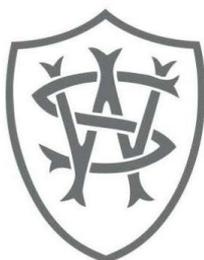


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WETHERBY

SENIOR SCHOOL

29th November 2019

Autumn Term Week 11



Dear Parents,

I set foot in a rugby changing room for the first time in many years to offer my congratulations to the 1st XV following their final against Isleworth & Syon Boys' School. The teams were evenly matched but the opposition took the match and the Middlesex Plate by 15-7. There was something fitting about the game for the Year 13 boys playing their final 15-a-side match for the School. Their first match in Wetherby Colours was against Isleworth and Syon and the points difference was much larger. The boys have come a long way since that first game and the team that includes Year 11 as well as Sixth Formers, has had successes against a number of much larger schools. I walked into the Classics room yesterday to find the Year 11 already planning the team for next year's competition. The boys were, of course, disappointed but they beat larger, more established schools on their way to the final. Their heads did not go down, they continued to support each other to the final whistle and I was incredibly proud of them.

This week saw the return of Great Men who worked with Years 9 & 10 on Monday. The facilitators leading the session challenged the boys' preconceptions and biases in a very engaging way. It was encouraging, and on a few moments, enlightening to hear the boys share their opinions and experiences. The partnership has been a valuable one in recent years and we are now working with Great Men to improve our PSHE programme and make it something that tackles the challenges young men face today. Understanding and acceptance of difference are important values at the school and we are always looking for new ways to reinforce these messages with the boys.

University offers continue to come in through UCAS and we are pleased that we have had our first offer from a US university. The US works on a slightly different time line so will have more news in due course but Jack Connolly, A Level results pending, will be heading to Wake Forest next year.

No matter how much I try to act like Scrooge, Christmas creeps into the School around this time each year. The Christmas trees have been decorated this afternoon, the shoe

box campaign, a WSS tradition, to support West London Mission is underway (see details below), and in the final week we have the Christmas Concert, the Trib Christmas lunches and the ever popular Staff Panto, 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' this year, will be on the Thursday afternoon. More details to follow.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes, Seth



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 12th December**. On 12th 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 2nd:

Football U13 A/B WSS vs Kew House (H) 14:30

Sixth Form Lecture - *Migration* (Migration Museum Project), Francis Holland

Regents Park 15:00

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

Tuesday 3rd:

Wednesday 4th:

Football 1st XI & 2nd XI WSS vs Dulwich College (H) 14:30

Rugby U16 A WSS vs Harrodian (A) 14:30

Rugby 1st XV WSS vs Harrodian (A) 14:30

Thursday 5th:

Year 11 & 13 Art & Graphic Design Mock Exam

Rugby U15 A WSS vs Harrodian (A) 14:30

Football U14 A/B WSS vs Kew House (A) 14:30

Football U15 A/B WSS vs John Lyon (H) 14:30

Friday 6th:

Year 11 and 13 Art & Graphic Design Mock Exam

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

Saturday 7th:

Rugby 1st XV CALM Cup Final

WSS Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 12th December

Donations to be collected by Whitestone during tutor time



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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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