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# WETHERBY

## SENIOR SCHOOL

7th February 2020

Spring Term Week 5



Dear Parents,

There have been a couple of moments this week that have made me really proud of our boys. Earlier in the week, a session led by some of the newly trained Sixth Form mentors was interrupted by an unexpected fire alarm. Once it was all over the group of Year 7 & 8s returned to the room, as did the mentors, and continued the session. The staff that dropped into this session were impressed not only that all the boys returned, a testament to how much all were enjoying the conversation, but that the quality of relationships across the different year groups was so strong. The Year 7 & 8 wanted to know about the challenges of life further up the school and asked a lot of questions. The Year 12 gave honest, open answers about how they had overcome these challenges. This is a great initiative that has been overseen by Miss Leonello and Miss Mendes and I am looking forward to seeing how it will grow. The Year 12s involved have received valuable training that will be of use throughout their life and recent research suggests that these sorts of programmes have considerable benefits for all the pupils involved.

The second was bumping into three members of Year 13 recently returned from a football match at UCS. None of them were usual members of the team and had stepped up to replace injured or absent members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI to ensure that they game went ahead. Despite their efforts, the match did not go our way, but the fact that they had been prepared at short notice to get involved, support the school and the other boys, was very pleasing and in line with so many of the school's values. The conversation with the three of them was one of the highlights of my week – their good humoured response to being considerably outgunned, their willingness to see the funny side and the strength of their relationship, was great to be a part of for a brief moment. There is much about this year group that will be missed.

Three events to bring to your attention next week. The Live Lounge concert on Monday evening will showcase the talents of the boys who play guitar, bass and drums among other instruments and is always a good evening – surely it can't be long before we have

our first WSS rock band. There is the GCSE options evening on Thursday when Mrs Bainbridge will explain more about what is on offer and there will be an opportunity to discuss with the Heads of Department and other senior staff. Finally on Friday, the first of our Great Men lectures will be taking place. Boys will attend from every tutor group and then feedback to their tutor group about the lessons learnt from the talk – a great way of reinforcing the messages and ensuring all boys in the school benefit.

As half term approaches, if you are travelling please can you refer to the letter which I sent out this week regarding the coronavirus (it can be accessed through Firefly [here](#)).

Enjoy the weekend

Best wishes, Seth

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#### CALENDAR:

##### Monday 10th:

Sixth Form Lecture: Colin Stuart - *How will we live on Mars*, Francis Holland  
Regents Park 15:30-16:30  
Live Lounge, Recital Hall, Hannah House 18:00-18:30

##### Tuesday 11th:

Football U15A WSS vs Kingston Grammar (H) 14:30

##### Wednesday 12th:

Football 1st, 2nd & 3rd XI WSS vs Kingston Grammar (A) 14:30  
Rugby U16A WSS vs Box Hill School (H) 14:45  
Optional Theatre Trip to see 'Touching the Void' 19:30

##### Thursday 13th:

Football U14A WSS vs Kingston Grammar (H) 14:30  
Rugby U14/U15 WSS vs Ibstock Place (H) 14:30  
Year 9 GCSE Options Evening, Hannah House 18:00-19:00  
Years 10-13 Classics Theatre Trip to Aristophanes' 'The Frogs', Bloomsbury Theatre 18:30

##### Friday 14th:

Inter-Trib History Competition, Hannah House Hall 13:30-14:30  
Assembly, Hinde Street Methodist Church 15:15-16:00  
GCSE PE Boys Table Tennis, Hannah House Hall 16:00-17:00  
Ski Trip to Canada (Returning Saturday 22nd February)

**Half-Term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February**

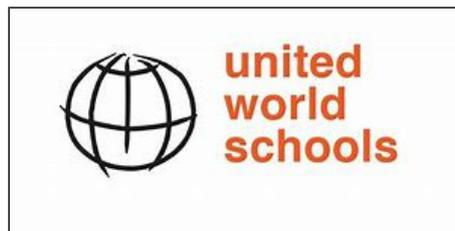


**Update from the UWS Taboung Kla School, Cambodia**

United World Schools (UWS) is one of the charities chosen by Wetherby Senior's school council to support over the next two years. UWS is dedicated to improving the lives of some of the world's poorest children through education. It works in some of the most deprived and remote communities to give every child access to free education by building schools, training teachers and improving hygiene. Along with Wetherby Prep, our aim is to raise enough money to build and resource a new school that will transform the lives of many children.

