

# THE WETHERBUZZ





Week 2 Wetherbuzz Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday Clubs
<b>INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS, CLUBS AND HOMEWORK CLUB BEGIN</b> <b>CATS TESTING ALL WEEK – WHOLE SCHOOL</b> Staff Meeting – 8am Games for <b>Years 3 and 4</b> – 9-11:30am Games for <b>Years 5 and 6</b> – 1:30-4pm U11 A-D vs. Arnold House (A) – 2:30pm U11 Franchise Football, Round 1 – 2:15pm Chamber Choir – 4-5pm	Creative Writing (Years 3-5) – 4-5pm Debating – 4-5pm English Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm Development Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Hannah House Rock Climbing – 4-5pm Rugby (Year 6) – 4-5pm Rugby Skills (Year 7&8) – 4-5pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday Clubs
Wetherby Choir – 8-9am (Upper School Choir) Swimming for <b>Year 5</b> – 9-11am Games for <b>Year 7 and 8</b> – 9-11:00am Games for <b>Years 3 and 4</b> – 1:30-4pm U9 A-D vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm U9 Franchise Football, Round 1 – 2:15pm	Running – 7:45-8:20am Chess – 4-5pm Creative Writing (Years 6-8) – 4-5pm Beginners Fencing – 4-5pm @ Bryanston Square General Musicianship – 4-5pm Music Scholars – 4-5pm Photography – 4-5pm Swimming Development Dolphins – 4:15-5:pm and 5:45pm – CANCELLED Table Tennis – 5-6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday Clubs
Opro Mouthguard Fitting Year 7 Rowing at Putney – 8am – CANCELLED Swimming for <b>Year 3</b> – 9-11am Swimming for <b>Year 4</b> – 10-12pm Physical Education for <b>Year 7</b> – 9-10:30am Games for <b>Year 7 and 8</b> – 1:30-4pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm U12 A vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:15pm Senior Franchise Football, Round 1 – 2:30pm Lower Squad Swim Trials – 4:15-5:30pm (Pick up from Seymour Leisure Centre at 5:45pm) Wetherby Voices (Lower School Choir) – 4-5pm Mr Baker to Latymer School – evening	Elite Chess – 8-9am Arts and Crafts – 4-5pm Classical Greek Civilization – 4-5pm D&T/ Engineering – 4-5pm Lower Code – 4-5pm Fencing – 5-6pm @ Bryanston Square Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday Clubs
Opro Mouthguard Fitting Year 8 Rowing at Putney – 8am – CANCELLED Physical Education for <b>Year 8</b> – 9-10:30am Games for <b>Years 5 and 6</b> – 1:30-4pm U10 A-D vs. The Falcons (A) – 2:30pm U10 Football Franchise, Round 1 – 2:15pm Upper Squad Swim Trials – 4:30-5:30pm (Pick up from Porchester at 5:30pm) School Management Meeting – 4:30pm Mr Baker and Miss Hart to Westminster School for Prep School Heads' Dinner – evening	Upper Code Club – 4-5pm Elite Fencing – 4:15-6:15pm @ Hannah House General Knowledge Quiz Club – 4-5pm Lego Building – 4-5pm Maths Revision – 4-5pm Music Ensemble – 4-5pm Rugby Skills – 3:15-4pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday Clubs
Staff Meeting – 8am Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am 1 <sup>st</sup> XI vs. Kingston Grammar (H) – ISFA Cup – 2:30pm Golf Match vs. Caldicott, Duke Meadows – TBC	Whole School Clubs – 2:30-4pm <b>No Homework Club – school closes at 4:30pm</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	
U11 A Royal Russell Football Tournament – all day	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	
U10 A Westminster Football Tournament – meet 10am @Vincent Sq.	

