

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Autumn Term | Week 2



WEEK 2: 9th—15th September 2019

MONDAY

- MORNING, AFTER SCHOOL AND HOMEWORK CLUBS BEGIN
- CATS TESTING ALL WEEK – WHOLE SCHOOL
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- **Year 3 and 4** Swim Squad trials – 9am-12pm (during school swimming lessons)
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A, C, E, G vs. Arnold House (A) – 2:30pm
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. Sussex House (H) – 2:30pm
- Tatler School Awards – pm

Monday Clubs

- Chamber Choir – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing – 4-5pm
- Debating – 4-5pm
- Drawing – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Football – 4-6pm
- Latin – Scholarship – 4-5pm
- Indoor Sports – 4-5pm
- Lego – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

TUESDAY

- CATS TESTING
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- **Year 5** Swim Squad trials – 9am-12pm (during school swimming lessons)
- Games for **Years 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U9 A, C, E, G vs. Newland House (A) – 2:30pm
- U9 B, D, F, H vs. Sussex House (H) – 2:30pm
- U8 A and B vs. Chepstow House (H) – 2:30pm

Tuesday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20am
- Morning Running – 7:45-8:20am
- Wetherby Voices – 8-9am
- Art & Crafts – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Cricket Academy – Theory Session – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Latin – Common Entrance – 4-5pm
- Robotics – 4-5pm
- Wetherby Choir – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

WEDNESDAY

- CATS TESTING
- OPRO Mouthguard fitting – all day
- **Year 6 – 8** Swim Squad trials, Seymour Leisure Centre – 7:30-8:30am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U13 A vs. Sussex House (H) – 2:30pm
- U12 B vs. Sussex House (H) – 2:30pm
- U13 C vs. Sussex House (H) – 2:30pm
- U12 A vs. King's House School (A) – 2:30pm
- U13 B vs. King's House School (A) – 2:30pm

Wednesday Clubs

- Morning Drawing – 7:45-8:20am
- Swimming – Upper School Swim Squad A&B – 7:30-8:30am
- Elite Chess – 8-9am
- Code Club – Lower School – 4-5pm
- D&T / Engineering Club – 4-5pm
- Detectives – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Maths Games and Puzzles – 4-5pm
- Music Club – Theory and Musicianship – 4-5pm
- Reasoning – 4-5pm
- Rock Climbing – 4-5pm
- Swimming – Lower School Swim Squad – 4:15-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

THURSDAY

- CATS TESTING
- OPRO Mouthguard fitting – all day
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A, C, E, G vs. Newland House (H) – 2:30pm
- U10 B, D, F vs. Surbiton High (H) – 2:15pm
- Westminster School Prep School Heads' Dinner – pm

Thursday Clubs

- Morning Mental Maths – 7:45-8:20
- Rowing – 7:15-9am
- Running – 7:45-8:45am
- Swimming – School Swim Squad – 7:30-8:30am
- Bowed Strings – 4-5pm
- Chess – 4-5pm
- Code Club – Upper School – 4-5pm
- Drawing Club – Upper School – 4-5pm
- Fencing – 4-6pm
- Maths Revision – 4-5pm
- Science Club – 4-5pm
- Homework Club – 4-5pm

FRIDAY

- CATS TESTING
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
- Roald Dahl Day – all day
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45am

Friday Clubs

- Whole School Clubs – 2:15-4pm

SATURDAY

- U11 Royal Russell Football Tournament – all day

SUNDAY

- Westminster U10 Football Tournament – all day
- Eton Rapidplay Chess Championships – all day

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Last week was busy, busy, busy with furniture being moved around, final preparations applied to classrooms, inducting new staff in our procedures, orders of resources flying into reception and then being delivered to different floors. You would think that adding 375 boys this week then would be a recipe for chaos but in actual fact, this week has been really calm. The impact of 47 has been more significant than we realised and the displacement of bodies around the building has eased our challenging logistics considerably; paradoxically, the building is fuller yet feels emptier, sounds quieter, seems calmer...and all this, despite boys getting lost, getting found, getting lost again. That will, of course, improve, as will the boys' skill in finding the shortest/fastest/most scenic route and becoming more familiar with the building, that in the words of one of our boys is, "Really cool!". We're particularly pleased with how our **new** Wetherby Prep boys have settled in and they have picked up on the atmosphere of the school really quickly – my colleague and friend Mark Snell briefed me that this was indeed a "Brilliant year group – all great lads.". So far, so good then – well done, everybody. Home time hasn't been quite as relaxed but this is always the case at the start of term with no clubs this first week and new boys unsure of bus logistics.



