the particular responsibilities of schools serving ethnically diverse communities. Anyone interested in finding out more about the day or seeing resources used should contact the school office.





# PREFECTS vs. STAFF FOOTBALL MATCH

On Friday 16 May the third Prefect Invitational Football match between staff and prefects was played on the 7-a-side astro pitch in near perfect conditions after a two year coronavirus hiatus. The match is a lower stakes, more informal staff vs students match where the staff aren't allowed any PE teachers and the students can only select from the prefect body and not include any first XI footballers. Both teams arrived full of energy and enthusiasm and the game got underway at a fast pace without any early break throughs. As time went on though, the cohesion and mutual understanding of the teacher's team started to bear fruit, a result of playing together week in, week out after school on a Thursday. The teachers managed to extend their lead to 5-0 as a result of some slick passing and opportunistic pressing, as well as through some fine saves from Mr Dixon in goal. The prefects weren't discouraged though and kept battling until the end, being duly rewarded for their efforts with two late goals. The game ended 7-2 to the staff, who were deserved winners, but it had been an enjoyable experience for all involved and a nice part of the school's send off for Year 13.

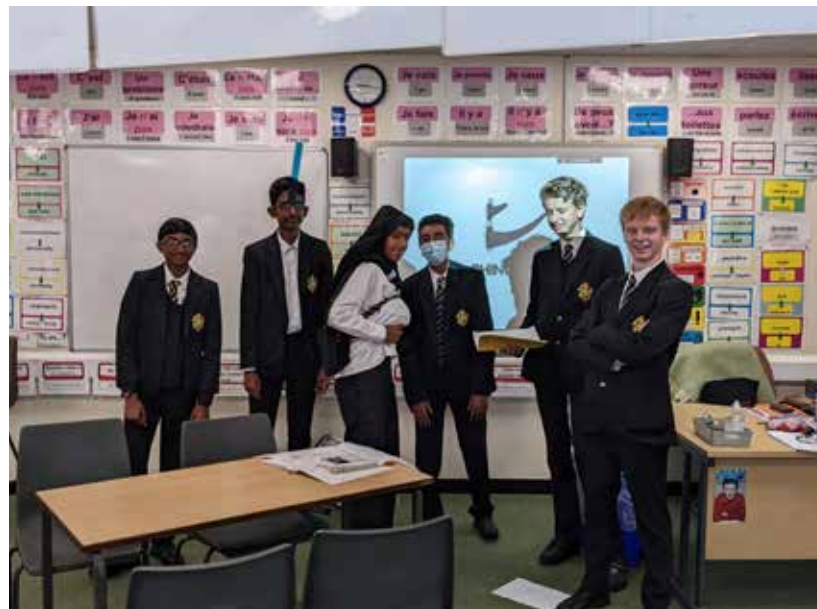


*Pictured above: Staff and Prefects ready for action.*

# OH UN RHINOCEROS!

After a few challenging years, the Modern Foreign Languages Department is pleased to re-introduce acting into its curriculum! In preparation for a potential French A Level course, Year 10 French students had the opportunity to take part in a small production of the famous French play "Rhinceros" by Eugene Ionesco in class (Act 1, Scene 1). "Rhinceros" is allegedly a parable about French collaboration with the Nazis and evokes the French response to the Nazis. Both seem rooted in an existentialist tradition, which is as much about the absurdity of the human condition as it is about our historical capacity for cruelty. Needless to say that the Modern Foreign Languages Department would recommend it to anybody who is interested in French culture!

A special thanks to Year 10 students for being sensational French actors!



*Pictured above: Year 10 French actors*

# LONDON PRIDE MARCH

In 2017 Wilson's School Pride Society started marching at the annual London Pride Parade. This year the parade is back and once again we shall be taking a place. It has always been such a joyous experience for both staff and students to take part in and we are very much looking forward to attending once again. Attendance at both our Pride Society and the London Pride Parade is open to everyone, not just members of the LGBTQ+ community. Allies are not only warmly welcomed, but necessary for helping those in the community feel accepted and allies are an important part of our Pride Society.

Students in Year 10 or above can ask Mr Sturt or Ms Banner for a letter and application form.





# SPREADING JOY THROUGH MUSIC

"Music binds us in a way that language rarely does". It was Sunday, 1 May when - full of anticipation - we arrived at Atwood House. The occasion was our musical extravaganza evening for retirement home residents during their routine evening get-together. After setting up our musical instruments other karaoke equipment and necessary sound checks, we were all ready to go. Ved was going to play the piano and trumpet. This was my first formal solo performance (outside of school) to a group larger than my parents and brother, so I was all charged-up and ready to put up a great show. Neil, on the other hand was the more seasoned performer, having had reasonable experience in his music career thus far. From National Theatre connections and a Fable workshop production to performing on the high street for Radio Jackie - Neil had seen it more, so was cool, calm, and collected, ready to give yet another great performance with his voice.

Music has always been a great passion of ours, and when our parents challenged us with the idea of presenting before an elderly audience at my aunt's retirement home, we took this as an opportunity to showcase our talents and skills and spread our love for music with others, true to the school motto of "Non Sibi Sed Omnibus". In fact, studies prove that older adults benefit from music as it improves their mood, brings back happy memories, encourages socialisation, sharpens memory, and promotes overall mental and physical health. Similarly in youths, music helps young minds to think creatively, work collaboratively, become disciplined, critical thinkers and problem solvers - all of which helps in better performance at school (most of the time!), aids in social development and success in society; so, we knew this could be an experience that would not only make the residents happy, but also benefit us as good human beings. This thought motivated us to strive under the tight timeline pressure, and alongside other after-school clubs and activities, to put on a decent show. We also cheekily came up with a last-minute idea of using this event as a fund raiser for our school's new music centre. We created posters to advertise the event at different locations of the retirement home.



Our musical extravaganza consisted of a variety of pieces like 'Opening Night Jazz' by Martha Mier, 'Holiday in Paris' by William Gillock and 'Douce Reverie' by P.I. Tchaikovsky on the piano, and 'The Bare Necessities' and 'Men of Harlech' on the trumpet, to name a few. Neil mesmerised the audience with his melodious voice, singing 'Don't Stop Believing' by Journey, 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman and 'If only you would listen' from The School of Rock. A surprise performance by my little brother (Vira, 6) and a duet by Neil and his brother (Avi, 7), also touched hearts and added to the joyful spirit of the evening. The audience was spellbound by not only our musical talent and stage confidence, but also because they could see a reflection of their own children and grandchildren in us. At the end of 45 minutes of euphonious music, we were flooded with appreciation, praise, and positive comments. The show was a grand success and the residents felt very loved. Some residents even felt a bit nostalgic as their own siblings had been Old Wilsonians seventy years before. We felt most encouraged when someone commented, "You were better than Britain's Got Talent show last night!"

The event raised a decent £201.50 pounds, which was very kindly matched by both Neil's and my parents, taking the total to £403. We were brimming with joy and our parents with pride, seeing the generosity, encouragement, and appreciation we received that evening. We are very thankful to the social committee of Atwood House (Julia, Jill, Usha et al.) for providing us this opportunity. The joy and satisfaction of touching so many hearts with our music and playing a part, albeit small, in the school's fundraising drive for the music centre, shall stay with us for a rather long time to come.

Article by Ved (8H) and Neil (8S)

*Pictured below: Mr Cole with Ved and Neil's parents after receiving their generous donation.*







# ENGLISH SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Last week, the U13 and U15 Athletics Teams travelled to Guildford to compete in the English Schools Track and Field Cup. A prestigious competition, schools from around London and the south east came together to take part in the biggest athletics meet of the season so far.

What a day of athletics it proved to be! The U15s had always promised much, showing great potential last season, whilst also turning out excellent performances in lessons and training. There were several standout performances, with Limo Z sprinting a superb 12.3s over 100m and Ethan L an equally rapid 25.0s in the 200m, both amassing twenty points each for the team. Zeph W-J built on his impressive form from last season, running an excellent 300m in a time of 39.3s (23pts). It was over the gruelling 1500m that Alex L set out on another one-man solo mission, to post a time and score the highest points total possible. To say he succeeded would be an understatement! Leading from 'gun to tape', Alex finished in 4:14.0s, earning an amazing 28 points for the team! In the field, the throwers and jumpers were doing their best to back up the performances on the track. Henry L continued to do well in the Javelin, throwing the spear out to an impressive 28.98m. Ravindu was excellent in the Shot Putt, hurling it to an excellent 10.53m. Zeph jumped well in the High Jump, clearing 1.57m and taking his individual points total to 41, the best return from the entire squad. Toba E also did well in the Triple Jump (10.88m), a technical event that requires a combination of fitness components.

The U13s also performed admirably. Up against some tough opposition, their application, effort and professionalism was exemplary, especially considering they didn't come with much experience. Stand-out performances on the track came from Nana, winning his 100m in a time of 13.3s. This was followed by Nana A-A blitzing around the bend and running an excellent 26.4s in the 200m (21pts). Theo won his Hurdles race in 13.6s (21pts) and there were other good runs from Josua (800m) and Gautam (1500m).

Despite these excellent individual performances, what was most satisfying and pleasing to see, was the way in which all pupils approached the day with such positivity. With some athletes competing in their less favoured events, it really was great to see the Wilsonian spirit and resilience come to the fore. An excellent day and well done to all the pupils who took part.



*Pictured above: English Schools' Athletics Squad 2022*

# YEAR 9 FOOTBALL AWARDS

Last week Mr Wilde held the Y9 end of season football awards in which the afternoon celebrated the successes of the team this season. All players were in attendance and had also had the chance prior to vote for their team mates in the different award categories. Mr Wilde was keen to analyse the season as well as give students the guidance and emphasis moving into next season. Mr Dudley was on hand to present the awards and a list of winners can be found below. Well done to all of the boys for their commitment, effort and application this season and here is too a another successful season next year.

1. U14A Head Coaches' Player of the Season - Adhrit
2. U14A Players' Player of the Season - Zeph
3. U14A Captain's Player of the Season - Joshua
4. U14A Most Improved Player of the Season - Limo
5. U14A Best Trainer of the Season - Zeph
6. U14A Top Goal scorer (24 Goals) - Jonathan
7. U14A Goal of the Season -Alexander (Volley versus Harris Sutton)
8. U14A Most Memorable Moment - Myles
9. U14A Best Team Mate -Zeph







# SPORTS NEWS

## Team Reports

The U15As put in two good performances this week by beating Carshalton Boys by 8 wickets and Lingfield College by 101 runs. Against Carshalton Boys, Abhi hit 43 runs from 40 balls and Artharva hit 29 runs from 34 balls to set up a comfortable win in 16 overs. At Lingfield College batting first Ansh hit an impressive 103 from 58 balls. He was ably supported by Abhi who hit 43 runs off 42 balls to set Lingfield a target of 193. Tanuj was the pick of the bowlers, bowling a full length he was rewarded by taking 4 wickets for 4 runs off 4 overs. Lingfield College ended their innings on 91 for 9 off 20 overs.



Pictured above:Ansh

Our U14As were too strong for Carshalton Boys and Lingfield College winning by 7 wickets against Carshalton Boys and 166 runs against Lingfield College. Adhrit, 42 runs from 22 balls, and Ishaan, 53 runs from 47 balls, set up a defendable score of 159 for 3 off 20 overs. In reply Carshalton Boys could only manage 59 for 7 with Vedant taking 4 wickets for 7 runs. Batting first against Lingfield College, 84 runs from Vaivhav and 74 from Ishaan saw the U14As reach 215 for 1 off 20 overs. Lingfield College were bowled out for 49 due to disciplined bowling from Umer, 4 wickets, Idhant, 3 wickets and Vedant, 2 wickets.