## From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

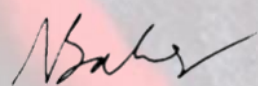
First few days back and it already feels as if we've been here several weeks. Boys returning to Wetherby have settled back into the routine and our new boys (all 87 of them) already seem at one with their new surroundings. It's the same in my household. Joseph has gone back to his current school into Year 5 and Patrick has started in Year 7 at his new school. He is a fairly relaxed kind of lad but even he asked if I would take him on his first day on Wednesday and then, even though the first day went well, he still asked if I could take him yesterday as well. Of course I could and it is a good reminder for us all that even fairly relaxed, easy going boys, like my own, still need reassurances and are ultimately very sensitive to any sort of change. His new Headteacher wrote an excellent letter to all new parents on Wednesday night and one particular point really resonated with me. I think is worth bearing in mind for all parents of boys and girls starting a new school or new year, whatever their age. Headteacher Annmarie McNaney wrote:

"May I also warn you, if that is the right word, that it is not by any means unusual for there to be tears at some point during the first week or so. Many children take the transition to secondary school in their stride but it is a rite of passage and there is a good deal of change for them to deal with, added to the anxiety some feel about getting lost or getting told off, etc."

I agree completely. This is a message certainly worth bearing in mind for your boys and even yourselves. I have to admit I was more than a little emotional as I drove off, having dropped Patrick off for his first day on Wednesday morning. Starting school can be a nervous time and youngsters can do things completely out of character. I remember, on my first day at secondary school, getting to the lunch servery with what must have been over a hundred boys queuing behind me and I panicked with what was on offer in front of me. I chose a baked potato, sautéed potatoes and chips - I do like all those things - but when I got to the cashier she asked, "Are you sure you just want three different types of potatoes, love?" Silly Nicky Baker...

Apart from early nerves, all boys, parents and staff, existing and new, will fall very quickly into the homely and supportive atmosphere of Wetherby Prep; it's a lovely School to be a part of.

Have a good weekend...



### Picking up and Dropping Off

You will have seen in my note last week the great news regarding the next-door building. Even though planning permission has been agreed, we still need to adhere to our commitment to being good neighbours. It is essential that you follow these arrangements for dropping off and picking up:

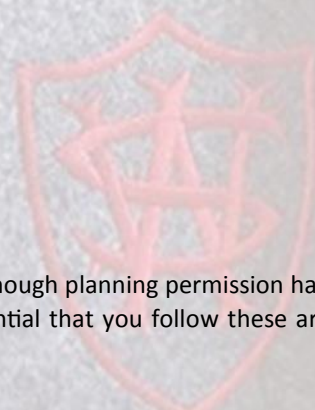
- Please feel free to enter the school! Do not gather at the foot of the steps to the front door, as this can force boys and members of the public to step into the road.
- Do not double-park on Bryanston Square or contravene normal rules of the road – parking on zebra crossings, double yellow lines etc.
- Do not park on George Street, alongside the school, or at the bottom of Bryanston Square. We need this space for our own buses.
- Always be polite and courteous to local residents.

Thank you.

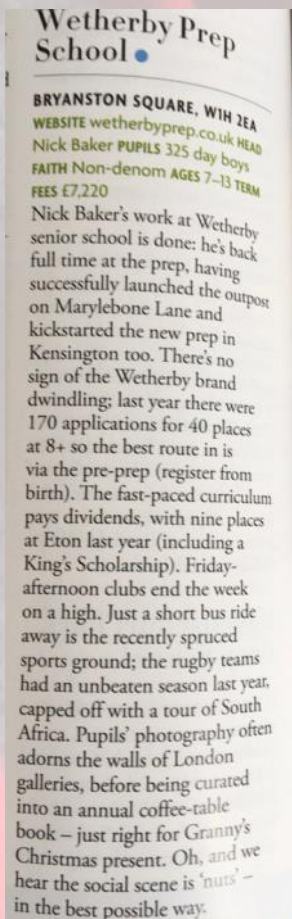


### Weekly Features

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### Tatler

It seems a long time ago now but the trophy that signifies our achievement of winning Tatler Magazine's 'Prep School of the Year' in 2012 still sits proudly in our entrance hall. We have made the Guide every year since and Tatler's writers and researchers are big fans of our School and always have a great way with words. I love this year's write up – sums our School up completely...

### School Fee 'scam'

We were contacted this week by Barclays Bank who explained that there is scam going round London whereby parents are receiving emails purporting to be from schools such as ours, telling them that the bank details have changed and that you should now pay fees or any other payments into a different account. Just so you are aware, the only person that can tell you this information is Yolanda Noval and our details have not changed. If you do, or have, received such an email, please contact me.