The construction of this school, the UWS Taboung Kla School, is due to be completed any day now and aims to have students in the classrooms as soon as possible. With members of the community previously educating their children in a derelict building without furniture or resources, the opening of the UWS school will allow children to learn in a safe place. The local community is very excited about this prospect and it is estimated that at least 85 children will attend the school.

Over the next few months, community and government teachers at UWS Taboung Kla School will be working hard to ensure that students at the school are brought up to speed and learn as much as possible before the school holidays begin in April, whilst at the same time ensuring that they have a chance to enjoy the good weather. With this in mind, students will be spending much of their time outside enjoying the playground, playing sports such as volleyball (the most popular sport in Cambodia!), football and games such as skipping and hopscotch.



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#### SAFE STREETS:

We are in regular contact with the Metropolitan Police Service as well as the Baker Street Quarter safe streets security team and Howard de Walden security to ensure the safety of boys in the local area. Unfortunately some money was taken from a Year 9 boy at Bond Street Tube Station this week. Our MPS Dedicated Ward Officer, PC Miller, has asked us to disseminate their advice for your consideration to help discuss safer journeys with your son.

- Do not have your phone out
  - Do not listen to music/wear headphones or air pods
  - Keep alert at all times
  - Travel in small groups where possible
  - Keep to well-known, well-lit and popular areas
  - Have an agreed plan with your parents should public transport not be working
  - In winter, wear a dark coat zipped up to make your school uniform less obvious
  - Do not wear ostentatious/branded jewellery or clothes
  - If approached and asked for your phone/money etc, hand it over – DO NOT argue – material possessions are not worth being hurt (or worse) for
  - Be especially vigilant around tube & rail stations & bus stops
  - Always report incidents to the Police or TFL staff
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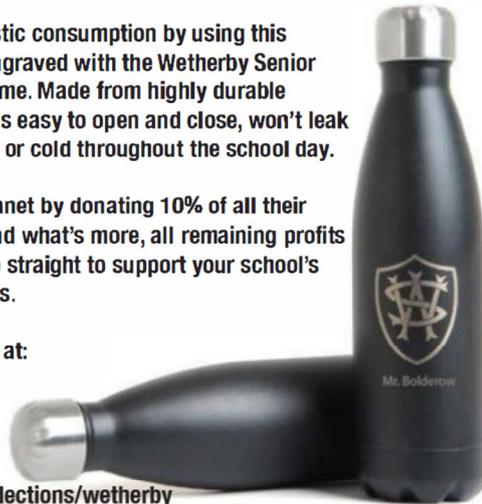
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## SPRING TERM WEEK 6 MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausage tomato and olive penne pasta	Pork and chorizo Stir fry	Roast Chicken roast gravy	Beef, celeriac and horseradish casserole	Hot Dog with fried onions
Courgette herb lemon and parmesan Fusilli pasta	Cheesy pepper carrot and potato "Sausage" roll	Crispy potato and halloumi cheese bake	Ratatouille and nacho bake	Quorn Dog with fried onions
Garlic bread Tomato red onion salad Broccoli	Creamy polenta Onion rings Steamed kale	Fondant potatoes Garden peas Roast parsnips	Cheesy mash potatoes Braised red cabbage Baby carrots	String fries Mexican corn Provencale tomatoes
Butterscotch meringue crunch	Chocolate Mousse	Cheesecake	Lemon tart	Chocolate orange rice pudding

Soup of the day, Fresh baked bread, Salad bar  
Meat Cheese and Fruit platters




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