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# WETHERBY

## SENIOR SCHOOL

22nd November 2019

Autumn Term Week 10



Dear Parents,

It has been a week of real achievement in the co-curricular programme. Book ended by Year 10 Parents' Evenings, the Upper School Play *Don't Drink The Water* performed at the RADA theatre was a real success. The cast, led by Max Pozzi and Sacha Ross, coped well with the challenge of the farce that required them to perform slapstick routines, deliver jokes and deal with the absurdities of the plot. They performed the piece with aplomb and impressed the audience with their mature performances. Miss Twomey and her team of Mrs Atkinson and Miss Webb have in the last three years given us physical theatre, the atmospheric *Frankenstein* and now farce. I am left wondering where we will be taken next?

One member of the cast, Max Hashem, had a very busy Wednesday. Before travelling to Fitzrovia for the second night, Max, with the 1st XV squad of boys from Year 13 to Year 11, were at Ealing Trailfinders to play Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School in the semi-finals of the Middlesex Plate. The sides were very evenly matched but Wetherby's defensive commitment was the difference between the two sides. In a match that saw the lead change a number of times, a final minute penalty from Pip Evans secured the win for WSS 30-27. It was a fantastic team performance and it was clear from the emotional reactions of the team and staff at the end how much it meant to them to reach the finals of this competition that also included Latymer Upper and St James Enfield earlier in the draw.

The final will be particularly special for the Year 13 boys who will be playing against a team they last played in the early weeks of the School, Isleworth and Syon Boys' School. It was a heavy defeat for WSS but a lot has changed since then and I am looking forward to seeing the boys try and reverse that result next Wednesday. The match kicks off at 1.00pm at [Grasshoppers RFC](#) in Isleworth – the boys, Mr Sullivan and I, would love it if you could come and join us.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Best wishes, Seth

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**NOTICES:**

**GCSE and A Level Trial Exams:**

The January mock GCSE and A Level timetables were distributed to Years 11 and 13 this week and can be found on our Firefly page at:

<https://wetherbysenior.fireflycloud.net/exams/january-mocks>

We hope boys will make use of these timetables to compose meticulous study plans for the remaining 6 weeks.

**Communications with Parents:**

From January 2020, the School plans to change the way it communicates with parents in terms of general letters, notices and bulletins to a year group or year groups in order to improve parental access and to ensure that information reaches home.

In January, the School will move large-distribution communications to the parent dashboards of Firefly as well as improving access to general information on that platform. This means that from January the general email mailings will cease as letters etc. will be posted to Firefly.

Small scale and individual communications will be unaffected by this and will continue by email. Parents should continue to contact the School via email and telephone in the normal way.

**Notice from Leonid Khasis, Year 12:**

On 6th December, I am doing a sponsored silence in aid of United World Schools, one of the charities we support at Wetherby Senior. United World Schools (UWS) works in some of the world's poorest regions to give every child access to free education. They partner with local communities and supporters around the world to teach the unreached.

The link for my JustGiving page is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/Leonid-Khasis?  
utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=Leonid-  
Khasis&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=BAGpXB2dg](https://www.justgiving.com/Leonid-Khasis?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Leonid-Khasis&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=BAGpXB2dg)

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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

for the West London Mission

### *What is the shoebox appeal?*

It has become an annual Christmas tradition for Wetherby Senior School to support West London Mission by providing supplies for many people who spend Christmas on the streets. We need your help once more to provide a shoebox (or other type of box) with some essentials for the homeless.

### *The box could include:*

- Non-perishable food items (tinned food, pasta, rice, oil, long-life milk, tea)
- Socks, hats, gloves and scarves
- Travel Cards – weekly bus passes
- Pay-as-you-go phones with SIM cards, chargers and credit
- Gift vouchers for Sports Direct (for clothes, working boots, hard hats etc.)
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Toiletries (shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant)
- Razors
- Feminine hygiene products

### *What does the West London Mission do?*

The West London Mission assists people without homes to find accommodation and work. Last year, they helped 241 people into housing and over 2,000 clients received individual advice & support. In October, 35 people were helped into accommodation and 6 people into work.