### Wetherby Pembrokeshire New York

News and pictures reached us this week from Kate Bailey at our School in New York. The refurbishment work is complete and the School looks fantastic, ready to admit over 30 boys and girls on Monday. Kate has assembled a superb team to launch the School and I am sure it will be a resounding success. If you are visiting New York, please do drop in and say hello to Kate and the team there. They are situated on 7 East 96 between 5th and Madison - just east of Central Park.







### Staff News

We were very pleased to welcome four new Wetherby babies over the summer break. Congratulations to Mrs King on the safe arrival of her baby boy Willoughby Samuel, born two weeks ago; Mrs Trevitt for Alexandria Grace at the end of July and Mrs Bassett for the petite Fleur! Congratulations also go to Mrs Noval who became a grandmother last week, welcome Sofia!



Sofia Maria Piovano Fragoso



Alexandria Grace Trevitt



Fleur Bassett



Willoughby Samuel King



New Staff 2017-18



Mrs Shanley, English/Year 5 Tutor



Mr Van Greunsven, Geography



Miss Aitken, Year 4 i.c Hannah House



Mr Lock, Head of RS / Year 6 tutor



Mrs Le Clanche, French/Maths/Year 4 Tutor



Mr Reid, Director of Sport



Miss Sternik, Teaching Assistant—Hannah House



Miss Waters, Drama



Miss Collinson, Head of Science/Year 7 Tutor



Miss Orpwood, Graduate  
Music Assistant



Mr Smith, Games



Mr Sulleyman, Art Technician



Miss Bolton Carter, Gap Student



Miss Warner, Gap Student



Mr Corner, Gap Student



Mr Browne, Gap Student





*Citizen of the Week*

This week's Citizen of the Week is Luke L in 7C. All boys have fitted in so well and so speedily but Luke got off to a great start by delivering a brilliant pitch for the role of School Council Representative for his Form. He then followed this up by a most graceful acceptance speech. Enthusiasm and humility from the outset. Well done, Luke!



*Sportsman of the Week*

This week's Sportsman of the Week is Eero M in 8B. Eero put in a fantastic performance at rowing trials this week, demonstrating qualities of commitment, technique and stamina that promise a good year ahead. His natural rhythm and skilful technique belied just how difficult it is to maintain composure under pressure. Well done, Eero!



*Class Achievement*

Miss Martin's Year 7 Maths Class



## From the Deputy Head—Senior School Applications

Miss Hart writes...

**13+ Applications**  
**Important Dates for Parents in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8**

Please see below a list of registration dates for this academic year. These are 'deadlines' and we urge you to register your son long before these dates.

**PLEASE NOTE THE VERY EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINES IN YEAR 5 and 6 FOR SOME SCHOOLS.**

**Year 5 Parents:**

Eton	10 years 6 months
St Paul's	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Westminster	end of Year 5
Winchester	end of Year 5
Harrow	end of Year 5
Wellington	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018

Please note that Mr Baker will meet with all Year 5 parents individually, in the Spring Term of Year 5 to discuss Senior School options and applications.

**Year 6 Parents:**

St Paul's	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
King's	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
UCS	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
City	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Wetherby Senior	end of October 2017
Harrow	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018
Charterhouse	1 <sup>st</sup> October 2017
Latymer 11+	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Year 7 Parents:**

Harrodian	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
Marlborough College	5 <sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Year 8 Parents:**

Dulwich College	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
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**Open Days**

Please note the following times and dates of upcoming Open Days/Evenings/Mornings:

King's Wimbledon	9th September 2017
St Paul's	9th September 2017
Dulwich	13th September, 11th October, 9th November
City	28th September, 1st October
Wellington	11th November, 20th January, 24th February



Latymer	7th October
Wetherby Senior	7th October
UCS	Open Evenings throughout September, please contact Admissions

**Please ensure that you contact the Admissions Department before attending an Open Day** – some open events are for particular year groups only.

To arrange visits and tours of boarding schools, please contact the Admissions Departments.

### From the Senior Mistress

Miss Olney writes...

#### Manners

It is lovely to meet so many new boys this week and they have settled well into Wetherby life. There is such a 'buzz' round the building and already, the Year 3s and 4s have impressed the staff with their wonderful manners.