Pictured above: U14 Team

The U13As elected to field against King's College School and restricted them to 119 for 5 off 20 overs. Standout bowler was Umair taking 2 wickets for 19 runs. In reply Wilson's were bowled out for 108, Rayyan hitting 59 from 50 balls kept us in the match until he was out in the 18th over. Against Lingfield College the U13As were restricted to 107 for 6 off 20 overs. 51 extras helped Lingfield College to reach their total. Our reply saw a very professional batting display by Saisurya (33) and Rayyan (42) to go past their total in 12 overs.

Wilson's U13Bs came up against a talented Kings College School who scored 168 for 2 off 20 overs. Only Parth (36) showed any resistance for Wilson's and they finished on 108 for 7 off their 20 overs.

The U13Cs & U13Ds against King's College School came up against more experienced teams which saw the U13Cs lose by 83 runs and the U13Ds lose by 22 runs.

The U12As lost to a powerful King's College School, scoring 146 for 2 off their 20 overs. Wilson's reply ended on 106 for 6 off their 20 overs. A very good all-round performance from Parth, 2 overs for 7 runs and 29 runs from 29 balls. An excellent win for the U12s against Lingfield College by 9 wickets. Lingfield College managed 105 for 8 off 20 overs with Akshon the pick of the bowlers with 2 wickets from his 3 overs. A solid opening partnership from Viraaaj (40) and Anshul (23) saw Wilson's winning in the 13th over.



Pictured above:Viraaaj

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## CRICKET RESULTS

### Monday 9 May

**Wilson's vs Carshalton Sports College**  
U15A won by 8 wickets

### Tuesday 10 May

**Wilson's vs King's College School**  
U13A lost by 11 runs  
U13B lost by 56 runs  
U13C lost by 83 runs  
U13D lost by 22 runs

### Wednesday 11 May

**Wilson's vs Ewell Castle**  
1st XI match abandoned.

### Thursday 12 May

**Wilson's vs Carshalton Sports College**  
U14A won by 7 wickets

### Friday 13 May

**Wilson's vs King's College School**  
U12A lost by 46 runs  
U12B won by 21 runs  
U12C won by 5 wickets

### Saturday 14 May

**Wilson's vs Lingfield College**  
U15A won by 102 runs  
U14A won by 166 runs  
U13A won by 8 wickets  
U12A won by 9 wickets





# Maintaining and Developing Excellent Teaching at Wilson's

The development of teaching is given detailed attention at Wilson's and there is highly developed programme of Professional Learning for teachers. This is coordinated by the Lead Teacher team (Mrs Fletcher, Dr Whiting and Miss Riddle, chaired by Mr Lissimore), with input from every teacher (via lesson observations and feedback during workshops and mentor meetings), and regular conversations about teaching and marking; senior leaders and heads of department discuss the teaching they observe in detail. The Research Assistant to SLT (Dr Cook) and other staff also contribute to the planning of Professional Learning. A wealth of literature (including research publications and materials promoted by the Chartered College of Teaching) is also used to inform sessions and meetings. A programme of Collaborative Lesson Research enables teachers to develop their pedagogical content knowledge with a colleague in the same subject department.

Our vision for effective teaching is set out in the Teaching Excellence Criteria and the Remote Teaching Excellence Criteria, which are kept under constant review. The goal is that

teachers at Wilson's will not just be engaged in Professional Learning, but that they will develop a vision for their own teaching, engage with relevant research, reading and training to bring about continual improvements in their practice. Next year, we plan to invite other similar schools to join us in a summit to discuss effective professional learning practice for teachers in academically selective schools. Anyone interested in finding out more should contact the Lead Teacher team via the school office.



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## Links

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## Looking Ahead

- Friday 27 May - Half Term ends.
- Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June - Half Term Holiday.
- Monday 6 June - Term begins.
- Tuesday - Friday 7-10 June  
Year 7 Brecon Trip  
Year 8 Exam Week
- Thursday 9 June - Y12 public exams end

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Charities Update

We are delighted that students have done so much to support the work of Centrepont this year and we are looking forward to presenting the charity with the funds raised since September. The Charities Committee is beginning to think about forging links with a new charity for next year – if you have ideas, please get in touch via the school office!







# Being a House Captain at Wilson's: A Journey

When I started as the Southwark House Captain last summer, I didn't know what would happen across this year, but it's been amongst my best experiences at Wilson's. Some of what my role entails was already described to me, but being House Captain gave me the freedom to lead Southwark in ways which I felt would improve the unity of our house.

One of my roles is being the 7S's form prefect and even though I have to wake up slightly earlier every Tuesday to ensure I'm there for their morning registration, the fun conversations I share with them are well worth it. The afternoon form times on Tuesdays and Thursdays usually involve me making important announcements about house events and housepoints, as well as giving them any advice or reminiscing my younger years with them. Occasionally, I chat with them in smaller groups to see how they're coping in the school and getting to know all 32 of them on a more personal level.

Although I know 7S the best, Varnan (my deputy) and I try to visit the Year 8-11 Southwark forms, every couple of weeks, to promote house events and recall some memorable moments of our time at Wilson's. Something we've tried to work on in the House System is the engagement with the middle school, so that their enthusiasm doesn't wane after their Year 7 days. Giving them our expertise on topics including exam stress, choosing subjects, and generally getting by in the Wilsonian World have hopefully helped them make more informed decisions.

Some of the highlights of my tenure as House Captain have been the house events themselves. Whether it be coaching or cheerleading (pictured) for House Football, bringing out my business and marketing skills at the Charity Bake-Off, or running and hosting the Film Competition Awards, while trying to avoid the inevitable conflict of interest, one-upping the other houses in a friendly way was very enjoyable. Supporting the house members at each and every event has made my last year here particularly colourful, and giving them rehearsals or practice sessions, especially for performance-based events, has maximised our success as a house while boosting the sense of camaraderie.



The House Assembly stands out as the most memorable moment for me and in the next few years we hope that the next House Captains will have more opportunities to rally their houses within these, as well as in the newly-formed Vertical Tutor Groups.

House Captainship will definitely be something I'll cherish as I reflect on the last seven years. It's definitely made me grow as a person in such a short space of time and it's taught me about dedication, hard-work, leadership and determination but above all, to enjoy the little things. This includes celebrating the victories of house members as if they were my own, or just smiling and chatting with them in the corridors. I've got to know so many other students within my house from Years 7-12, and I feel privileged to have had an impact on their lives at the school. Hopefully the commitment my house members have shown will be recognised by lifting the House Cup soon!

*By Ayush, Year 13 – Southwark House Captain.*

## A note from Mr. Elwood – House Coordinator

I hope you enjoyed reading Ayush's journey as he grew and developed into an outstanding House Captain. Of course, this journey was not limited to Southwark – all of my House Captains this year have been truly sensational and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every one of them during my first year as House Coordinator. They have certainly created big shoes to fill, but I am confident that the incoming Year 13s will be more than up to the challenge! I wish them all the best for whatever the future may bring – hopefully the leadership skills that they have honed over this past year will be put to good use.

## Jonathan Au 'Talk!' Success



On Thursday 19th May, Wilson's Development Office was delighted to host the fifth event in their 'Talk!' virtual career series. The talk was delivered by Jonathan Au, a young Old Wilsonian, who has forged a successful career as a business consultant since leaving the school.

Jonathan spoke about the value of gaining experience and meeting people, touched on the lessons they don't teach you at school, and explained the importance of defining success on your own terms. Following his presentation, Jonathan also participated in an engaged Q&A section, taking questions from the Wilson's community online audience, and the talk's host, Mr Straw.

A full recording of Jonathan's brilliant talk is available at the following link for anyone who may have missed the event, or wishes to recap what was discussed! (<https://vimeo.com/711770292/dfabf7358c>).







# SPORTS NEWS

## Wilson's Cricket Report - Week 5

The U15A's had a busy week playing three matches in four days. In the Nat West County Cup match against Royal Russell, Wilson's restricted them to 75 all out. Three wickets for Aarush who was the pick of the bowlers. In reply, a solid 24 from Artharva and a quick scoring 36 from Shravan saw Wilson's win in 15 overs.

In the next round of the Nat West Cup, the U15A's played Kings College School. An opening partnership of 70 by the KCS batsmen helped them reach a total of 164 for 4 off 20 overs. Wilson's lost early wickets and made it difficult to chase such a high total. Abhi (33) top scored but unfortunately Wilson's were bowled out for 99 off 18 overs.

The U15A's were back to winning ways against Ewell Castle by putting on a professional bowling performance and bowling out Ewell Castle for 55. Powerful batting from Xanin (23) helped Wilson's pass the Ewell Castle total in 11 overs.

Two excellent performances from the U14A's saw them beat Hayes School by 80 runs and Ewell Castle by 96 runs. Ali was pick of the batsmen with a hard hitting 50 off 36 balls against Hayes School.

The U13A's batted first against Ewell Castle and posted a respectable score of 165 for 3 with Ved hitting 62 off 36 balls. Quality bowling from Umair, 4 wickets for 9 runs, and Neil, 3 wickets for 10 runs, helped bowl out Ewell Castle for 54.

The U13B's also had a great win scoring 182 for 3 off 20 overs and bowling Ewell Castle out for 47 in 14 overs.

Wilson's U13C's scored 112 for 4 off their 20 overs. In reply Caterham could only manage 59 for 8 wickets. A good bowling display but the highlight was impressive wicket keeping from Gautham.

Ewell Castle batted first and scored 168 for 4 against Wilson's U12A's. In reply Anshul (48), Sam (22) and Parth (20) batted well but ended on 111 for 2 losing by 57 runs.

The U12B's were too strong for Ewell Castle bowling them out for 65 in 11 overs. Bharath taking 4 wickets from 4 consecutive balls was the highlight from the Wilson's bowlers. In reply Wilson's past Ewell Castle's total in 9 over.



*Pictured:  
Bharath U12B*



*Pictured above: U13A*



*Pictured above: Ved*

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## CRICKET RESULTS

### Monday 16 May

**Wilson's vs Reigate Grammar**  
U14A lost by 6 wickets

### Tuesday 17 May

**Wilson's vs Caterham School**  
U13B won by 127 runs  
U13C won by 52 runs

### Wednesday 18 May

**Wilson's vs Royal Russell**  
U15A won by 8 wickets

### Thursday 19 May

**Wilson's vs Kings College School**  
U15A lost by 65 runs  
U14A won by 80 runs

### Saturday 21 May

#### Wilson's vs Ewell Castle

U15A	won	by 7 wickets
U14A	won	by 95 runs
U13A	won	by 111 runs
U13B	won	by 135 runs
U12A	lost	by 57 runs
U12B	won	by 9 wickets







# Wilson's Update

## *Non sibi sed omnibus*

From the various centres (Baskerville Hall, YHA Wye Valley and Dunfield House) the pupils are encouraged to make good use of their free time away from electronic devices, playing cards or board games or organising sports. Structured activities like quizzes and diary writing calm everybody before bedtime. But of course it's the trips away from the centres that provide the greatest opportunity for fun! Many of the pupils will have spent a day on the River Wye, learning to canoe, making progress up-stream and against some quite strong winds on occasion. Those who mastered that also got to explore the small tributary which is the picturesque River Llynfi. Using intermediate technology, log planks and barrels to fashion a river-worthy craft, teams of boys either successfully rode their rafts down-stream or watched as they collapsed and paddled

The literal pinnacle of the trip is the climb up Pen-Y-Fan, tallest of the Brecon Beacons, the highest mountain in South Wales and in the South of Britain (depending where you draw the line!). It is a physical challenge which affords those fantastic views of the Bristol Cannel and beyond. While not too technically difficult, the peak stands at 2,907 feet above sea level and all those who made it up can be rightly proud of their achievement.

