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WETHERBY

SENIOR SCHOOL

18th October 2019

Autumn Term Week 7



Dear Parents,

I hope the next two weeks will come as a well-earned break for your sons after a busy half term. Following the excitement of the Year 7-9 expeditions, we have had a quieter week, but there have still been plenty of events going on. The boys of Tyburn organised their annual cake sale for Macmillan and I hope that we will see more charity events from the other Tribes in the future. Charity should be at the forefront of the boys' minds after last week's assembly from one of our charities for this year, United World Schools, who told us about the work they have done in Cambodia and the area where the school will be built. Steel Warriors will be in before the end of term to talk to the boys about their work.

Half term has a couple of important events. I wish all those off with the Geography department to the Azores a safe journey and I look forward to hearing about their trip when we reconvene. I also want to wish the 9 boys who have applied to Oxford and Cambridge luck if they have an entrance test in the second week of the holidays. These exams are an important part of the increasingly competitive entrance process, are designed to be hard to prepare for, and will be challenging. I hope I will be able to report back with good news in a few weeks.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the first edition of The Barometer, which Miss Bradley and her editorial team of pupils have worked hard to produce. It was emailed to all parents earlier today.

Enjoy the half term.

Best wishes, Seth

NOTICES:

GCSE and A Level Trial Exams:

We will be setting GCSE and A Level trial exams for both Year 11 and Year 13 on our return from the Christmas holidays. The GCSE trials will run from Tuesday 7th to Friday 17th January inclusive. We intend to schedule our first ever A Level trial exams in the first few days of this period and will confirm details in November.

Barometer:

Our new and re-designed Barometer is now on the school website. Barometer is published every half-term and is led by an editorial team made up of boys from various year groups under the guidance of Miss Bradley, Head of Graphic Design.

Water Bottles:

In a bid to increase our practical commitment to a sustainable environment at School single use plastic cups at water stations have been removed. Please ensure that your son brings a water bottle to school so that he can fill up from the bottle fillers and water coolers.

Wet weather:

Please ensure that the boys have a waterproof coat for rainy days. A small foldable, lightweight umbrella in your son's bag would be a good addition to his school kit.

Mrs Skinner writes:

Thank you to all those who supported Tyburn's annual cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support by buying or bringing in cakes. We raised a total of £350! Thank you to Issac Evans, William Piccione-Neiss and So Hadano for helping to run the cake sale.

Mr Underwood writes:

On Friday 11th October, boys participated in the Maths Challenge. Questions were posed to each team that covered the entire Maths curriculum within their year groups. As a team competition, each boy had two and a half minutes to answer their question before it could be passed to the next member of the team.

Walbrook and Whitestone quickly took control of their respective competitions, working efficiently through the questions and ensuring victory for their Tribes. The results were as follows:

Thames Trophy

Walbrook
Effra
Tyburn
Fleet
Ravensbourne

The Junior Shield

Whitestone
Serpentine



CALENDAR:

Monday 21st - Friday 1st:

Half Term

Wednesday 30th October:

Upper Sixth Oxbridge Admissions Tests (plus some specific courses), Hannah House Hall 9:00

Monday 4th:

Football U13 A/B/C/D WSS vs Ibstock Place (H) 14:15

Sixth Form Lecture - *Drugs and Alcohol Addiction*, Steve Anderson, Francis Holland, Regents Park 15:00

Tuesday 5th:

Year 8 Parents' Evening, Hannah House Hall 17:30-19:30

Wednesday 6th:

Football U16 A WSS vs St James (H) 14:30

Football 3rd XI WSS vs Ibstock Place (H) 14:15

Football 1st XI/2nd XI WSS vs Ibstock Place (A) 14:15

Thursday 7th:

Field Day - Educational Visits and Activities

Friday 8th:

Year 11 Projected Grades

Futsal U13A Tournament at Sevenoaks School 11:00

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

GCSE PE Boys Table Tennis, Hannah House Hall 16:00-17:00



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