A few years ago, Mr Baker brought in 'The Politeness Challenge' which was a whole school focus on improving the manners of all the Wetherby boys. Whilst so many of the Wetherby boys already possess such lovely manners, it was a way of ensuring they didn't need to be reminded of them and that they are engrained into them from the start.

As such, we will be bringing back the focus on 'Manners' this year and each week, we will give the boys a particular manner to focus on. We, as a staff, will then assess how well the boys have done on their focus for the week and if they manage to perform well throughout the term, they will be rewarded with a special Wetherby prize for their efforts...



#### Snacks

We will be providing the boys with a healthy snack halfway through the morning to keep them going before lunch. The boys may bring a snack of their own for Hyde Park or morning break but this can only be a cereal bar (no nuts) or piece of fruit – crisps, sweets, popcorn, sandwiches etc. are not allowed. Boys may bring a snack if they are staying for after school clubs. This can be a sandwich, piece of fruit or cereal bar but must not be crisps, sweets, popcorn etc. as above. Please help us support healthy eating in this way.



### Holocaust Survivor Talk – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Year 7 and Year 8 will hear testimony from Holocaust survivor, Rudi Oppenheimer, as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

The testimony will be followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit is part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK. After the talk, an introductory workshop will be held for each group which will explore the Holocaust in more detail.

### From the Assistant Head Teaching and Learning —CAT Assessments

Miss Balgobin writes...

Next week the boys will start their annual CAT assessments (Cognitive Abilities Tests). These are computer-based, multiple choice tests which the boys will take over the following two weeks.

Each assessment takes one hour to administer and assesses the following:

Part 1 – Figure Classification and Figure Matrices

Part 2 – Verbal Classification, Verbal Analogies and Number Analogies

Part 3 – Number Series, Figure Analysis and Figure Recognition

CAT assessment form part of WPS's formative assessments to track pupil ability and are requested by Senior Schools for admission.

**It is not possible to revise or prepare for these assessments and the boys should not feel worried about them.**

### From the Music Department - The Year Ahead

Mr Brawn & Miss Orpwood write...

Wetherby Prep boasts not one, but three choirs, and rehearsals for all three have begun in earnest this week! It's our busiest term (with 12 concerts coming up this term alone), and the boys seem more than up for the challenge:

#### **Wetherby Voices, Years 3-5**

This is run by Miss Orpwood and is open to anyone in Years 3-5. There is no audition process although we will continue to assess the boys' progress each week.

Anyone in Years 3 and 4 who were part of Wetherby Voices last year will remain in it this year. For anyone else in Years 3-5 who would like to come along, please drop me an email at [nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk) so I can add them to the list.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4.00-5.00pm in the Pioneer Hall. One of the highlights of the Wetherby Voices' year is performing at the Marylebone Christmas Lights event, and this is just one of many things we will be working towards.

#### **Wetherby Choir, Years 6-8**

Anyone in Years 7 and 8 who were part of the Wetherby Choir last year will remain in it this year. Anyone in Year 6 who was in Wetherby Voices last year will transfer to the Wetherby Choir this year. For anyone else in Years 6-8 who would like to audition, please drop me an email at [nathaniel.brawn@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:nathaniel.brawn@wetherbyprep.co.uk) so I can add them to the list. The audition process is by means of an open rehearsal so that the boys can try it out. This takes place during our first rehearsal back on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Rehearsals are on Tuesday mornings from 8.00-9.00am in the Pioneer Hall (please note the early start).

#### **Chamber Choir**

We have already begun auditioning candidates for entry into the Chamber Choir. With only 20 places throughout Years 5-8, the competition is tough. As our first rehearsal is technically this coming Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, we hope to have seen all candidates before this afternoon session. Where arrangements have already been made for Monday afternoon on this occasion, boys will be encouraged to attend HW Club if the message has not made it to you in time. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we finalise the auditions.



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### Instrumental Lessons

Thank you for all your Music Lesson Application Forms for new boys taking up instruments. Some lessons have already begun and many others will begin as of next week and the week after. If you have not yet received confirmation from your son's teacher, please don't fret. We are still working out some logistics with regards to our Hannah House boys and you will be contacted in due course with timetables and relevant information.