Mr Burton would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of the three centres, Big Pit and Black Mountain Activities and the 18 staff from Wilson's School who accompanied the pupils, but also those who covered in their absence and those who administered the trip, without whom none of this could have happened. Thanks also go to a great set of boys who behaved impeccably and threw themselves into the week with the usual enthusiasm!



## Links

# Absence Request Form

# Calendar

## Looking Ahead

- Friday 17 June - Art Exhibition - all welcome.
- Wednesday 22 June  
EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS (1.05 p.m.)
- Friday 24 June - Book Return Day for all Year 11 & Year 13 students.

## Deputy Head's Reminder

## Report a Concern

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





# WILSON'S PFA SWIMATHON 2022

The Purley Rotary Club and Wilson's PFA arranges a Swimathon annually to raise money for Wilson's School and Purley Rotary. In this year's event, which was held on Sunday 29th May 2022, 28 enthusiastic Wilsonians participated in a 55 minute swim in New Addington Leisure Centre. I was one of the swimmers in this Swimathon.

From the moment the first klaxon sounded, the pool was teeming with energy and all the participants were having fun in the water. Everyone was going at a high pace, with the teams in each lane having a desire to win. There was lots of encouragement from parents and siblings around the pool, with all of them giving the swimmers determination to finish their laps.

This year's Purley Swimathon was an enjoyable experience, in which all the groups had managed to accomplish a fantastic feat of 619 laps in total. Team 1 and Team 2 completed 93 laps and 114 laps respectively, while Team 3 tied with Team 4 who both managed 124 laps but the champions of the day were Team 5 who managed a stunning 164 laps. Although the swimmers might have felt exhausted during the Swimathon, it was incredible how none of them gave up - they kept on swimming till the final horn was blown. Everyone persevered; however, none of this could have happened without the effort instilled into the organisation of the Swimathon by the parents and carers. As the money raised by the Swimathon goes to a charitable cause, it would be excellent for those who are able to swim to come to next year's Swimathon and raise even more money. It is a proud moment to have just finished a Swimathon for nearly an hour, and doing all that swimming for a good cause. We have helped raising money, and request that you also donate money. Every little helps! Well done to those who did their bit in the Purley Swimathon!

If you want to help, please go to <https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaign-page/swimathon-2022-2> and donate for worthy causes.

(Article by Nikhil, 7B)



## BIOLOGY CHALLENGE 2022

All Year 9 and 10 students recently completed the Biology Challenge, an online competition consisting of two 25 minutes multiple-choice tests. The questions are set on the school curriculum but also reward those students' whose knowledge of Biology has been increased by wider reading, watching natural history programmes and taking notice both of topical new stories and our natural flora and fauna. A total of 38 students achieved the highest award of Gold, attained by only 5% of students nationally.

Congratulations in particular to the top five students from Years 9 and 10 who were as follows:

Year 10:	Selvagan, Rohit, Ben, Kanniban and Ashwin
Year 9:	Dylan, Luca, Albert, Shreyas and Jeremy

A total of 51 and 94 students achieved the Silver and Bronze Award respectively.

Well done to all who took part, as they are now eligible to a free year of BioNet membership, which provides students with electronic subscription to The Biologist magazine and e-newsletters featuring bioscience-related news and events. Details of how to claim the free membership have been emailed to students.







# WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The results are in! Last term we launched our first Wildlife Photography Competition. Our judges Mr Cole, Miss Waterhouse and Mr Burton have been poring over the fantastic entries and we are happy to now announce our winners. In each Key Stage, and our staff category, we have awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, as well as one overall winner. We are pleased to include all the prize winners here and special mention must go to Yuzhe in 11G who has secured top place and wins a £10 Amazon voucher. We hope you enjoy perusing the finalists. All entrants have been awarded 10 house points, with those coming in the top three in each category earning even more. Well done Greencoat for topping this table and well done to everyone who got involved - truly in the spirit of Non Sibi Sed Omnibus!

Brecon	215
Camberwell	215
Datchelor	175
Greencoat	265
Hayes	255
Southwark	230

The first, second and third placed photographs for the Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4, Key Stage 5 and staff categories can be viewed on the school website.



Pictured above: Winner of Key Stage 4 and Overall Winner

# CRICKET NEWS

Congratulations to Ansh (Year 10) who has been selected to play in The Hobbs Trophy match being played at The Kia Oval on Friday 10 June 2022.

The Hobbs Trophy, named after Surrey & England legend Sir Jack Hobbs is an annual contest held at the Kia Oval. The Trophy is contested for by the Under 15 Surrey Schools Cricket Association (SSCA) and the London Schools Cricket Association (LCSA) team.



Pictured above: Ansh

# ATHLETICS NEWS

On Thursday 26 May, Wilson's hosted its recently formed annual athletics meeting, inviting three local schools for an exciting afternoon of track and field. Over forty athletes from Year 7 through to Year 10 competed, against counterparts from Wallington Boys, Sutton Grammar and Carshalton Boys. After some excellent performances, in a range of different events, Wilson's finished on top of the podium – a fantastic achievement.

The meeting acted as good practise for Borough Sports, the pinnacle of the athletics season, which takes place on 22 June. Students are currently in their final fortnight of preparation, hoping to bring back many medals and personal best performances.

Well done to all who competed last month and good luck to those selected to wear the black and gold vest in two weeks' time.

Wilson's Athletics - Overall Track and Field Totals Combined

1st	Wilson's	291 Points
2nd	Wallington Boys	271 Points
3rd	Sutton Grammar	249 Points
4th	Carshalton Boys	180 Points

# ART EXHIBITION

The Art Department warmly invites you all to the annual exhibition of GCSE and A Level work and hopes to see as many of you there as possible. This will take place on Friday 17 June in the Art Department from 3.30 - 6.00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

wilson's school annual art exhibition

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THIRTY-FIVE ARTISTS. ONE EXHIBITION. NO COINCIDENCE.

the Usual Suspects

3:30-6:00 friday 17 june 2022





# WILSON'S CADETS ARE FLYING HIGH!

On Saturday 4 June, four very lucky RAF cadets, including me, were granted the opportunity to go gliding at RAF Kenley with the 615 Volunteer Gliding Squadron.

Excitement was running high on the morning as we were the first cadets to go flying since April of 2017. When we arrived, it was raining; regardless, we carried on with the ground training, which included things like how to put on a parachute and also how to enter and exit the aircraft. We were then accompanied to the hangar, where we got our first sighting of the aircraft we would be flying: a Viking T1. Shortly after, a briefing was given to us, along with all other members at the base, as to the programme for the day. This was followed by a military-grade weather report - which was much more accurate than the reports we get on the news! And then, we were driven out to the airfield, towing the glider behind us. Finally, on the

airfield and waiting for our turn, we helped prepare the glider for launch each time before the glider was winch-launched into the air at an acceleration exceeding that of a Formula 1 car! Each of us got the opportunity to fly twice in the glider and the experience was just as exhilarating both times - it felt like a rollercoaster. The flight around the vicinity of Kenley Aerodrome went up to around 1,000 feet, and we could see the skyscrapers of Central London as well as the various dials and instruments in front of us. The day ended with a return to the building where we were informed that all four of us had achieved our Blue Wings badge, which can be applied to our uniform. It is a real honour being one of only four cadets wearing the badge within the whole of the RAF section at CCF. Overall, the day was a huge success!

Article by Vivaan, Year 9



Pictured above: Vivaan in the cockpit having enjoyed the flight.

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## Looking Ahead

- Wednesday 22 June  
EARLY FINISH FOR STUDENTS (1.05 p.m.)
- Friday 24 June - Year 11 Public exams finish.
- Friday 24 June - Book Return Day for all Year 11 & Year 13 students.
- Friday 24 June - MUFTI Day. It will cost you £2 to wear your own clothes to school, £1 if you wear orange (which is Centrepont's colour).

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Drinking Water

During this warm weather, it is very important that pupils drink plenty of water. There are many water fountains around school and water is provided in all dining areas. Parents are reminded to ensure that pupils have a suitable container for their drinking water.







# SCIENCE NEWS

## Barts & Queen Mary Science Virtual Festival 2022

The Barts & Queen Mary Science Festival returned this year with talks taking place online throughout the day. Year 9 and 10 students were able to attend during their Science lessons, lunch break and after school.

The first talk introduced students to clinical research and the types of questions that different healthcare professionals are seeking to answer, in order to improve patient outcomes and well-being. The second two talks focusing on the heart, gave students the opportunity to explore cardiac function and different diagnostic imaging techniques in greater depth. These talks emphasised how basic life support can save lives, timing well with the first aid training that Year 10 students have been covering as part of their PSHE programme recently. The final talk of the day examined how good software design and an understanding of people are essential components of good medical device design, ultimately helping to prevent medical errors from occurring.



### Programme:

Clinical research careers talk. Learn more about different ways of starting a clinical career, Nnebs Oje, Royal Hospital Orthopaedic Trust and Jackie Buck, Barts Health Trust

Athlete's heart and basic life support awareness through the eyes of an early career researcher - Liliana Szabo, Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging, Queen Mary University of London

How to fix a broken heart? - Rebecca Charles and Mariana Fernandez Caggiano, William Harvey Research Institute

Human Error and Medical Device Design - Paul Curzon, Queen Mary University of London

### Key Skills

The talks also exemplified important key skills required in these STEM careers, helping students to understand the value of developing these skills both in and out of school.

- Attention to detail – e.g. considering all variables when designing a valid investigative approach
- Creativity – the ability to innovate and devise practical solutions to problems
- Empathy - understanding and sharing the feelings of another
- Team work – working with people in different roles as part of a multidisciplinary team
- Communication skills – the ability to network, making contact with new people who share similar professional interests. The opportunity to exchange ideas and information is an important part of generating new research ideas and solutions and in securing money to fund new research.

Website: <https://www.qmul.ac.uk/whri/patient-public-engagement/barts-and-queen-mary-science-festival/>

Article by Dr S Whiting

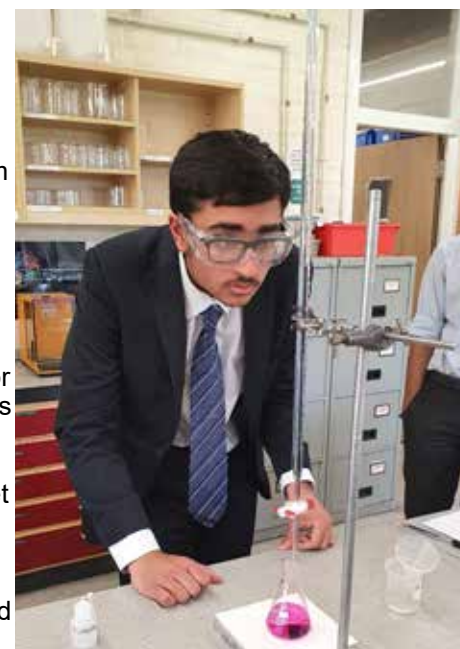
## Schools' Analyst Competition 2022

Last Friday, six teams of enthusiastic Year 12 students competed in this year's Schools' Analyst Competition. This is an annual competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry and designed to expand and stretch students' chemistry knowledge, skills and aptitude for analytical chemistry through practical experiments based on real world problems. This year's scenario centred on a family owned fish and chip restaurant that was looking to transform their business while reducing their carbon footprint by changing their suppliers to more local sources.



*Pictured above: Gus using chromatography to analyse the amino acid profile of two flour samples*

Students were required to work as a team to complete multiple practical tasks to ensure that the quality of food didn't suffer from these changes. This involved them analysing and comparing flour samples for their protein content and amino acid profile (in particular looking out for the amino acids lysine and leucine which are known to make for the best colours and flavours during cooking), the starch content of potatoes (so the chips were neither too sweet nor starchy) and the acidity of the vinegar (required for the right amount of "tang"), all of the qualities associated with truly excellent fish and chips!



