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# WETHERBY

## SENIOR SCHOOL

24th January 2020

Spring Term Week 3



Dear Parents,

Miss Eaves has recently launched the Great Men lecture series for boys in all year groups in the School. The programme will give the boys the chance to meet young men who have been successful in a variety of careers. The first lecture, with Ollie Rosenblatt, founder of Senbla, concert promoters and producers, will be on 14<sup>th</sup> February. These talks will be a great opportunity to hear from young men who have chosen different routes after leaving school. This broadening of horizons is important as a recent report published by the OECD based on research involving 15 year olds from 41 countries, shows that, in spite of the new career opportunities that technology is opening up, around half the world's children are interested in pursuing just ten of the most common careers. I have not had time to digest the whole report (which can be found [here](#) if you wish to read it) but I was struck by a couple of references to research in the early pages. The first that involvement in careers talks resulted in significantly better earnings at age 26, the second that part-time work as a teenager had a positive impact on their future: 30 year olds who had had a part-time job are more likely to say they were in a job they were happy in as an adult. Stints picking tomatoes, working on a pig farm, moving boxes in a warehouse, serving drinks in a hotel and the worst (as a university student) working in a call centre, taught me a great deal about the world of work as well as giving me independence and resilience.

As you may have seen on Twitter this week, I was delighted to be invited to accompany three members of Year 9 to Islington Town Hall. These pupils have led the sale of poppies for the British Legion at the School through the last three years and, even though we are not in Islington, a personal link with one of the boys in that borough meant Wetherby was one of the top five fundraising schools. It was a pleasure to meet the mayor and I enjoyed the boys' achievement being recognised. The boys are increasingly taking more responsibility for fund raising in the school but this was, in my time anyway, the first charity fundraising effort driven entirely by the pupils. I was

impressed with the answers they gave when asked by the mayor why they had chosen to get involved – for one it was the personal link and the importance of remembrance, for another the connection he felt as a Navy cadet to servicemen and women of the past and for the third boy, he got involved to support a friend but now felt a sense of duty to continue supporting the charity. I was very proud of them all.

Finally, the School has moved over to Firefly for its communication with parents. As such, the information that you need will be stored there so you can refer to it more easily. If you have not logged on to Firefly please do so – there is a wealth of information there about your son, including their work, revision materials and rewards they have received.

Next week sees the first parents' evening of the term, for the Year 13, so that mock results can be discussed and targets set. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes, Seth

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## NOTICES:

### **Year 9 Debating Team Trials**

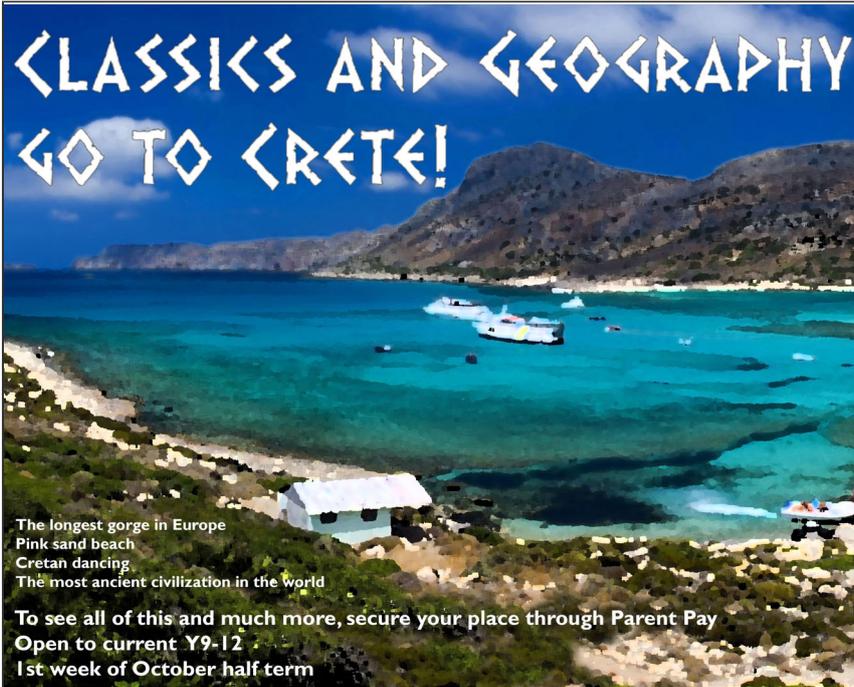
Year 9 boys interested in taking part in the debating team trials are to meet in Mr Gordon's room, H44, on Monday 27th January at 13.45.

### **Fencing Club, Summer Term**

Please contact Mrs Skinner ([hannah.skinner@wetherbysenior.co.uk](mailto:hannah.skinner@wetherbysenior.co.uk)) if you son is interested in joining Fencing Club, starting in the Summer Term on Fridays from 16:00-18:00. The club will be open to all year groups and all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced fencers.

### **Classics & Geography trip to Crete**

The Classics and Geography departments are running a trip to Crete next October half term for boys in Years 9-12. A limited number of places are still available. Please secure your place through Parent Pay.



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## CALENDAR:

### Monday 27th:

Sixth Form Lecture: The Dangers of Driving - David Walsh, Francis Holland

Regents Park 15:30-16:30

Parents' Information Evening: Canada Ski Trip, Hannah House Hall 17:00-18:00

### Tuesday 28th:

Football U15 B WSS vs Fulham School (A) 14:30

Football U14 A WSS vs Fulham School (A) 14:30

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

### Wednesday 29th:

Football 3rd & 4th XI WSS vs Highgate (A) 14:30

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

### Thursday 30th:

Football U14A & B WSS vs Thorpe House (H) 14:30

Rugby U14A & U15A WSS vs Kew House (H) 14:30

### Friday 31st:

Inter-Trib Geography Competition, Hannah House Hall 13:30-14:00

MUN Conference, Manchester High School for Girls 14:00

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

GCSE PE Boys Table Tennis, Hannah House Hall 16:00-17:00

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## Wetherby Senior School Great Men Lecture Series

Open to all year groups – sign up via your tutor.

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Who:** Ollie Rosenblatt, founder of Senbla

Ollie Rosenblatt founded Senbla in 2011 at the age of 23. He has built up his business from the ground up through immense passion and hard work and is now one of the leading promoters in the UK. He promotes artists such as Michael Bubl , Diana Ross, Ennio Morricone and many others. Senbla works across various genres of music and styles of entertainment both nationally and internationally.

**Time:** 14.15 – 15.15

**Venue:** Hannah House Hall



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