We still have spaces available for Trumpet, Trombone, Violin and Cello. If your son would like to take up any of these instruments, please fill out the form attached to this edition of the Wetherbuzz and return it to the Music Department as soon as possible.

For all instrumentalists and singers, I have also attached the current Music Department Parent Handbook for your reference. Please encourage your sons to check the timetable displayed outside the Music Room for their lesson times each week. We expect the boys to take more responsibility for their instrumental lessons, to turn up on time with the correct equipment. This is particularly true for boys in the Upper School.

We have also included a small Music Practice section in the boys' HW diaries which we would like you to sign to acknowledge that the boys are practising each day and each week.

### Music Ensemble

I am really excited to be bringing back the music ensemble club this year. All boys who play a brass, wind or string instrument are welcome to join. I would like the boys to name the ensemble themselves, help me choose the repertoire and they will also have the fantastic opportunity to compose their own piece to play with the ensemble.

If you would like to take part in the ensemble club, please send an email to myself [nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk) and Mr Brawn [nathaniel.brawn@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:nathaniel.brawn@wetherbyprep.co.uk).

### From the Classics Department—The Jowett Sendelar Classics Essay Competition

Magister Vogiatzis scribit:

The Classics Department at Wetherby School would like to congratulate Alexander Williams for being highly commended by the committee for participating in the Classics Essay Competition of Jowett-Sendelar 2016-2017. This is the second year that our school has participated in this prestigious competition. Last year we won the overall competition and this year, Alexander excelled and was ranked twelfth. This is a huge achievement from a consistently great student. Alexander chose EPIC to be his topic and the question he attempted to answer was: Who best deserves the title 'hero': Achilles, Aeneas or Hector?

The feedback that he received from the members of the committee was extraordinary. I quote: "Alexander Williams of Wetherby Prep School demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the myths surrounding the three heroes: this was a candidate who really knew his material. One eminent Greek professor used to say that a true student of the ancient world had to read the works of Homer (in the original Greek!) at least once a year; on that basis, Alex is well on the way to being a true Classicist".

Congratulations to our student and to the Williams family. Such a wonderful achievement, well done, Alex!

For those who wish to participate in the Classics Essay Competition this year, the topics, questions and deadline will be announced in next week's Wetherbuzz!

#### b) EPIC

Who best deserves the title 'hero': Achilles, Hector, or Aeneas?

*Consider what qualities make a 'hero', and refer to events from Homer's Iliad and Virgil's Aeneid. Reach a conclusion concerning which character is the most heroic.*

'Hero' is a slippery term, and those tackling this question needed to attempt to pin it down, while at the same time getting to grips with arguably the three most daunting (and rewarding) texts from the ancient world. An additional problem is that what was heroic in the Homeric age no longer sufficed in the age of Virgil. Nevertheless, the candidates rose to this epic challenge, producing answers that sought not only to define the word 'hero' but also to home in on a range of detail from the three works.



From the Drama Department— Welcome Miss Waters!

Miss Waters writes....

I am very excited to be introducing Drama to the school curriculum this year at Wetherby.

Drama is a brilliant way for the boys to express themselves creatively through a fun, interactive and educational medium. It provides an opportunity for every boy to use their imagination and their own ideas to create stories, characters and whole other worlds through devising and performing. They will have a chance to perform different types of theatre in front of their peers every week in a fun, dynamic, creative environment which will develop skills that help build confidence, humility, team work and leadership.

I have really enjoyed working with the boys already this week and can't wait to see what performances they come up with over the coming months.

If you have any queries and would like to contact me my email is [rachel.waters@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:rachel.waters@wetherbyprep.co.uk) and I very much look forward to meeting you all very soon!



From the Wetherflix brought to by Mr Thorne Productions...

For any parents and boys who were at last year's prize-giving (and for everyone else) here is a private Youtube link to the premier edition of Wetherby's Greatest Hits 2017! <https://youtu.be/hVW0vKtVXok>





### From Charities— A huge thanks for all your efforts last year

Miss Martin writes...

Huge thanks to all parents, boys and staff that have donated to our school charities last year.

We were delighted to welcome Bill Shipton from the Shackleton Foundation to assembly at the end of last term, to present him with a cheque for £25,000 from Wetherby Preparatory School. This will be able to fund nearly 3 people through their projects, on their journey to reach 'their Antarctic'.

