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# WETHERBY

## SENIOR SCHOOL

6th December 2019

Autumn Term Week 12



Dear Parents,

About half way through the quiz last night, I wondered if I would be writing to you today slightly shamefaced that not all had gone well for the staff team in the PTA's pub quiz. A poor showing in the general knowledge round cost us dearly, but we rallied on music and sport and, although we did not win (congratulations to the first holders of the trophy - the 'Not the Staff' team) we performed well as did the table of Prefects who were the most vocal when they got questions right. It was a fantastic evening organised by the PTA Committee and their team of volunteers that, through the auction, raffle and prize tree, has raised a considerable sum of money for the School's charities. There is some counting to be done today and I will share the total with you in a future newsletter.

After the flurry of activity in the last couple of weeks, and with inter-Trib sport and the upcoming Christmas Concert, this has been a quieter week. There was the excitement of the inter-Trib Science Quiz on Friday afternoon last week, with Mr Pimlott as the question master, a range of scientific knowledge was tested, including a round on 'Beards'. Walbrook were the eventual winners.

Yesterday, the Brass Band visited The Gower School. The boys enjoyed the opportunity to perform and I have heard from the Headmistress that the boys were, as always, great ambassadors for the School. She commented that "they played a great range of music, which our children and staff loved, and clearly are working very hard to develop their brass playing and musicianship. Your percussionists were super too, and they really helped to keep the music together...they were all charming and it really was a successful event". All of which bodes well for the concert next week and I hope you will be able to join us.

Finally, can I ask for your support in the run up to the end of term with the charitable events that are taking place? West London Mission are collecting Christmas boxes to give the homeless people they help, including some of the everyday, but important



things that they need (more info below). There is the Christmas jumper day for the boys on Thursday (if your son doesn't own a Christmas jumper, Tom Staff in Year 10 has bought a stock to sell to raise money) and also, tickets have gone on sale for the Staff Panto at the cost of £6, all proceeds to the School's chosen charities. Given the popularity of this in past years, they may already be sold out by the time you read this.

Enjoy the weekend,

Best wishes, Seth

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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***

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#### CALENDAR:

**No prep, after school activities or lunchtime clubs this week**

#### Monday 9th:

Inter Trib Football Years 7 & 8, WSS Sports Grounds 14:00  
Sixth Form Boys - Intergenerational Tea Party, WSS 15:00-16:00

#### Tuesday 10th:

Christmas Concert Rehearsals, Hinde Street Methodist Church  
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Wednesday 11th:

Inter Trib Rugby Years 11-13, WSS Sports Grounds 14:00

Thursday 12th:

Trib Christmas Lunches, Hannah House Dining Hall 12:30-14:00

Friday 13th:

Final Assembly, Hinde Street Methodist Church 12:00-12:45

End of Term 13:00

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## WSS Christmas Jumper Day

£2      £2



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

*Donations to be collected by Whitestone during tutor time*



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Designed by Alexei Miraschnichenko (8 Whitestone)

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**NOTICES:**

**Intergenerational Tea Party:**

Intergenerational Tea Party on Monday: 15:30-16:30 in the Sixth Form Dining Room, 100 Marylebone Lane.

If you have an elderly friend or relative, please bring them too! RSVP to [gillian.mendes@wetherbysenior.co.uk](mailto:gillian.mendes@wetherbysenior.co.uk)

**Young Enterprise Tuck Shop and Hat Sale:**

Young Enterprise Tuck Shop and Hat Sale will take place on Tuesday 10th December from 13:30-14:00 in Hannah House Hall. They will be selling packaged sweets (e.g Haribos) and soft drinks as well as their Young Enterprise beanie hats (£12 each, which come in black and white).

Cash only please!

**Arrangements for the last week of term:**

A reminder that there are no after school activities or voluntary after-school prep sessions (timetabled prep lessons for boys in Years 7-9 will take place as normal) next week. Changes to the timetable on Thursday mean that there is no afternoon games session for Years 9 and 10 so all boys should be in full school uniform not sports kit. The Trib charity fund-raising event finishes at 15:00 on Thursday so boys will be free to depart at that point unless they are watching the staff pantomime (which will finish at around 16:00).

On Friday morning all boys should be dressed in full school uniform. Term ends at around 12:30 following final assembly and the distribution of term prizes.



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