*Pictured above: Ayush completing a titration to find the acidity of a vinegar sample*

Students will be marked on their understanding and accuracy of the results they collected before scores are then compared against other entries across the country will the final results announced in a few weeks. We wish them the best of luck with their results!

Article by Ms C Rose







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Notices: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

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## Team Reports

An opening stand of 125 from Ansh (75) and Artharva (60 not out) help set up a total of 152 off 25 overs in their U15A Nat West County Cup match against King's College School. In reply Wilson's put on a great fielding performance and bowled a disciplined line and length to keep the pressure on the KCS batsmen. Unfortunately, Wilson's lost in the last over with their top batsman scoring 108 not out to win the match by 6 wickets.

Against, City of London Freemen's School, Wilson's U15A batted first and scored 136 for 6 off 20 overs with Arthava retiring on 50. Despite taking 8 wickets and City of London winning in 18 overs it was a match Wilson's should have won. Some interesting field placings and over attacking when City of London were behind the run rate made it easy for the batsmen to pass the Wilson's total. On reflection, it was a good learning curve for the Wilson's bowlers to set fields to defend larger totals.

Another excellent performance by our U13As beating City of London Freeman's School by 105 runs. Wilson's batted first and scored 146 for 3 off 20 overs with Rayaan top scoring with 52 not out and Saisurya 36. City of London were bowled out for 41 by excellent bowling spells from Umair (2 wickets), Ieuan (2 wickets), Neil (2 wickets) and Ravith (3 wickets for 9 runs).

In the U12A match against City of London Freeman's School, Wilson's scored 112 for 7 off 20 overs. Tejas (21 runs off 21 balls) and Parth (18 off 32) were the standout batters. In reply City of London passed the Wilson's total in 16 overs winning by two wickets. Untidy fielding and too many extras were the main factors in their defeat



*Pictured above: UI3A Team*

## Co-curricular Timetable

## Sports Fixtures

## CRICKET RESULTS

## Thursday 19 June

**Wilson's vs King's College School**  
U15A      lost      by 8 wickets

## Saturday 11 June

## Wilson's vs City of London Freeman's School

U15A	lost	by 3 wickets
U13A	won	by 105 runs
U12A	lost	by 2 wickets







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A group of students are standing on a balcony or stage in front of a large, ornate wooden structure. The structure features tall, dark wooden beams and a balcony with a decorative railing. A young man in a dark blue polo shirt and shorts stands prominently in the center, looking towards the camera. To his left, a woman in a light blue shirt and dark skirt is clapping. To his right, a woman in a black hijab and a man in a black jacket are also clapping. Other students are visible in the background, some wearing blue sweaters. The setting appears to be an indoor performance space or a stage set.

This week, the pastoral and pupil support teams have been considering the outcomes of Ofcom's latest annual report (which looks at how people navigate the digital world and their experiences online) and considering the implications for pupils at Wilson's. Parents are reminded that they are welcome to contact the school to discuss e-safety issues at any time.





# MATHS NEWS

After a record breaking number of entries into the Southampton University Maths Challenge this year, our winners had the opportunity of attending the award ceremony. Congratulations to the following prizewinners: Arnav, Gautam, Jamie, Gautham and Anish (Junior Challenge) and Shreyas, Advait, Ansh, Poorwa, Hritesh, Pratyush, Reyansh, Arnav, Samarath and Evan (Senior Challenge). The Award Ceremony at the University of Southampton returned this year, the visit beginning with informative tours of the campus. Many pupils from across the school, from Year 7 all the way up to Year 10 coming to attend the event, hosted in the Mathematical Sciences building. The evening of mathematical recreation began with a large buffet of appetising snacks and drinks, with an opportunity to explore the interior of the building, complete with a range of mathematical puzzles and games.



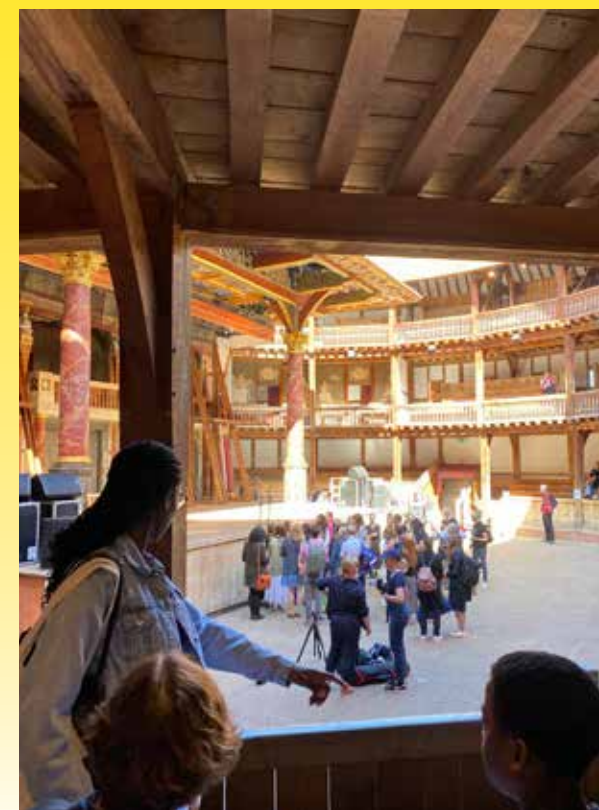
*Pictured above: Ansh, Advait and Samarath with their certificates.*

The night then moved on to the well awaited award ceremony, in which the best performers across the country (and from across the world, with prize winners coming from as far Greece!) were awarded with certificates to commemorate their achievements in the Mathematics lecture theatre. In past years Wilson's has done extremely well and that was no different this year- Wilson's won by far the most prizes of any school, with pupils receiving prizes in the top 3, for both the Junior and Senior challenges."

Article by Advait and Ansh, 10B1

"On Wednesday 8 June, I went to the University of Southampton – nearly a 2-hour drive - after receiving a distinction in the Junior Southampton Maths Challenge. The awards were presented by Professor Michael Butler, Dean of Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences. This was followed by a talk from Professor Graham Niblo, "From sticks and stones to mobile phones", about a history of mathematics and maths problems, and the various uses of maths throughout history. It was only my second time visiting a university, so it was interesting to see what it was like and hear a talk from a professor."

Article by Jamie 8G







# ART EXHIBITION

Last Friday's Art exhibition was attended by many students, staff, family and friends who had the opportunity to enjoy a spectacular display of students' work. Well done to all artists!.





# OBOES HELP TO CELEBRATE MUSIC WEEK AT ST. ELPHEGE'S

Some of our musical ensembles are dramatically reduced in size during the summer term as a result of study leave, but the oboe group has shown what magic can be achieved even with a small numbers of players! The group had been invited to perform at St Elphege's School on Wednesday, 22 June as part of their Music Week and gave a short performance, which delighted the children. Along with flute and clarinet ensembles, the Odyssey Big Band and barber-shop, the oboe ensemble also played as part of the tours for prospective pupils and parents this week.

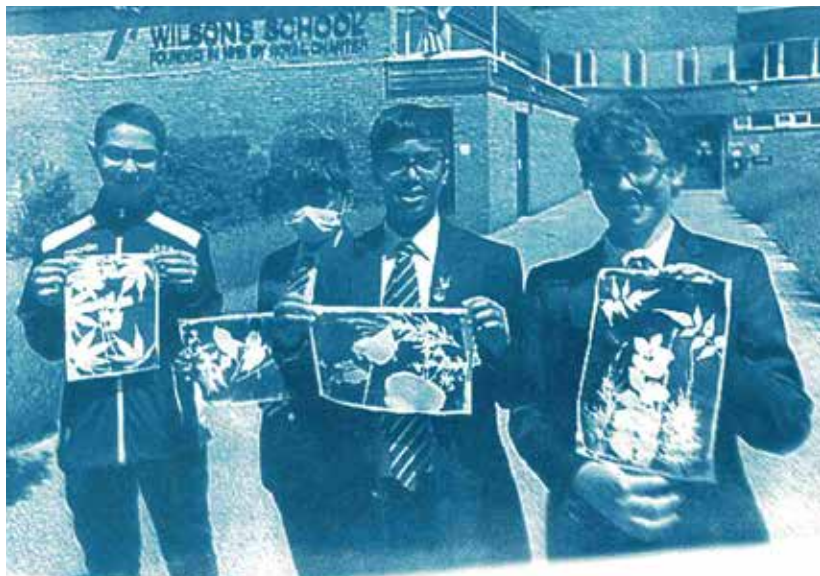


Pictured above: Students playing at St Elphege's School.

# SCIENCE CLUB

Making the most of the sunshine!

Filip, Pranavan, Dekrissh and Egemen, all in Year 8, display their artwork created in Science club using a photochemical reaction, a technique known as cyanotyping. They used foliage from the gardens outside the school building to leave parts of the page in shadow. The exposed areas underwent a reaction to create a deep blue colour. The picture shown was developed by Mr Ironside using the same technique, having printed a negative image onto an acetate sheet of the boys holding their artwork.



Pictured above: Filip, Pranavan, Dekrissh and Egeman with their work.

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MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Team Reports

Congratulations to Ansh who was awarded a Man of the Match Trophy at the Kia Oval for his performance in the Hobbs Trophy for the Surrey Schools Cricket Association.



*Pictured above : Ansh, Man of the Match*

The 1st XI played Emanuel School and put in an entertaining performance. Batting first Wilson's began positively with Jackson hitting 41 from 22 balls. Ellis continued the trend hitting 44 from 37 balls and Udith 50 from 37 balls. Wilson's finished on 165 from 20 overs. Emanuel began their innings aggressively but once the 6 over power play had finished Wilson's reduced their run rate and applied pressure to the new batters. Wilson's won by 40 runs with Emanuel finishing on 123 for 6.

The U14As won the toss and elected to bat against Wallington Grammar. After giving a few chances Adhrit scored 53 from 33 balls including 9 boundaries supported by Ishaan scoring 59. Wilson's finished on 179 for 4 from their 20 overs. Wallington were bowled out for 31 in 17 overs. Pick of the bowlers was Shivan (4 wickets for 3 runs from his 4 overs).

Wilson's U14Bs put in a strong performance against Sevenoaks School. Bowling first Sevenoaks School were restricted to 90 for 9 off 20 overs Vyansh taking 3 wickets for 16 runs off 4 overs. In reply Wilson's scored 93 for 4 in 10 overs with Abhi 21 from 14 balls and Harshaa 24 from 15 balls.

Two excellent performances from the U13As beating Riddlesdown by 101 runs and Wallington by 70 runs. Riddlesdown posting a score of 174 for 8 was always going to be difficult to chase, Ravith 3 wickets for 9 runs was the pick of the bowlers and was ably supported by an excellent wicket keeping performance from Ved taking 2 catches and 4 stumpings. Riddlesdown finished 73 all out in 19 overs. Against Wallington, Wilson's were put in to bat and gave a professional and calculated batting performance to finish on 133 for 4 off 20 overs. Wallington started slowly after losing a wicket in the first over and never looked like catching the Wilson's total. An improvement in fielding kept the Wallington batters under pressure and they finished on 63 for 7. Batting highlights came from Saisurya 53 from 55 balls and Pratham 48 from 34 balls. Neil 4 overs for 3 wickets was the pick of the bowlers for Wilson's.