We look forward to continuing our fundraising this year with lots more school events taking place!



*Bill Shipton accepting a cheque on behalf of the Shackleton Foundation*

### From the French Department— Le Rentrée

Madame Sebag writes...

The French department hopes that you had 'des bonnes vacances' and that everyone is rested and ready for 'la rentrée'.

Ms Taylor and myself are delighted to welcome Mrs Rebecca Le Clanche. She is 4L form tutor, and will be teaching French and Maths. Mrs Le Clanche has a five month old daughter Alice and her husband, Christophe, is French.

Madame Bassett had a lovely little girl, 'Fleur' who was born in August. They are both home, healthy and happy.



We have lovely plans for this year and the lower school will be invited to a French day on the 3rd of October. We would welcome all the French speaking parents to help us run this day.

We strongly recommend that Year 7 and 8 boys get a vocabulary book which will be used at home for learning. It is a brilliant revision tool as well. It can be ordered on line from the galore park website.

*French Vocabulary for Key Stage 3 and Common Entrance (2nd Edition)*, John Ellis, Richard Gordon  
ISBN: 9780903627467

It is currently out of stock, but you can pre-order or obtain it from other websites.

Bonne rentrée!



# WETHERBY SPORT

## Mouthguards

Mr Billingham writes....

This term from w/c 20th November your son will be playing Rugby in Games lessons. I am writing to advise you, that it is our school policy, that all pupils from Year 4 to Year 8 must wear a mouthguard for matches and lessons. This is in line with guidelines set out by the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

In order to facilitate, this we have arranged for OPRO who are approved the National Dental Mouthguard Association, to come into Wetherby Preparatory School and take impressions for custom fitted mouthguards. OPRO will take impressions on the mornings of the **13th (Y6-Y7)** and **14th September (Y4, Y5 and Y8)**.

Please note the following:

- \* All boys will receive a Mid-Impact Clear mouth guard at a cost of £39.99 added to your school bill unless you opt-out by emailing the full name of your child together with their form class to [optout@oprogroupp.com](mailto:optout@oprogroupp.com).
- \* You can upgrade to another design or type at an additional cost. The designs and types can be seen at <http://mouthguards.opro.com/custom-colours-and-designs>. If you wish to upgrade please email the full name of your child together with their form class to [optout@oprogroupp.com](mailto:optout@oprogroupp.com).
- \* The deadline to opt-out or upgrade is Sunday 10th September. After this point you will be charged for a Mid-Impact Clear mouthguard at the cost of £39.99. If choosing to opt-out it is suggested that you have received independent professional advice in coming to this decision.

Have a great weekend.

## Franchises and SOCS

Mr Reid writes...

Before we get started, let me introduce myself, I am the new Director of Sport at Wetherby Preparatory School. I am looking forward to getting to know your boys and teaching them this year. Please see below important information on Franchise Football and [www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk).

### Franchise

Following the huge success of the cricket franchises in the summer, I am delighted to say that we are going to do the same for the football season. The 'Wetherby Premier League' will be open for all boys not in the regular A and B teams and will be a series of 'intra-school' organised fixtures, resulting in a winner for the Seniors, the Under 11s, Under 10s and Under 9s which will be announced in the final sports assembly. As in the cricket season, if your son is not selected into a football team, he will then be placed into a draft, where the members of staff will pick 4-6 teams dependant on their year group. Each member of staff will coach the same team throughout the year and will be there at every fixture (it's really a competition between the teachers!) All parents are invited to watch the matches, there will be a tea afterwards and the results read out in Friday assembly.



If your son is not selected initially for the A or B team for regular fixtures against other schools, he can still be chosen for later games. We will assess the boys each week and make changes accordingly. The boys will however not be able to move between franchises (a Bulldog cannot become a Rhino!) We want the 'intra-school' matches and the inter school matches to be as competitive as possible and for the boys to have a real passion for their teams, whether that be playing for the Under 10B team or indeed the 'WPS Cowboys'.

With regards to the facilities at Wetherby Sports Ground, the new pavilion is not quite ready but we are hoping it will be up and running sooner rather than later. However, I am pleased to announce that the new café is now open from 2pm each day serving refreshments for when you are watching the boys play.

