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# WETHERBY

## SENIOR SCHOOL

15th November 2019

Autumn Term Week 9



Dear Parents,

Last Friday's assembly was our annual act of remembrance for those who lost their lives in conflict, both military personnel and civilian. I am very grateful to Mr Warner who gave the address, providing some historical background and offering the boys ideas on what they could reflect on during the two-minute silence. I am also very grateful to the brass band who accompanied the congregation beautifully.

The Drama department is in a busy period as it prepares for two productions. *Don't Drink The Water* is on Tuesday and Wednesday next week at the RADA Theatre. The new location adds a layer of logistical challenge as the set that has been built in the drama studio for rehearsals will be deconstructed, transported to the theatre for the production, and then dismantled and returned to school after the show. I am very grateful to the facilities team, Mr Waters and Mr Ali, who will be working long hours to ensure everything is ready. Whilst Miss Twomey works to be put the finishing touches to her production, Mr Giles and many members of the academic staff are just beginning rehearsals for the staff pantomime which this year is *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*.

The next few weeks promise to be entertaining with the musical events that are also taking place and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these events over the coming weeks.

Apart from the lights going up around Marylebone, one sign that Christmas is approaching is the Christmas card competition. The number and quality of entries goes up each year and my congratulations this year go to Anthony Sarkisian in Year 9 who won with his atmospheric water colour of Elizabeth Tower seen from Westminster Bridge. If you are looking for a Christmas present, I was very pleased to receive "*The Tactics of Eastern Militant Leaders*" by Nizami Piriev in Year 13. It is available on Amazon and is the result of research into leaders from Attila the Hun to Georgy Zhukov. It has

gone to the top of the pile next to my bed.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes, Seth

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**UPPER SCHOOL PLAY:**

**Don't Drink the Water by Woody Allen, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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 at the play.

Miss Twomey



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**NOTICES:**

**Notice from Mr Lawrence:**

As we are now experiencing wintry weather and boys are wearing coats to school, please can I ask all parents to ensure that the boys have named their coats so that they can easily be identified if they are mislaid? I am aware that some designer-label coats are extremely expensive items of clothing which might suggest that a generic version is the more practical choice for everyday school wear. With lots of similarly-branded coats it is, of course, doubly important that the boys have their name inside.

**Year 9 & 10 Inter-Trib Rugby:**

Due to the boys' Christmas lunch taking place on Thursday 12th December, Year 9 & 10 Inter-Trib rugby will now take place on Tuesday 10th December.

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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](mailto:james.sullivan@wetherbysenior.co.uk)) to purchase your hat.

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#### CALENDAR:

##### Monday 18th:

Lower Sixth RAT tests all week

Football U13 A/B WSS vs Eaton Square (H) 14:30

Sixth Form Lecture - Risk, John Hoskinson, Francis Holland, Regents Park 15:00

Year 10 Parents' Evening (Surnames A-K), Hannah House Hall 17:30-19.30

##### Tuesday 19th:

Upper School Play dress rehearsal - Cast off timetable

Football U14 A WSS vs Eaton Square (H) 14:30

Upper School Play, RADA 19:00-21:30

##### Wednesday 20th:

Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> XV Middlesex Plate Semi Final WSS vs Cardinal Vaughan (H) 14:45pm

Football 1st XI/2nd XI/3rd XI WSS vs Kew House (A) 14:30

Upper School Play, RADA 19:00-21:30

##### Thursday 21st:

Football U15 A/B WSS vs Eaton Square (H) 14:30

Year 10 Parents' Evening (Surnames L-Z), Hannah House Hall 17:30-19:30

##### Friday 22nd:

Trib Assemblies, 15:30-16:00

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

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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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