An improving U12A team put in two good performances this week. On Friday against Sevenoaks, Wilson's won the toss and elected to field. Sevenoaks were 60 for 1 off 8 overs then lost 4 wickets for 0 runs. After drinks Sevenoaks were reduced to 61 for 6 but made a slight recovery by being over attacking in their field placing and were finally all out for 91. After a positive start Wilson's coasted to victory by 70 runs. Anshul 3 wickets for 14 runs and Atharva 4 wickets for 9 runs gave a great bowling performance. Against Wallington, Wilson's batted first and scored 129 for 7 off 20 overs. Sam 32 from 35 balls batted aggressively which included 5 boundaries. Excellent captaincy from Parth and an improvement in their fielding restricted Wallington to 120 for 7 off their 20 overs, discipline bowling from Anshul and Amaan were the pick of the bowlers.

The U12Bs had an excellent win against Sevenoaks School. Wilson's batted first and scored 165 for 2 with Raghav and Athi both retired scoring 50 runs. In reply Sevenoaks were all out for 82 runs. Athi 3 wickets and Raghav 2 wickets completed a good all round performance.



*Pictured above: U14A Team*



*Pictured bottom: U12A Team*

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

[Co-curricular Timetable](#)

[Sports Fixtures](#)

## CRICKET RESULTS

**Tuesday 14 June**

**Wilson's vs Riddlesdown Collegiate**

U13A won by 101 runs

**Wednesday 15 June**

**Wilson's vs Emanuel School**

1st XI won by 40 runs

**Thursday 16 June**

**Wilson's vs Sevenoaks School**

U14B won by 6 wickets

**Friday 17 June**

**Wilson's vs Sevenoaks School**

U12A won by 70 runs

U12B won by 83 runs

**Saturday 18 June**

**Wilson's vs Wallington County Grammar School**

U14A won by 148 runs

U13A won by 70 runs

U12A won by 9 runs



*Pictured above : 1st XI Team*





# HEARING THE VOICES OF OUR PUPILS

At Wilson's we believe that our pupils should have the chance to be heard as much as possible. We want pupils to play an active role in their education, whether that be shaping the strategy and direction of the school, or hearing each other's opinions. This happens in a variety of ways.

## Pupil Voice

Pastoral leaders will often ask groups of randomly chosen pupils to meet and discuss topics to gauge their opinions and gain insight into what it is like to be a pupil at Wilson's. This can then shape conversations that happen behind the scenes, and shape decisions made. The development of new Student 'Teams' will allow Sixth Form students to lead such meetings and mean we get to hear even more often from a wide range of pupils in the school. The Equalities Team and Charities Team have both been established this year, and in September the Wellbeing Team will be added to this list.

## Student Board

This is the most formal type of pupil voice. Ideas are garnered within form groups, then each Head of Year chairs a meeting with a representative from each form. One idea from each year is the taken forward to a meeting with the Head and the School Captain. In recent years ideas that have come from Student Board have become part of everyday life, including the use of one-way systems around the school and the use of Show My Homework. At the most recent Student Board last week, ideas about how we recognise and celebrate the diversity of our school community were put forward and we look forward to working on this alongside the Equalities team, Equalities Prefect and our Equalities Lead, Ms Amoako-Williams. Year 9 pupils Ethan and Zach enjoy attending Student Board and comment that it is pleasing to see the changes around school that are enacted as a result. They feel like they have a direct influence on the school and the experience their peers have here.

## Pupil surveys

Every 18 months we ask all pupils to complete a robust survey asking them their opinions about a myriad of topics including how safe they feel at school, which adults they feel they could talk to if they have a problem, and what co-curricular activities they are involved with. This abundance of information helps us to analyse many aspects of school life, and is an invaluable source of feedback.

## Reporting concerns

There are many avenues of support for any pupil to discuss any issues they themselves are experiencing, or if they are worried about a family member or friend. All pupils can talk to their form tutor and our system of having one form tutor to 16 students allows for pupils to build strong relationships with their form tutor. Heads of Year, and the Pupil Support Managers in each Key Stage, as well as the Pupil Wellbeing Lead Ms Banner, are also used to being approached about sensitive issues and strive to be as approachable as possible.

## Report A Concern

If a pupil is not sure who to speak to, they can use the "Report a Concern" function on the school website. Their concern will then be passed to the most suitable member of staff to deal with discreetly, but we do ask that they give as much information as they can so that the support can be as helpful as possible. Anonymous concerns are difficult to follow up effectively. Worry boxes are also going to be reintroduced next year in Lower School, another great idea from Student Board!

## Opportunities for pupils to be heard by each other

Whilst hearing teachers impart their knowledge and model the presentations of ideas, as well as the use of language, it is particularly important that pupils hear from each other and also learn how to speak publicly and formally with confidence. There are many activities at Wilson's in which pupils are encouraged to speak up and be heard by their peers. The new vertical House System, organised by House Co-ordinator Mr Elwood, will allow pupils of different ages to speak more readily to older and younger peers at regular points throughout the year and share their Wilson's experiences.

## Drama

Pupils in Lower School learn speaking skills in their drama lessons and the annual Year 7 Drama Soiree showcases the skills of the youngest pupils in our school for both peers and parents. And of course, each year the Senior and Junior Drama Productions allow many pupils to experience the excitement of the stage, under the directorship of Mr Kavanagh, Director of Drama. Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are currently rehearsing for an electrifying production of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat to end the year in style. Tickets are available now.



Pictured above: A chat with Miss Banner

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## Links

[Next Week's Menus](#)

[Absence Request Form](#)

[Calendar](#)

## Looking Ahead

- Wednesday 6 July - New Year 7 induction day.
- Friday 15 July - Sports Day
- Friday 15 July - Early finish for Students (1.05 p.m.)

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Reading aloud!

Pupils may have started to notice that their teachers are giving them new opportunities to read aloud in lessons. This is something that might once have been associated only with primary education and yet research consistently shows that reading aloud can boost literacy and reading fluency even in highly able secondary pupils. We encourage all parents to hear their older children read aloud once in a while!



### Pupil Speaking

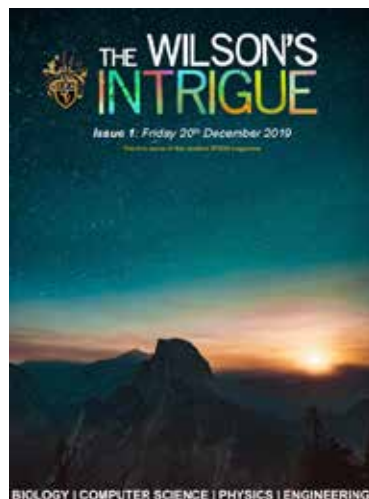
Debating Society allows pupils of all ages at Wilson's to meet weekly and learn to formally debate quite weighty and current topics. In a less formal way, pupils are also encouraged to deliver talks in various clubs such as Classics, Geography and History, improving their public speaking skills. In the Elizabethan program in Year 9, pupils learn to perform a poem, give speeches about an artist of their choice and also learn the art of rhetoric through the study of persuasive speeches in history, inclusion those by Emmeline Pankhurst and Nelson Mandela. In Year 10 Students take part in a Speak Out challenge, furthering their public speaking skills, and potentially going forward to National Finals. Each classroom proudly displays a reminder for public speaking dos and don'ts and teachers demand high quality speech when pupils are contributing in lessons.

### Intrigue magazines

For a few years now Sixth Formers, under the supervision of various teachers, have organised and edited STEM and Humanities magazines containing articles of extremely high standard named 'The Wilson's Intrigue'. This has allowed pupils to practise their communication skills through writing, and often show high levels of research and comprehension that one would expect to find in Undergraduate work and is great preparation for University. We believe that each pupils deserves to be heard, and they leave Wilson's and embark on their lives confident at speaking and voicing their opinions.



Pictured above and below:  
Years 9/10 Debating



Pictured above: Wilson's Intrigue



Pictured above: Student Board noticeboard



Pictured above: Vertical Tutor Group



Pictured above: Year 7 drama



# INTERMEDIATE BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

Year 12 Biologists recently participated in the Intermediate Biology Olympiad, a competition consisting of a one-hour multiple choice paper taken online. The competition includes questions on topics students will have encountered in their studies, as well as additional ideas that require their problem solving skills and understanding of core principles.

Two students achieved the highest award of Gold, attained by only 5% of students nationally:  
Ishan and Ugas.

Congratulations also to the following students who gained Silver and Bronze awards:  
Silver – Ramin, Tom R, Craig, Andrei, Jathumilan, Vethushan, Denushka, Kavilaish, Jaenushan, Alex Tom V & Tushar  
Bronze – Muhammad, Folaju, Daniyaal, Kokish, Kramer, Chirag, Ayush & Mert

Well done to all who took part and they are now eligible to a free year of BioNet membership, which provides students with electronic subscription to The Biologist magazine and e-newsletters featuring bioscience-related news and events. Details of how to claim the free membership have been emailed to students.



*Pictured above: Ishan*



*Pictured above: Ugas*

## VERTICAL HOUSE EVENTS

On Monday this week, the entire school met in 60 different rooms with their Vertical Tutor Group for the second time this year. As one of the new initiatives happening this year in the House System, students will regularly meet with their Vertical Tutor Group where they will be with three or four members of every year group in the school who belong in the same House.

The first time they did this, back in March, students were thinking about House Events they would like to see happen and a huge range of ideas was generated so students should look out to see if their idea makes it to the calendar next year!

This week, however, students were invited to discuss a number of scenarios that could happen around the school and within their friendship groups. Tutors could utilise the variety of experience from the different ages in the room to foster more meaningful conversations where the older students could bring their own experiences to the table, whilst the younger students could learn from them and provide their own perspectives too.

It is my hope, as House Coordinator, that such sessions will happen once per half term moving forward, with the groups remaining the same (only the outgoing Year 13s being replaced by the incoming Year 7s) to enable strong bonds to be formed across age groups, generating leadership opportunities for the older ones and fostering a sense of community spirit for all involved.



*Pictured above: Students participating in the Vertical House event.*

## ROUNDSHAW DOWNS CLEAR-UP

As a school, we are really fortunate to be situated close to Roundshaw Downs which is only a 10 minute stroll away. Roundshaw Downs is the largest area of unimproved chalk grassland in the borough. This provides an extremely valuable nature conservation resource for insects, birds and wild flowers. If you've never been there then it is definitely worth a visit!

Unfortunately though, quite a lot of rubbish had accumulated recently that was not only a really bad eye sore, but was also impacting on the wild flowers and habitats for the wildlife. However, last week a team of teachers from Wilson's School volunteered to clear up the rubbish in conjunction with Croydon Council's 'Green and Clean Street Champions' initiative. The difference is really noticeable and has already been greatly appreciated by those who frequent Roundshaw Downs.



*Pictured above: Making a difference to our surroundings.*





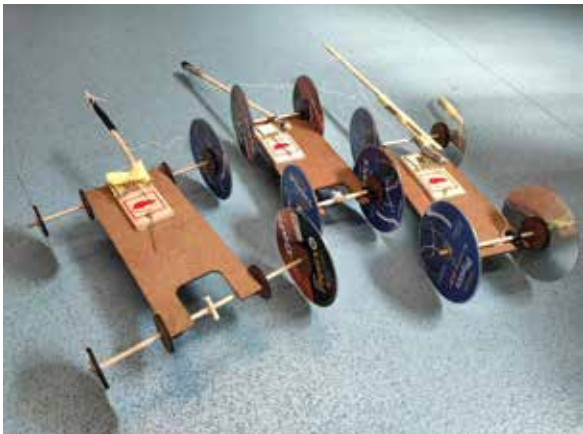


# YEAR 9 HOUSE COMPETITION

Teams of Year 9s have been working hard to produce mousetrap powered cars to compete to cover the longest distance, and to race over 5 m.

