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# WETHERBY

## SENIOR SCHOOL

13th March 2020

Spring Term Week 9



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your messages this week about the approach we are taking to the coronavirus. The boys have taken on board the messages they have been given about hand washing and are making good use of the gel which is positioned around the school. It was good news that the three boys who were tested came back all clear and in a small number of cases parents are heeding the government's advice and taking precautionary steps if they are concerned. As we have done throughout this challenging time, we will follow closely the advice of the DfE and Public Health England whilst trying to maintain the continuity of the boys' learning at this important stage of the academic year.

If you have any concerns please check the NHS website for advice in the first instance (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>) and call NHS 111. The latest advice from the Government is that anyone who develops a new and persistent cough or a fever should self-isolate for 7 days; please do follow this advice if your son develops symptoms. I know from talking to several parents that there are families with vulnerable individuals at home so please take that into account. If your son is unable to attend school, please contact us as you would for any other illness or medical absence. Unless you have reason to self-isolate, we encourage all parents to continue to send their sons to school.

If the School closes, we have contingency plans in place to support the boys whilst they are at home; please see my letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 which is available on Firefly. So that we are ready should the decision be taken, please can I ask that you and your son ensure the following things are in place:

- access to an internet connected laptop or desktop computer;

- that your son has access to online textbooks (where available) and other online resources departments may have in place (e.g. Hegarty Maths);
- that your son is able to connect to his school email, the school's Firefly system and his school Office365 account (particularly Microsoft Teams), and be comfortable using these systems.

I appreciate that the current uncertainty is causing concern but we will continue to support your son throughout this period. This 'distance learning' will be new for all of us and I am grateful to you, in advance, for helping us to maintain the boys' academic development in the event the School closes.

In spite of all that is going on, it remains a busy time of year for the School. As a precursor to the Brass Bash with Queen's College London, the Spring recital this week was a treat. A series of masterfully played piano pieces including Bach, Chopin and Mendelssohn, was capped by William Piccione Neiss clarinet piece, Goatley's *Summer at Bryanston*, and Stuart Hay playing Elgar's *Salut d'Amour* on the violin. Both the Year 11 boys were performing their GCSE pieces and it has been a pleasure to follow their development as musicians and performers as they have played regularly in assemblies and concerts. I hope the younger boys playing on Tuesday evening will follow in their footsteps. Particular congratulations go to William who successfully auditioned for the London Youth Wind Band and will be playing in Belgium with them in the summer.

The coming week is a busy one. As well as the Brass Bash, there is also Field Day which includes the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions for Bronze and Silver, and there are Model United Nations conferences, one at Haileybury, the other at Haberdashers Askes, for the next two weekends. These all represent fantastic opportunities for the boys, require a great deal of hard work and commitment, and it is my hope that the current situation will not prevent the boys taking part in them. Again, we will follow closely the advice of the government around gatherings and adjust our plans accordingly.

Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes, Seth

#### CALENDAR:

##### Monday 16th:

Sixth Form Lecture: Josh Rasera, Imperial College, *Lunar Mining & Space Resource Exploration*, Francis Holland Regent's Park 15:30-16:30

##### Tuesday 17th:

U15 A/B WSS vs City of London (A) 15:00  
Brass Bash, Hannah House Hall 18:00-18:45

##### Wednesday 18th:

Football 1st, 2nd & 3rd XI WSS vs Mill Hill (H) 14:30

##### Thursday 19th:

Football U15A/B WSS vs Highgate (A) 14:30  
Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition (returns Saturday 21st March)

##### Friday 20th:

Field Day  
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition (returns Saturday 21st March)  
MUN Conference (until 22nd March), Haileybury School 14:30

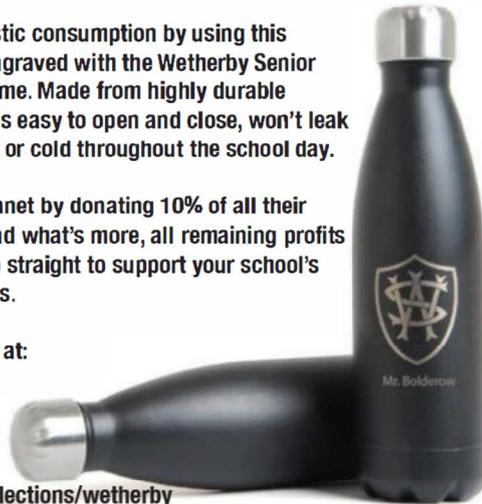
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**SPRING TERM WEEK 10 MENU**

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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