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WETHERBY

SENIOR SCHOOL

13th September 2019

Autumn Term Week 2



Dear Parents,

I can't help feeling that we have chosen the wrong week to have the rematch of Staff vs Parents Football at Ealing Trailfinders. As a committed staff v parents netballer I have declined the invitations to play football, fearing that I can only be injured if I decide to play on Friday 13th, but I will be there to support. It was a great occasion last time, I know the parents have been training to avenge their defeat and I look forward to seeing many of you there later this evening.

The boys now feel well settled and there is a happy atmosphere, as ever, in the school. Whilst the boys are getting down to some hard work, there was an opportunity on Thursday for the parents of boys new to the School to come in and meet with staff. Hannah House Hall was full to bursting and I enjoyed meeting so many of you. It was also good to see parents taking the opportunity to meet some of the new tutors who have joined us this year. The relationship between school and home is key to ensuring we are all supporting the boys to achieve their best and the tutor should be your first point of contact if there are things you need to let us know or if you have any questions.

The activities programme started this week; I am grateful to Mrs Skinner for all her hard work and also to you for the kind comments that have come in about the range of activities on offer. As I mentioned in my letter at the end of last year, in order to give boys the chance to be involved during the week, there are optional activities and prep sessions after school each day from 4.15pm. Boys may stay and work under the supervision of a member of staff until 5.15pm; there is no need to sign up for this. If they are not staying to do academic work or are not involved in an activity, they may head home at 4.15pm.

It was also good to address the whole school this week (work in Hinde Street Chapel meant we had to have a separate assembly last week for Year 7 & 8). The strong values that we hold as a school are the theme of my assemblies this term and I started with the importance of kindness, an important value to be reminded of as we welcome new boys to the school.

Finally, please be aware that on 20th September we have the whole school photograph so please ensure your son comes in wearing full school uniform. Conveniently, it is on the same day as the first PTA recycled uniform sale which starts at 8.00am and I am sure that will save a couple of boys who may forget!

I hope you enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing Year 13 parents at the Parents' Evening next Thursday.

Enjoy the weekend,

Best wishes, Seth



CALENDAR

Monday 16th:

Football U13 A/B/C/D WSS vs John Lyon (A) 14:30

Sixth Form Lecture - Resilience & Confidence, Annie Price, Francis Holland, Regents Park 15:00

11+ Prep School Heads Reception, The Marylebone Hotel, 18:30-21:30

Tuesday 17th:

Football U14 B WSS vs Fulham School (H) 14:30

Rugby U15 A WSS vs Harrow School (A) 14.30

Wednesday 18th:

All Pupils Portrait Photos (Gillman & Soame), Hannah House Hall 11:00

Rugby 1st XV WSS vs St. Benedict's Ealing (H) 14:30

Years 10 - Upper Sixth, US Universities Forum, Hannah House Hall 18:00

Thursday 19th:

Football U15 A/B/C WSS vs North Bridge House (A) 14:00

Upper Sixth Parents' Evening, Hannah House 17:30-19:30

Friday 20th:

Whole School Photograph, Manchester Square Gardens 9:30

Trib Assemblies 15:30-16:00

GCSE PE Boys Table Tennis, Hannah House Hall 16:00-17.00

NOTICES

- Recycled Uniform Sale: Friday 20th September 08:00-09:00 Bulstrode Street
- School portrait photographs will be available for parents to purchase via Gillman and Soame. On Wednesday 18th September, all boys in Year 11-13 should come to school in full school uniform and change for games later in the day.
- For the whole school photograph on Friday 20th September, all boys will need to be in full school uniform. Boys in Year 7 & 8 and the Sixth Form will be given time to change before games.
- RAT tests for Lower Sixth boys all week
- MIDYiS baseline testing for Years 7 & 9 boys all week
- New Diary Date - Year 11 Parents' Evening: Tuesday 12th November (Surnames A-K) 17:30-19:30 Hannah House Hall and
- New Diary Date - Year 11 Parents' Evening: Thursday 14th November (Surnames L-Z) 17:30-19:30 Hannah House Hall

MR MONTGOMERY WRITES:

Gold Note Reward System

Gold notes are at the heart of our rewards system as a means to promote and sustain the boys' progress. The gold notes can be awarded by a member of staff to any pupil to reward specific behaviour which leads to excellent progress in a subject or an co-curricular activity. A boy who accumulates gold notes will be considered for the following rewards:

Step 1 - Tutor Commendation

A postcard, designed with the emblem of our Values Wheel, will be sent home by the

boy's tutor.

Step 2 - Headmaster Commendation

Boys will be invited to meet with the Headmaster to discuss their achievement and sign the Headmaster's Commendation Book.

Step 3 - Gold Note Award

Wetherby 'High Flyers' will be celebrated at each end of term assembly, receiving either a certificate or prize.

Step 4 - Governors' Commendation

A select few boys will qualify for this and will be awarded a key stage tie and framed certificate presented by one of the Governors.



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