The results of our two mouse trap car competitions: were as follows:

Distance covered:	
Hayes	9.9 m
Southwark	9.6 m
Greencoat	8.7 m
Datchelor	8.5 m
Brecon	6.6 m
Camberwell	oscillated backwards and forwards(!) over a distance of about 2 m.
Quickest over 5m:	
Greencoat	1st place
Southwark	2nd
Hayes	3rd
	Brecon came an agonising 10 cm short of the finish line but failed to finish, as did Camberwell and Datchelor.



Pictured left: The finished cars in action!

# AIR EXPERIENCE FLIGHT (AEF) FLYING AT RAF BENSON

On a slightly cloudy morning, ten cadets from Wilson's and two from Wallington Girls, accompanied by staff, went to RAF Benson. It was a long drive but when we arrived, we felt a sense of pride and gratitude at being able to represent our schools and contingent for the first time in more than five years in powered flight. Initially, we were briefed on how to stay safe in the aircraft, including a simulation of what to do if something goes very wrong, after this we proceeded to go flying with our instructors in pairs.

The main difference between flying in a light aircraft and a commercial plane is that you feel at one with the aircraft. You go up with it, you come down with it, and you even loop-the-loop with it. The sensation is exhilarating when you have so much control over such a powerful machine.

Our instructors gave us a tour of the surrounding area from above. At around 4500 feet, we began doing aerobatics such as the loop-the-loop, twinkie rolls (also known as aileron rolls), and a nose dive which simulated the sensation of being weightless. We also got the opportunity to have full control over the aircraft, which was amazing. Overall it was a once in a lifetime experience for which we were very grateful.

Article by Eliram 9B



Pictured above: Cadets with staff at RAF Benson



Pictured above: Flight preparation





# BOROUGH SPORTS ATHLETICS

Borough Sports Athletics brings home huge medal haul...!!

On Wednesday 22 June, the biggest athletics competition on the calendar returned, after a two-year hiatus. Students from fifteen schools across the district travelled to the David Weir Leisure Centre, to pit themselves against the best athletes in their respective disciplines. It was a red-hot day weather-wise and this was matched by the action on the track and in the field. Pupils across Years 7-10 ran, jumped and threw themselves into every event, putting into place all the skills and techniques they had practiced over the summer term.

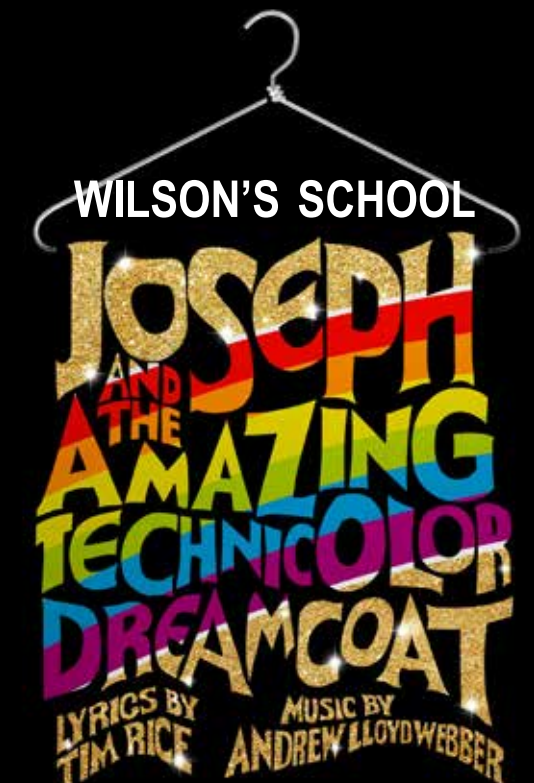
In their first season in the black and gold vest, the Year 7s were the most successful cohort, bringing home nine medals, three of them gold (Rico in the Hurdles, Dorian in the Shot Put and Harish in the Javelin). The Year 8s bagged six medals, four of them gold (Nana - 200m; Theo - Hurdles; Alexander - Discus; Aryaman - Javelin). In Year 9, there were seven medals, three gold (Alex - 1500m; Henry - Javelin; Zeph - High Jump). The Year 10s collected four, two of which were gold (Ollie in the 1500m and Ravindu, who retained the Shot Put title he won in 2019).

This meant a total of twenty six medals overall, twelve gold, six silver and eight bronze. In the final standings, after all the points for each year group had been combined, Wilson's finished a very respectable and well-earned 2nd place behind John Fisher. A special mention must go to Aryaman in Year 8 and Alex in Year 9, who both broke Borough Records. Aryaman in the Javelin (32.45m) and Alex in the 1500m (4.20:58s). Congratulations to all those who took part and the preparation for next year begins now!

*Pictured above: Aryaman and Alex*



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# SPORTS NEWS

## Team Reports

1st XI away to Langley Park had a disappointing match. Electing to bat first, Wilson's started well with Jackson (20 runs) and Arnav (18 runs). After losing both openers the middle order found it difficult to score freely and Wilson's ended on 114 for 8 off 20 overs. In reply Langley batted cautiously but kept up with the run rate throughout their innings and passed the Wilson's total in 17 overs and won by 6 wickets,

Against Alleyn's the 1st XI put in a better performance and restricted Alleyn's to 122 for 5 off 20 overs. Aggressive batting from Jackson (31 from 23 balls) and Udith (37 from 37 balls) got Wilson's close to the target. A mini collapse put pressure on the lower order batters and it was left to Hugo to hit the winning runs in the 18th over.

A top order collapse saw Wilson's U15As bowled out for 47 against Sevenoaks School. Only Xanin showed any resistance in scoring 27 from 38 balls. A fighting spirit from the bowlers managed to take 6 Sevenoaks wickets before they won in 11 overs. Tanuj bowled a good line and length and was rewarded with 3 wickets.

Economical bowling from Wilson's U15As restricted Alleyn's to 79 for 6 off 20 overs. Atharva (2 for 9) and Mannan (2 for 6) were the best bowling performances. After losing early wickets Abhi (35 from 31 balls) and Ansh (18 from 7 balls) past Alleyn's total in 13 overs. An excellent win against Alleyn's School saw Wilson's U14As score 156 for 9 off 20 overs with Viabhav (65 from 44 balls). In reply Alleyn's were bowled out for 106 off 16 overs with wickets shared amongst the Wilson's bowlers.

The U14Bs came up against a strong Carshalton Boys School. A more disciplined bowling and fielding display would have restricted Carshalton from hitting 142 off 20 overs. After a slow start from Wilson's and losing early wickets it was left to Dylan (23 from 22 balls) and Harshaa (39 from 21 balls) to keep us within a chance of victory. Unfortunately, with the run rate increasing both had to take risks and Wilson's fell short by 17 runs.

The U13As batted first against Emanuel School and scored 108 for 6 wickets with Ayan (26), Navaj (29) and Parth (15). In reply Emanuel past Wilson's score in 15 overs for the loss of 2 wickets. Wilson's U13Bs elected to field and restricted Emanuel to 93 for 8 off 20 overs. Paarush was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 wickets. In reply, a good performance from the Wilson's batters who passed Emanuel's total in 15 overs with the captain Khushil (26 from 34 balls) was the stand out batter.

Wilson's U12As batted first against Riddlesdown and scored 106 for 2 off 20 overs. Tejas hitting 45 from 35 balls. In reply Riddlesdown could only manage 84 for 4 off their 20 overs giving Wilson's the win by 22 runs.

Reigate Sixes

Congratulations to Rayyan, Prathan, Ved, Rohan, Umair, Ieuan and Neil for winning the U13A Reigate Sixes Cricket Competition on Tuesday.

Our U12As played on Friday in the Reigate Sixes Competition but unfortunately did not progress to the knockout stages.



Pictured above : U13A Reigate 6's Winners



## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## CRICKET RESULTS

### Monday 20 June

#### Wilson's vs Sevenoaks School

U15A	lost by 4 wickets
U15B	lost by 5 runs

### Tuesday 21 June

#### Wilson's vs Emanuel School

U13A	lost by 8 wickets
U13B	won by 5 wickets

#### Reigate Sixes

U13A vs John Hampden	won	by 4 wickets
U13B vs Cranleigh Prep	lost	by 3 wickets
U13A vs Dunottar School	won	by 7 runs
U13A vs Wimbledon College	won	by 36 runs
U13A vs Caterham School	won	by 2 runs

### Wednesday 22 June

#### Wilson's vs Langley Park School

1st XI	lost by 4 wickets
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### Thursday 23 June

#### Wilson's vs Carshalton Boys

U14B	lost by 17 runs
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#### Reigate Sixes

U12A vs Wimbledon College	won	by 4 wickets
U12A vs Tiffin School	lost	by 19 runs
U12A vs Skinners School	drew	

### Friday 24 June

#### Wilson's vs Riddlesdown Collegiate

U12A	won by 22 runs
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### Saturday 25 June

#### Wilson's vs Alleyn's School

1st XI	won by 3 wickets
U15A	won by 6 wickets
U15B	drew
U14A	won by 50 runs







# A SUMMER OF MUSIC

The Music Department has enjoyed its busiest ever summer calendar this year, with events continuing until the very last days of term! Recent highlights have included the Horniman Bandstand Showcase on 30 June – with nearly 80 musicians joining the Wind Band and Odyssey Big Band as they entertained parents, passers-by and nearly 200 very enthusiastic local schoolchildren at the Horniman Gardens in Forest Hill – a Strings Concert on 4 July, an outdoor Junior Wind Band concert near the Sixth Form Centre on 7 July, and the celebration of Music Week at St Elphege's School. Of course, the most exciting event is still on the horizon – our first Lower School production for several years, with Mr Kramer directing the music in Mr Kavanagh's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Hundreds of pupils have taken part in musical activities this term and throughout the year, including as parts of the events for visiting prospective pupils and parents at the end of June. We are delighted that one student in particular – Alex in Year 12 – has been appointed Music Prefect in honour of his great commitment over the years (latterly as leader of Senior Orchestra). We are very excited about the year ahead and the prospect of moving into The Britton Centre at some point next term. Visitors to the Music Department website can enjoy pictures of the music team exploring the new spaces on a special tour last week! Thank you to all parents and staff who have supported and encouraged pupils in their musical endeavours throughout this challenging but very exciting year.

*Pictured below: Harry (Year 8)*



## Horniman Banstand Concert

The Wilson's Horniman Bandstand Concert returned this year much to the delight of the hundreds of people enjoying the magnificent gardens of the Horniman Museum. With expansive views over London providing the backdrop our Wind Band, conducted by Dr Clayden, followed by the Wilson's Odyssey Big Band, led by Mr Karl Kramer, thrilled parents and passers- by alike. There were many comments from members of the public who were extremely impressed with the standard of music they heard. We were treated to all our favourite tunes and there was even a little dancing from the very smallest members of our audience. Thank you to those parents who came to support us. It was so nice to see you in the audience. And special thanks too to the sixth formers who returned to play with their school for one final performance. We wish them well in all their future endeavours.



*Pictured above: Students and staff in the Bandstand at the Horniman Museum  
Pictured below: Students playing for the public at the Horniman Museum*



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## Links

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## Looking Ahead

- Monday 11 - Thursday 14 July - Activities Week
- Friday 15 July - Sports Day
- Friday 15 July - Early finish for Students (1.05 p.m.)

## Deputy Head's Reminder

### Non Sibi Sed Omnibus

On Thursday evening we were delighted to witness the school motto in action as several pupils from across the school slept in the school courtyard to raise money for the our nominated charity for 2021-22: Centrepont, which helps to combat youth homelessness.

It isn't too late to sponsor them and help them to reach the £5,000 target: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/Wilsonssleepout>





# IRIS NEWSLETTER

The IRIS project enables students do original research on a topic of our choice. We then create a poster of our findings and present our research at a conference where students from across the country come together to present their projects.