### SOCS

For those who are familiar with it, I hope you are enjoying [www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk](http://www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk) For those who are not familiar it, please follow the link to find out all the information you need for next week's fixtures, in what is another jam packed week. We will be going through the website to the boys to show them the website and how it works. As with all these things, the boys are so much better at accessing technology that I really want them to take as much ownership as possible so they can direct you as parents to where they are playing, and on what day etc.

A quick tip is to go directly to the website and then 'Sports Calendar'. Click on 'Today's Teams' and this will give a full list of all the boys who are playing that day with the location, pick up time etc

<http://www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk/TodaysTeams.asp?Id=28432&D=8&M=3&Y=2017>

The password for the site is 'TeamWetherby' and all team sheets will go 'live' on Friday's in line with the Wetherbuzz. I hope this helps to make the transition easier and as always, please contact me with any questions.

Have a great week.

### Details for the 2017 / 2018 Junior and Senior Wetherby Swim Squad Trials

Mr Bayes writes.....

The team has a busy year to look forward to, with inter-school galas, swimming festivals, London Swim League and IAPS Regional Qualifiers for Nationals.

The swim team reflects the fastest swimmers in the school and trials are held every year so that the squad can be selected. Details of the two trial sessions can be found below.

Lower School: Years 4 and 5 trials will be held at Seymour Leisure Centre, Seymour St, W1H 5TJ, from 4.30 to 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th September. Year 3 will trial during school swimming lessons. Times will be taken in front, back and breast-stroke. Please can you notify your form teacher and cc [dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk) to register your son for the trial. The group will be walked across by staff at 4.05pm, leaving from the back door of the school and will be ready to be picked up from Seymour at 5.30 -5.45pm, once the trials are completed. There will be no opportunity to take the late bus home. The trials are open to all comers. Parents of all boys who trial will be notified the result by email. The Junior Squad train together on Wednesdays during term time from 4.15 – 5.00pm. Pick-ups take place from Seymour Leisure Centre at 5.10pm.

Upper School: Years 6, 7 and 8 trials will be held at Porchester Leisure Centre, Queensway, W2 5HS from 4.30 – 5.30pm on Thursday 14th September. Times will be taken in front, back, breast and fly. If there are any new boys who are keen to trial, please notify your form teacher and cc [dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk) to register your son for the trial when your son commences in September. The swimming bus will leave promptly at 4.05pm outside school and boys will be ready to be picked up from Porchester at 5.30pm, once the trials are completed. There will be no opportunity to take the late bus home. The trials are open to all comers. Parents of those boys trialling will be notified via email. The Senior Squad train together on Thursdays during term time from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. Pick-ups will occur from Porchester at 5.45pm.





I am thrilled to announce the fourth, annual Father– Son 9 Hole Golf Tournament, to be held at Fox Hills Country Club. The event will be held on 23rd September from 9.30am – 12.30pm. We are looking for keen Wetherby golfers to pair up with a family member: mum, dad, grandfather, brother etc. Pairs will compete against each other for a whole raft of prizes including longest drive, nearest to the hole, overall pair champion and overall individual champion. All golfers will be expected to have some prior experience. Tee times will commence at 9.30am and lunch and prize giving will be held at 12.30pm.

Please email me at [dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk) to register your interest in the first instance. There are a limited number of places and they will be assigned on a first come first served basis. The cost will be £100 per pair and will include a two course set-menu meal at the completion of the round. To secure your place, please deliver a cheque to Miss Fekete at reception, made out to “Wetherby Preparatory School”. The envelope should be clearly marked “Wetherby Golf Day”. Please write the full name of the playing pair on the back of the cheque. Entries close on September 21st 2017.

### Out of School Achievements

#### A New Wetherby Citizen and British Chess Champion!

New boy Sohun L (4A) won the Under 8 British Chess championships in Wales over the summer. He was undefeated in this category! Sohun was also selected to play at the World Chess Championships in Brazil in August.



#### Jack G wipes out in Cornwall!

Jack (5T) had such a blast in Cornwall over the summer, particularly learning how to surf! Jack mastered the waves and managed to stand up on his board long enough for a photo! Well done, Jack!





