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WETHERBY SENIOR SCHOOL

6th September 2019

Autumn Term Week 1



Dear Parents,

I hope that all your sons have enjoyed the first week of the Autumn Term at Wetherby Senior as much as the staff and I have enjoyed welcoming them to the school. While the finishing touches were still being made to the building works in the final week of the holidays, staff worked hard to prepare for the start of term. This prompted balancing on the new benches of the science lab to hang posters, searching for the source of the unusual humming sound (an extractor fan) but mainly thinking about how we could further improve the education that we offer the boys. The inset days saw staff focus on techniques to help comprehension and retention with time for them to reflect on how the different departments could integrate what we learnt. These days were also a great introduction to Wetherby Senior School for the new staff and the most commonly heard comment on the Friday was 'I just want to meet the boys and get going'!

We welcomed the new boys on Monday morning and I and the other staff enjoyed meeting them as they got acquainted with the School in the company of our new Prefects or Year 12 boys on their treasure hunt. All seemed to enjoy the day and have quickly settled in to life at the school. We welcomed all the boys back on Tuesday and I enjoyed speaking to every year group about the opportunities and challenges in the year ahead. I have also enjoyed the school being 'full', with boys in every year from Years 7 to 13. The end of this year will feel like the end of phase 1 as we wish our first set of Year 13 leavers well as they move on to universities here and abroad.

The clubs and societies programme begins next week and I hope the boys will make the most of the opportunities available to them. There are 75 activities on offer and I hope the more flexible approach will see the boys participating in a variety of clubs over the course of the week. Friday lunchtime continues to have a scheduled activity slot and as my Classical Greek club has moved, I will be out and about more to see how the boys are getting on!

Amongst all the hustle and bustle of the first week of term, what I have enjoyed the most is feeling that Wetherby atmosphere again – even though we are bigger, the same feeling of collegiality and closeness remains. The School has undergone significant change in the last two years in many different ways but the values of the School have persisted throughout – values that staff and boys last year boiled down to three words: Character, Community and Respect.

I look forward to meeting all the new parents at the drinks reception on Thursday 12th September.

Here's to a good year.

Best wishes, Seth



CALENDAR

Monday 9th:

Football U13 A/B/C/D WSS vs Falcons (H) 14:30

Sixth Form Lecture – Motivational by Alex Hibbert, Francis Holland, Regents Park
15:00

Tuesday 10th:

Football ISFA Cup U13A WSS vs Farringtons School (H) 14:30

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme information evening, Hannah House

Hall 18:30-19.15

Wednesday 11th:

Meet the New Tutor, Hannah House 18:00-19:00

Thursday 12th:

Football U15A WSS vs Ibstock 6's (A) 13:30

Rugby U14A WSS vs St. Paul's (A) 16:30

New Parents' Reception, Hannah House 19:00-20:30

Friday 13th:

Assembly, Hinde Street Methodist Church 15:30-16:00

GCSE PE boys table tennis, Hannah House Hall 16:00-17:00

Football Staff vs Parents rematch, Ealing Trailfinders 18:00

NOTICES

- Supervised prep and after-school activities begin week commencing 9th September.
- Music ensemble rehearsals and individual instrumental lessons begin week commencing 9th September.
- RAT tests for Upper Sixth boys all week
- ALIS baseline testing for Lower Sixth boys all week
- Second Hand Uniform Sale: Friday 20th September 08:00-09:00 Bulstrode Street
- Year 11 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 12th November (Surnames A-K) 17:30-19:30 Hannah House Hall
- Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 14th November (Surnames L-Z) 17:30-19:30 Hannah House Hall



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