One of our projects was 'The use of magnetic fields in active shielding on spacecraft'. This project involved both getting experimental data on the deflection of beta particles (ionising radiation) by magnetic fields, as well as theorising how superconducting magnets could be used to deflect ionising radiation on spacecraft. The other project was 'How effectively does the atmosphere absorb radiation'. To do this, we measured the radiation experienced on Earth over a week with solar flares with satellite data to see the effect of the atmosphere in blocking radiation. Both of these projects ran into quite a few setbacks, such as experimental data being lost and equipment not working as intended. Despite this, we all persevered through these challenges and developed as a team and as individuals.

The conference was an eye-opening experience for all of us. Being able to converse with like-minded individuals on topics that ranged from examining DNA to cosmic mining was marvellous. The conference was split into two sections: Presentations and Posters. In the presentation sections, a few schools would speak to everyone present on their project - their aims, their results, their setbacks and conclusions. During the poster sections, people visited our poster and asked us questions about our projects and findings. In addition to this, we also visited other people's posters, and were able to interact with them about their project. As well as this, we were given talks by several renowned professors, including Dr Herik Melin and Tom Welton.

Overall, this not only allowed us to network with similar-minded individuals and acclaimed academics, but it also gave us insight into fields in which we had little-to-no knowledge about previously. In addition, this helped us understand research better, and helped us grow as people.



Pictured above and below: Students at the IRIS conference

# UCL OPEN DAY

## UCL Institute of Immunity and Transplantation Open Day

Twenty students from Year 10 and 12 attended a UCL open day event on Monday 27th June, travelling to the Institute of Immunity & Transplantation in North London, newly opened in 2021. The session began with a welcome nonetheless from Prof Hans Stauss, Professor of Tumour Immunology and Director of the Institute of Immunity & Transplantation. Students were treated to talks on a range of topics given by eminent speakers and experts in their field that provided deeper insight into the workings of the immune system and careers in scientific research. At the end of the session, students had the opportunity to take part in interactive activities that included a pipetting competition, viewing cells under a phase contrast light microscope and a game modelling herd immunity. They were also able to talk to medical students currently completing their intercalated degrees in Infection and Immunity and put questions to Prof Richard Milne who leads the teaching of this course.

### Programme

Dr Anne Pesenacker - Policing our body and how this fails in autoimmunity  
Dr Diana Matei - Be nice to your gut, your immune system will thank you for it!  
Dr Ashleigh Boyd - Stem cells for disease modelling + regenerative medicine  
Professor Emma Morris - Gene editing and gene therapy in immune diseases  
Professor Richard Milne - Introducing BSc Infection and Immunity at UCL

### Poorwa in Y10

We travelled by train and bus and were welcomed with refreshments on arrival before the important lectures. There were five talks in total, ranging from how bacteria in the gut affects autoimmunity to the topic of virology. The lectures were fantastic, given by experts in their areas, and were very relevant to what we are currently learning in Biology. I especially enjoyed the talk on stem cells and how genetic engineering could aid the transplantation of donor organs. Afterwards there were some excellent interactive sessions, which informed us about different aspects from herd immunity to the Royal Free Charity (which anyone from the ages of 16-23 can join!). Personally, my favourite was the table on how to insert catheters and we were shown demonstrations using model by arms nurses working in the NHS. Overall, it was a great day, which definitely widened our understanding of Biology.

### Denushka in Y12

The trip to the UCL Open Day was an amazing opportunity that I thoroughly enjoyed. I really enjoyed learning about the impact of gut permeability on the incidence of autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, as it gave me a new insight into the high quality research that is conducted at UCL. Being able to talk to a 3rd year medical student and a university student doing the UCL Immunity and Transplantation degree was extremely useful, as we could gain more knowledge about the entry process into UCL and the content of the 2 degree choices, learning about the benefits and challenges of the 2 degrees. Our group also took part in some fun challenges such as

Denushka continued

the pipetting challenge, that ignited some friendly competition between us!

### Folaju in Y12

I found the trip to UCL both exciting and engaging. The lectures all offered some new concepts I had not yet come across, allowing me to learn many new things, especially about the role of the immune system and autoimmune diseases. I most enjoyed the series of activities at the event's end, which combined the opportunity to learn even more with accompanied activities and competitions.



Pictured above: Students at UCL



# SPELLING & TRANSLATION BEE SUCCESS!

After a couple of challenging years, we can be proud of our Wilson's boys who performed extremely well in our final Spelling and Translation Bee competitions in French and German!

On Wednesday and Thursday, Year 7 had to spell words in French or German whilst Year 8 students had to translate sentences in the present and in the future tense from English to German or French as fast as possible without making any grammatical errors.

We are delighted to inform you that:

- Haresh (8D) and Sajid (8H) are the 2022 Translation Bee Champions in German and French.
- Pranav (7D) and Rowan (7H) are the 2022 Spelling Bee Champions in German and French.

Congratulations to everyone who entered.



*Pictured above: Pranav and Rowan*



*Pictured above: Haresh and Sajid*

# A REVIEW OF WILSON'S FILM CLUB

After I launched Film Club on 14 October 2020, I didn't really expect the club to grow very much. Several film productions, competitions and publications later we're proud to call it the largest student-led club at the school with around 30 regular members as well as over 100 contributors through the Film Competition and Popcorn Review.

My main intentions in starting the club were to create an outlet for creativity which is something Wilsonians are sometimes (unfairly) perceived as lacking, enrich the school's co-curricular offer and enjoy the art of film-making. As someone with limited experience in film-making, it has allowed me to gain a broader understanding of it. The unwavering enthusiasm shown by club members and their desire to persevere with exciting projects has motivated me.

Some notable films include the comedic "Period One" about the challenges of virtual learning and films from this year's competition including "Not a Fight Club" and "Recursion." A film which I had a personal ambition of making was "elastic" about depression and anxiety. These are topics that I feel very strongly about and the film will be integrated into PSHE lessons over the coming years, in order to improve students' understanding of mental health. There are a handful of productions which have been in the works over the past year which will hopefully see their premieres quite shortly from September. These comprise of a thriller film "Unmei," one about the dangers of gaming "Conscience" and an eerie comedy "Would You Rather."

One key characteristic the club has shown is resilience: a film club in a school is never short of challenges such as the logistical issues behind film-making, scheduling and casting as well as a few cancellations of projects which have seen efforts become diluted. However, we've always bounced back with fresh ideas and found ways to get around the problems, and it's always rewarding in the end. This quality will hopefully enable the future of the club to flourish and grow and I have full confidence in Finlay (Y11), Harvey (Y12) and the rest of the club who will shape the future and continue to carve out the legacy of film at the school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to everyone who's helped me make Film Club what it is today.

Written by Ayush (Y13) – Founder/Head of Film Club

Beyond the principal Film Club itself, we have organised a vast array of events to inspire budding film-makers such as the Film Competition. Starting in 2021, it has been exciting to see the competition grow immensely. By 2022, almost 70 people participated in making films of various genres. Furthermore, for those who are more interested in watching and reviewing films, the 'Popcorn Review' is an annual collection of film reviews which can be found in the 'Publications' section of the school's website. It was not only students that gave their film recommendations, but also staff!

Written by Varakan (Y13) – Deputy Head of Film Club

Organising the club has been no easy feat, with the vast scale of the Film Competition and the Popcorn Review only making these challenges larger. Yet, seeing the entire school community coming together to support one another in their creations (whether it is by watching each other's films during Form Time or coming to the Awards Show and cheering for every participant) makes every struggle worth it.

From staying up late at night for ensuring that scripts are reviewed, to getting to school early in the morning to decorate the JJ Hall, Ayush and I have wholeheartedly invested day and night into Film Club to make it what it is today. I am proud to say that Film Club will continue being as amazing as it has been throughout these past few years.

Written by Varakan (Y13) – Deputy Head of Film Club



*Pictured above: Film making in progress.*



# WELLBEING UPDATE: MENTAL FITNESS

Over the last ten years, Wilson's has ensured that mental health is top of our agenda. We have promoted positive mental health confident that increased awareness will help remove stigma and we encourage everyone to talk about their feelings that bit more. Our community often addresses mental health in assemblies, form times and PHSE. We constantly review how we can improve our pastoral care and our structure of two tutors per form with the addition of more pupil support managers next year is testament to our ever improving approach. The government recognises that the mental health of pupils is a major factor in what they are able to achieve. For our pupils to fulfil their true potential, they must be mentally fit. They must have a strong sense of belonging, strong sense of their identity, have interests and hobbies, and be and feel supported in their challenges. Mental fitness is a state of wellbeing, and striving to make all our pupils mentally fit will mean they are happy, reflective, resilient and successful. We hope to integrate steps within our pastoral curriculum that build their mental fitness which then will enhance their ability to cope with stress and improve their physical health, productivity, relationships, and overall happiness.

Education around mental health issues still play a huge role within this and ensuring pupils understand how to cope when things are not going to plan is all part of them becoming mentally fit and resilient. I heard a superb analogy about mental health recently which sums up the overarching idea of mental fitness very well. Imagine you are in a bike race and you get a puncture. If you don't know what has happened, or how to mend it, then it becomes a huge setback. If you learn how to recognise the problem and learn how to mend it, you are still going to finish the race.

I look forward to keeping you updated next year as we work together as a community towards this vision. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the new Participation and Wellbeing Prefect for 2022-23, Krishna. My name is Krishna, and I'll be serving as the new Participation and Wellbeing Prefect for the upcoming academic year. I hope to build upon all those who have contributed to both these spaces at Wilson's and, inspired by their hard work and creativity, aspire to add some exciting ideas of my own! I will be joined by a team of other enthusiastic Year 13s, comprised of: Daniel, Dennis, Dhiraj, Jamie, Jo and Min. Together we aim to promote the idea of mental fitness, continue battling stigmas and create an environment in which we all feel comfortable addressing our own mental health.



Next year, we look forward to a new wellbeing space that can serve as a recreational, warm and welcoming area. We also plan on expanding the team to include some Year 12s, to create a body of senior students all working towards a common purpose. Finally, amongst other ideas, I'm also striving for better opportunities for younger students to more easily approach older students about concerns.

There are lots of exciting things to look ahead to next year and I hope that we can add to some of the many positive changes!

# PRIDE MONTH

This year we have been celebrating Pride Month in a variety of ways. Around school we have reminded everyone in our community why it is we recognise this awareness month. We strongly believe in promoting equality. It is our primary aim to ensure that everyone feels safe and respected. One of the ways we do this is to celebrate the diverse body that we are, taking an active interest in what makes us different.

One of the focuses this year has been the importance of being 'an ally' to the LGBTQ+ community. And why is it important? Well, being an ally can make those within the community feel safe, supported and respected. It reinforces that they should be proud of who they are despite what others might think. Being an ally also means you should be vocal about your support of the LGBTQ+ community and challenge homophobic and transphobic comments or actions. As well as discussing scenarios within form groups, some pupils have heard from some of our sixth formers in assemblies and Year 8 pupils were invited to enter a poster competition about why it is important to be an ally.

Pride Month has been a great opportunity to celebrate the lives of the people throughout history within LGBTQ+ community. Audre Lorde is a self-described "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet," and her work is known for the power of its call for social and racial justice, as well as its depictions of the LGBTQ+ experience. As she told interviewer Charles H. Rowell in Callaloo: "My sexuality is part and parcel of who I am, and my poetry comes from the intersection of me and my worlds." Aslie Pitter was a British footballer who joined Stonewall F.C., Britain's first and most successful gay football club, in 1991. Having initially played midfield for the Sutton United youth team he quit after coming out as gay and joined Stonewall FC. For his work in combating homophobia, he was given an OBE. We think these are two of many people that Wilson's pupils can look towards for inspiration.