### *How can you help?*

Please bring any items in the list above to your form tutor **before 12<sup>th</sup> December**. On 12<sup>th</sup> December, you will spend the afternoon with your form, wrapping the shoeboxes in a festive way. Some of you will also be helping to deliver the shoeboxes to WLM.

*There will be a competition with prizes, for the Trib that makes the most shoeboxes! If you want to donate your own fully completed shoebox, please take it to your tutor to be counted your Trib total.*

**Thank you, Walbrook**

## CALENDAR:

### Monday 25th:

Sixth Form Lecture - *The Adventures of Nick Ridley*, Nick Ridley, WSS 15:00

### Tuesday 26th:

Autumn Recital, Hannah House Recital Room 18:00-18:30

### Wednesday 27th:

Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV WSS vs Isleworth and Syon Boys' School - Middlesex Plate Final, Grasshoppers RFC, Syon Lane Isleworth TW7 5PN 13:00

Year 11 parents' and boys' talk for current and potential US university applications, Jason Smith UES, Hannah House Hall 18:00

### Thursday 28th:

### Friday 29th:

GCSE Drama trip to see 'Frankenstein' by the National Youth Theatre 14:30

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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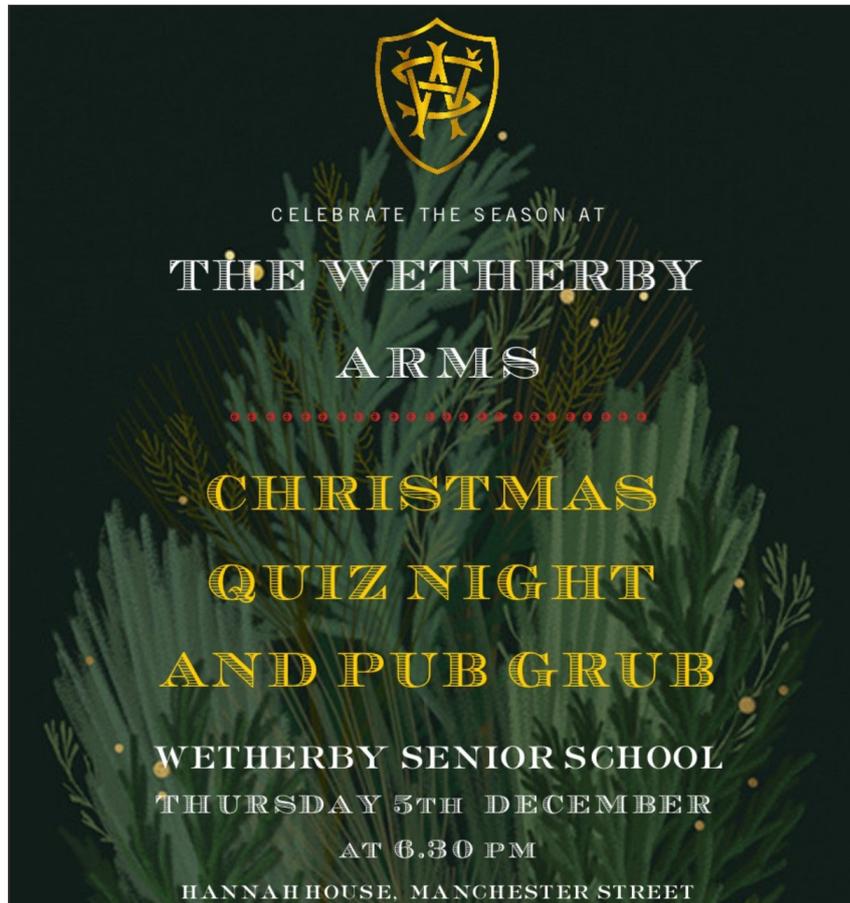
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WSS PTA are delighted to announce the inaugural

**Christmas Quiz Night and Pub Grub**

“The Wetherby Arms”, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm,  
Wetherby Senior School, Hannah House, Manchester Street.

Come for a great night out and take the Wetherby Challenge. Test your knowledge against the Teachers and Prefects! Invitations will be sent to all parents. Tickets are limited and sold on a first come first served basis.



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