## Interrailing round Europe

James and Jasper write....

This summer we went on a very fun Interrailing trip round Europe. We went to 17 different cities in 10 different countries by train. The holiday involved taking a train, staying in a city for 2/3 nights and taking another train and repeating that 17 different times! Some highlights were Dracula's castle in Transylvania, Schindler's factory Krakow and the Soviet aviation museum in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Although we really enjoyed the trip, our favourites were Budapest, Warsaw and Sibiu. All in all we really enjoyed the trip.



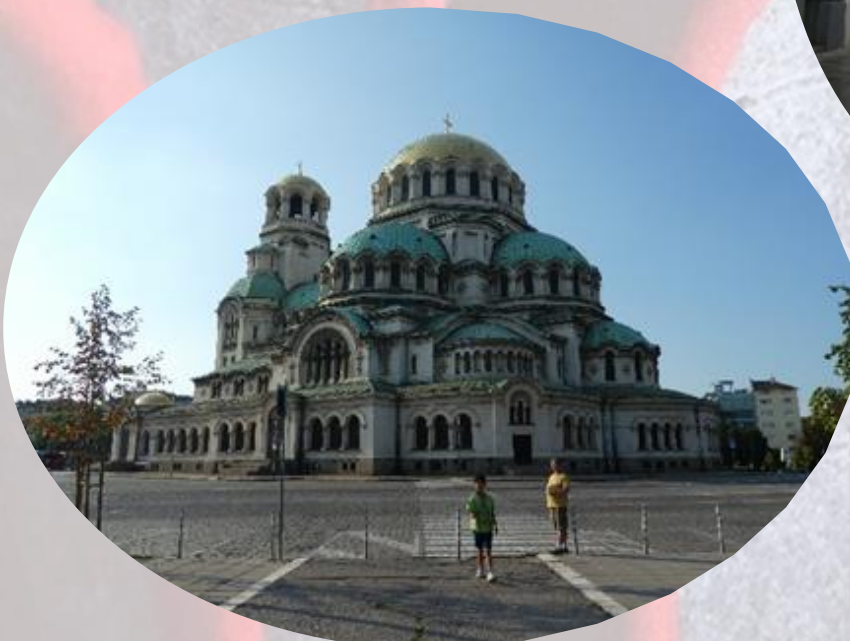
Budapest at night



Ceausescu's Palace, Bucharest



St Michael's gate, Bratislava



Main Square , Brasov



## Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School			Upper School	
3P	Kimón Kantouras		6L	Massimiliano Catallo-Bauman
4A	Daniil Korovkin			Aidan Stergoulis
	Charles Begg-Smith		6M	Chinonso Ogbunude
	Federico Russo		6T	Sebastian Jones
	Sacha Abecassis			Ardavan Pesendorfer
4B	Casper Maclean			Lucas Nahal
4L	Leo Scorer		7C	Noah Grunschlag
4M	Finlay Dunn		7G	Alexander Lewisohn
5B	Aditya Dubey			Ashaan Jayaraj
5S	Riaz Qureshi		7M	Aidan Dausch
5T	Kyu Dionisio			Toran Harrison
			8B	Killian James
			8F	Cosme Spillmann
			8V	Max Adams
				James Hunter

## Highest Housepoint Earners for the Week

Casper Maclean – 6
Toran Harrison – 6

## Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge	Chepstow	Westbourne	Dawson
124	109	108	101

## Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 7M 71	Form 4M 52	Form 6M 40



Form Class Winners—7M



Headmaster’s Good Shows

Gold 10 Housepoints	Silver 5 Housepoints	Bronze 3 Housepoints
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Adam Khan—Times Tables Champion



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Photos of the Week



Nothing gets in the way of the Wetherby rowing trials...



Thomas M (3P) wowed Miss Phoenix and his form this with his presentation about his summer holiday in America.





6L hard at work



6L look under the microscope ...



Exemplary manners from Chase O (3P) and Samuel K (5K)





Good luck to Miss Bailey and all the staff at Wetherby Pembridge NYC for your opening and the start of the new school year. The school looks wonderful and we can't wait to visit!



War hammer!



Newspaper Club in action!



Lucas N (6T) and Miss Fekete bumped into each other on holiday over the summer.