## The London Pride March

On Saturday, Wilson's School Pride Society again joined the London Pride Parade, which this year celebrated its 50th Year. Six pupils, six members of staff and two OWs set off from Hyde Park Corner around midday, making our way down Piccadilly, through Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square, and ending at Whitehall at about 2pm. We waved at the crowds, danced, met some politicians and even saw some more OWs along the way. Although times have changed and society is more accepting of people with a wide array of sexualities and gender identities, life for those in the LGBTQ+ community still presents many challenges. Recent decisions by the Supreme Court in the USA have opened up debate about whether certain laws surrounding gay rights should also be overturned. It really shows how vulnerable LGBTQ+ rights still are. Our Pride Society, which meets every Monday lunchtime, offers a safe, welcoming, and accepting space for all our pupils to come to, whether we discuss the big news or simply sit around and chat. On Saturday the atmosphere of the parade provided a similar space but on a much greater scale.

## The London Pride March

Ewan in Year 11 says 'I found myself waving to a hugely diverse crowd of people in windows, on balconies and in the streets. It was an amazing feeling to wave to so many different kinds of people and see their smiles and waves back! Strangely, even when surrounded by thousands of people, this felt like one of my most comfortable experiences as I was surrounded by so many celebrating people embracing themselves.'

For both Ms Amoako-Williams and Mr Lynch, this was their first time experiencing being part of the Pride Parade. Equalities Lead Ms Amokao-Williams says 'There was a lovely sense of community spirit as we marched that often made me feel like a celebrity (and not in the same way as being spotted in the supermarket by a student on a Sunday morning). I also found it incredibly heart-warming and overwhelming to witness just how many allies of the LGBTQ+ community had come to show their support. I'll be there again next year!'

Mr Lynch adds 'It was an absolute thrill and honour and at times felt very emotional. As streets were lined with thousands of well-wishers and supporters, it was a privilege to see our students cheered on by so many people as we continue to fight for a world where everyone is free to be who they are.' And continue we do!



Pictured above: Ready to march.



# MATHS NEWS

## Puzzle of the Week

Congratulations to all of our students who have competed in the International Maths Puzzle of The Week this year. Overall, Wilson's came 4th in the world and was the best school in England! Eight students competed in every puzzle AND were correct each time (Gauransh, Pahalavan, Siddard, Rohan S, Naman T, Nithilan, Fraser and Spencer). Thank you also to all the parents who participated, two of whom appeared in the top 10! Year 7 was our most successful year group compared to other schools, with Year 10 and 11 being the groups who were consistently correct with their answers.

## Junior Maths Challenge

The maths department would like to congratulate our Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge at the end of April. This year, four Year 8 students (Jamie, Navaj, Bhranav and Abhinav N) equally achieved the Best in School accolade as they achieved a perfect score with no mistakes!

Overall, 250 of our students achieved a gold certificate, 91 silver and 28 bronze which is fabulous. Following on from this, 30 students were invited to compete in the two hour Junior Olympiad after school in June (which is the toughest competition for that age group). Results will be available in September. Around 150 students were invited to take part in the online Junior Kangaroo; 40 of our students achieved a Merit certificate (which ranks them in the top 25% of students in the country), the rest of the students will receive a certificate of participation.

Very well done to all of those involved.

# HOUSE PARKRUN

Last Saturday, I went to my local parkrun at Roundshaw Downs. As it was on the announcements slide, I thought I'd give it a try. It was the first time I had ever run at parkrun. At first, 5 kilometres seemed quite daunting - the longest I had ever ran was 1.5km at school for Sports day, but I never expected parkrun to have a totally different experience.

I was in the starting position, with fellow Wilsonians by my side. I felt ready to tackle the 5 kilometres. And so, I started, beginning with a steady pace and running progressively kilometre by kilometre. After all, it wasn't a race. I was here to improve my fitness, and that was the most important goal to achieve.

But not only that, I learnt how open parkrun is. As I just started my second lap, I talked to a fellow runner. He told me that he was 68 years old and he was cruising through the course. A true inspiration!

Parkrun has helped me realise the importance of fresh air and exercise, especially when it's with a friendly community. I hadn't been to my local park for a long time, and going to parkrun helped me to rejuvenate and relax. So, clearly parkrun, along with improving my physical fitness, has helped me establish a positive mindset and consequently, I would recommend anyone reading this to join their local parkrun.

Article by Pavamaan (9S2).

In total Wilson's had 23 runners and volunteers including students, staff, parents/family, Old Wilsonians and even Pikachu (Sai from Y12, see photo right)! Points awarded to each House were as follows:

Brecon – 45  
Camberwell – 90  
Datchelor – 30  
Greencoat – 120  
Hayes – 30  
Southwark – 60



*Pictured above: Wilson's band of runners*

# SPORTS DAY

We are all looking forward to Sports Day on Friday, 15 July. Please take note of the arrangements below, and particularly the requirement for all pupils to come to school in House Sports Kit.

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

All students stay in house area and in form groups

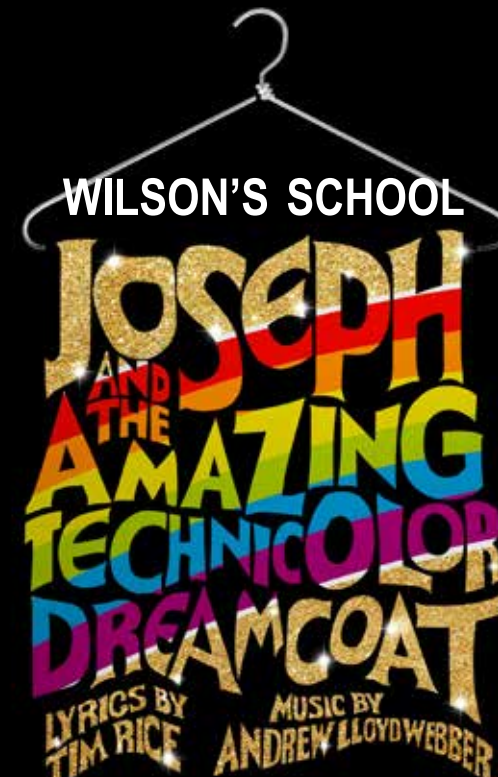
Students dismissed to go home at 12.40.  
**NO LUNCH SERVICE FOR STUDENTS.**

## Kit list:

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

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

An Amateur School production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd



*Pictured above: Pikachu in action.*





# NATIONAL SCHOOLS' CHESS FINAL

Last Thursday, Wilson's chess A team travelled to Stratford upon Avon in order to compete in the English National School Chess finals. As an outgoing Year 13, this was my last chess event for the school. The tournament was a 5 round event with 14 schools participating and each school had a team of 6 for each round. Three rounds were played on Thursday and two rounds were played on Friday. The team consisted of Shivam, Shlok, Denis, Henry, Balahari, Raghav and myself (William), with one of us sitting out each round to make a team of 6.

For the first time, I had the opportunity to play on 'live boards', a type of chess board where the board tracks the moves and relays them so the games can be viewed online in real time. In the first round, we played St Mary's Catholic School and we came out with a strong 5.5 out of 6 score. My game ended rather quickly as my opponent made an early mistake and allowed me to win a piece.

In the second round, we played Nottingham High School and we won 4.5 out of 6. Shivam's opponent in this round was a master level player and as a result, he lost his game.

In the third round, we drew (3 out of 6) against Haberdashers Askes School. In this round, I lost my game after losing a pawn and then allowing an attack on my queenside. Shivam, Shlok and Henry all put in some impressive wins.

In the fourth round, we were paired against St Olave's. I had researched my opponent's games online to see how he played. My opponent, however, played differently than usual and in the end, we ended up drawing. The overall result for the team was also a draw.

In the fifth round, we were paired against RGS Guildford. Early on, Shivam obtained a winning advantage against an FM (Fide Master, a strong titled player), however as the position was complicated and Shivam was down on time, he had to settle for a draw. This round proved tense as we were desperately looking to edge out RGS Guildford for a win. Shlok's game appeared to be heading for a draw, however, he was able to push his passed pawn and create a queen in order to win the game. This meant that we ended up narrowly beating RGS Guildford three and a half out of six.

The final result was that we came joint second. Westminster School won the competition. King's College School came second with us but had a higher tiebreak score so they took the second place trophy. All the games and results can be found at this link: <https://chess24.com/en/watch/live-tournaments/english-schools-final-2022#live>



Article by William (Year 13)

Pictured left : Mrs Higgs, Henry, William and Denis  
Front: Balahari, Raghav, Shivam and Shlok

# SPORTS NEWS

## Team Reports

Two matches for the Wilson's 1st XI last week saw a convincing win against Old Wilsonians and a heavy defeat against Tiffin School.

At Old Wilsonians, Wilson's won the toss and elected to bat. A quick fire 48 from Jackson, 28 from Adam and 19 from Pranav set up a total of 127 off 20 overs. In reply some excellent bowling and fielding restricted Old Wilsonians to 114 for 6 off 20 overs giving Wilson's the victory by 13 runs. Pranav was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 9 off his 4 overs.

Against Tiffin School, Wilson's elected to field in their first 50 over match of the season. Tiffin put together some good partnerships and ended on 271 all out in the 50th over. Pradyumn was the most economical bowler taking 1 for 27 off his 10 overs. Wilson's lost early wickets to the Tiffin opening bowlers and never recovered. Only Pradyumn showed any resistance scoring 33. Wilson's were bowled out for 136.

Tiffin reached 130 for 8 in their match with the Wilson's U15As. A good start from the Tiffin batters but after a good catch from Naman the run rate reduced. Ansh in the middle of the innings took 3 for 12 and Ashutosh took out the lower order. After losing a couple of early wickets Ansh 60 off 33 balls and Abhi assisted with 32 easily passed the Tiffin total in the 15th over.

The U14As put in a strong performance against Tiffin after scoring 146 for 1 in 20 overs. Positive batting from the Wilson's boys eased past the Tiffin total in 17.5 overs and winning by 7 wickets.

U13A Tiffin won the toss and scored 146 for 1 off 20 overs. Wilson's replied with 148 for 2 off 17.5 overs. Excellent running between the wickets and at least a boundary in every over got us above the run rate in the early part of the match. Stand out batter Saisurya 49 from 36 balls helped us past the Tiffin total.

Wilson's U12A batted first against Langley Park and reached 111 for 6 off 20 overs. Tejas 36 from 38 balls and Anshul 37 from 35 balls were the strong performers in the batting. A good bowling performance from all the boys restricted Langley Park to 102 for 3 with Anshul 1 for 8 and Abhay 1 for 15 were the pick of the bowlers.

Against Tiffin the Wilson U12As were outplayed by a strong and talented Tiffin team. Chasing 150 off 25 overs Wilson's could only reach 99 all out giving Tiffin the victory by 51 runs.

An improvement in the fielding of the Wilson's U12Bs helped restrict Langley Park to 74 all out. After a mini collapse from the Wilson's batters the target was reached in 12 overs for the loss of 6 wickets.

## Co-curricular and Sports Links

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## CRICKET RESULTS

**Tuesday 28 June**

**Wilson's vs Old Wilsonians**

1st XI won by 13 runs

**Friday 1 July**

**Wilson's vs Langley Park School**

U12A won by 9 runs  
U12B won by 4 wickets

**Saturday 2 July**

**Wilson's vs Tiffin School**

1st XI lost by 135 runs  
U15A won by 8 wickets  
U14A won by 1 wicket  
U13A won by 7 wickets  
U12A lost by 51 runs



Pictured above : 1st XI Team.



Pictured above : U12B Team

