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WETHERBY

SENIOR SCHOOL

8th November 2019

Autumn Term Week 8



Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The atmosphere in the school has been very positive this week and I hope the boys all found the Field Day activities stimulating. With visits from Bletchley Park to London Zoo, trips to the Tate Modern and the Museum of Design to Steel Warriors, as well as a performance of Macbeth and time studying at the Institut Français, it was a great day and I am sure photos will be shared with you all in due course. Thank you very much to all the staff who organised the visits and Mrs Skinner for coordinating.

The start of the week saw the arrival of the British Legion poppies in preparation for the School's act of remembrance. I am very grateful to Edward Hoare in Year 9 for taking responsibility for this again. He asked to take this on in Year 7 and this is his third year of organising it.

This week also saw the School's 1st XV make it through to the semi-final of the Middlesex Plate, beating St James School, Ashford 33-7. The semi-final will take place in a couple of weeks and the boys are waiting to hear the result of the match between Twyford CofE School and Cardinal Vaughn Memorial School to see who they will be up against.

As I mentioned before half term, the Oxbridge candidates were in school taking entrance tests over the half term break as well as having a mock interview to prepare them, we hope, for the real thing in mid-December. In the meantime, the boys have been receiving offers from some of the most prestigious universities in the UK. Currently members of Year 13 are holding offers from, among others, Birmingham, Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Warwick, York, Southampton, KCL and UCL. Following one boy's scholarship to Bocconi, the talents of another member of Year 13 have also been recognised. Nelson Tobin, one of our first team of Prefects, has been awarded a Sports

Scholarship to Brunel. Nelson has trained hard both at school and with Ealing Trailfinders and I congratulate him on this achievement.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes, Seth



NOTICES:

Breakfast with the American University, Washington D.C:

Tuesday 13th November at 08.00, all Sixth Form US candidates have been invited already but if any Year 11 boys would like to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Deodat.

MFL Spelling Bee:

The MFL department are excited to launch the MFL Spelling Bee this week to all Year 7 linguists. Students will be getting their word lists shortly, so time to start practising! Round 1 of the competition will take place in the final week of term.

MFL Translation Bee:

The MFL Translation Bee will be launching next week to all Year 8 & 9 linguists (even if you took part last year!). Get ready to translate as many sentences as you can into three different tenses in just one minute! Round 1 of the competition will take place in the first week back after the Christmas break.

UPPER SCHOOL PLAY:

Don't Drink the Water by Woody Allen, Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th November at 7pm

After the sell-out success of *Frankenstein* (all seats sold out in six days) Wetherby Senior is proud to present this year's upper school play- *Don't Drink the Water*. We have moved to a professional theatre at 'The RADA Studio Theatre' (WC1E 7EX) and continue to make our shows even bigger and better.

As we are now performing at an external venue, tickets are not available on Parent Pay, but can be purchased using the following website:

www.rada.ac.uk/whats-on/dont-drink-the-water/

All the cast member have been working every day to make this a fantastic show for you. I look forward to seeing you and your sons that the play.

Miss Twomey

Mr Sullivan writes:

The WSS 'Oddballs' hats have arrived and are available to staff, boys and parents for £12.00. They are excellent quality and perfect for Games/Activities for the boys and fantastic for keeping warm as the weather gets colder! The hats are part of a campaign to raise awareness about testicular cancer.

"The aim of the bobble hats is to get sport and schools teams across the UK wearing our bespoke, personalised bobble hats. We want to get teams talking about testicular cancer and raise awareness, as at the moment it is still a taboo subject and many are uncomfortable talking about it. We are trying to change that and with entire squads and clubs wearing our bobble hats we feel it is a big step in the right direction."

Please email me (james.sullivan@wetherbysenior.co.uk) to purchase your hat.

CALENDAR:

Monday 11th:

Upper Sixth RAT tests all week

Sixth Form Lecture - *Careers*, GAIN, Francis Holland, Regents Park 15:00

Tuesday 12th:

Football U14 A/B WSS vs John Lyon School (A) 14:30

Year 11 Parents' Evening (Surnames A-K), Hannah House Hall 17:30-19.30

Wednesday 13th:

Rugby 1st XV WSS vs Latymer Upper School (H) 14:30

Football 2nd & 3rd XI WSS vs Radnor House (A) 14:30

Thursday 14th:

Rugby U14/15 A WSS vs Eaton Square (H) 14:30

Year 11 Parents' Evening (Surnames L-Z), Hannah House Hall 17:30-19:30

Friday 15th:

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

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

Saturday 16th:

Football ISFA Cup U13 (A) 9:00

Upper School play rehearsal, Drama Studio, 9:30-16:30

WSS PTA are delighted to announce the inaugural

Christmas Quiz Night and Pub Grub

"The Wetherby Arms", Thursday 5th 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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