It's always tough, though, starting a new school and this was felt no more so than in the Baker household as my youngest son Joseph started at his senior school this Tuesday. He was apprehensive – as were his parents – but we needn't have worried as he had a really good first day on Tuesday. Second day was "Okay," but the food was "Disgusting!"; he lost his PE shorts, and scored an own goal in football trials. Yesterday was better - much better: a Sixth Former had found his shorts and brought them to his form room – good attitude, food was "Yum!" - makes a massive difference. Continuing the upward trend, he got a House Point in Science as he was the only boy who knew how to operate a Bunsen Burner having used one regularly in his previous school – tens of thousands of pounds paying for a prep school education these past seven years had never seemed better value....Hopefully today will bring more positives than negatives, for Joseph's time at school of course but also for me and Brigid who have been so anxious that it be a success for him. I'll keep you posted...

There are a number of events coming up in the next few weeks for parents to see the extension. New Parents' Evening a week on Thursday (19th) for all new parents to the school and then 1st October for 'Guide to Senior Schools' which we have brought forward this year and adapted to cater for Year 5 **and** Year 6 parents – a note about which follows below. This just leaves Year 7 and 8 parents but hey, you guys have been with us for a long time; you don't need an invitation to come and have a look around – it's your School as much as the boys'!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Baker".

Guide to Senior Schools Evening for Year 5 and 6

– 1st October 2019

In a change to previous years, we are bringing forward the ‘Guide to Senior Schools’ Evening to this term (previously start of Spring Term) . This gives us more time to schedule meetings with Year 5 parents and also allows us the opportunity to update Year 6 parents on ISEB, use of Atom Learning and changes to application processes that have occurred after the meeting in January.

This event is at 6pm in the Pioneer Hall and open to all parents in Year 5 and 6. If you cannot attend we will still send you the ‘Guide to Senior Schools’ booklet for 2020 and invite you to come and discuss senior schools plans at some point over the year.

Whilst we are talking about senior schools, Year 6 parents are alerted to the deadline for applying to King’s Wimbledon as November 4th 2019. Please find attached a flyer regarding their Open Morning this September.



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Lucas P in 5T**. As his form tutor, Mr Thorne, said in staff meeting this morning, "If my class was the Premier League, Lucas would have maximum points and be top of the League!" Well done, Lucas on a tremendous start to the school year.

Kindness Cup



Oliver B (5A)

On the first day back, Oliver was kind enough to collect some printing for Miss Andrews-Bowen from my office. What impressed me the most was his manners when he asked to collect the printing and how he was so conscious of not interrupting me. ***Mrs Furnell***

Other notable ‘Acts of Kindness’

♦ Pupil Leadership Team (Year 8)

I was really impressed with how the PLT came back a day early from their holidays to help the Year 3&4s settle into school on Monday. They helped show the new boys to their classrooms as well as talking to them about what life is like at Wetherby. A great start! ***Mrs Furnell***

♦ **Alexander S (6F)**

As we were heading from our History lesson to break, Alexander held the door open for me as he could see I was struggling with my plastic tray and then proceeded to hold the door open to all the other boys to let them pass. Such lovely manners! **Mrs Furnell**

♦ **Timothee C and Quinn G (5K)**

Timothee and Quinn both helped organise the colouring pencils into their correct compartment after our form mindfulness colouring session. A kind gesture which didn't require asking. **Miss Kroiter**

♦ **Adam I (4S)**

He has been holding open doors for others and just being a delight around the classroom, giving out resources and helping to pack away! **Miss Saddington**

♦ **Gregory G (8B)**

Gregory remains one of the most well-mannered pupils in the school. Always says hello and asks how you are. A really lovely young man to be around. **Mr Lock**

From the Senior Mistress

Mrs Furnell writes...

Wetherby Water Bottle

Last year, there were lots of orders for Wetherby water bottles and it was great to see so many boys carry the Wetherby branded bottle around the building to lessons and to Games. As these are also personalised, it made it much easier in reuniting the boys with any lost water bottles.

You can purchase the bottles directly from the website:

<https://activebottle.co.uk/collections/wetherby>

There are two delivery options on the website with £3 delivery to home and £1 delivery to school. Please note that the delivery to school will take a week or two as it will be a bulk delivery.



From the Director of Studies

Mr Lock writes...

Curriculum Guides

Attached to the Wetherbuzz are the Lower School and Upper School Curriculum Guides. The guides are put together by the Heads of Department to keep you fully informed as to what your son will be learning this year. It also includes advice on what textbooks boys might be using.

CATs testing

Parents may have noticed in the calendar card that boys will be completing CATs tests over the next couple of weeks. The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT) is a suite of tests that assesses a boys' reasoning (thinking) abilities in key areas that support educational development and academic attainment. It is not possible to revise for the tests and it is not something for boys to worry about. The results of the tests provide us with a deeper understanding of boys' learning styles and for older boys they are a useful data point for senior school admissions.

There are four elements to the tests:

- Verbal Reasoning – thinking with words, includes verbal classification and analogies;
- Quantitative (or Numerical) Reasoning – thinking with numbers, including number analogies and number sequences;
- Non-verbal Reasoning – thinking with shapes, including figure classification and figure matrices;
- Spatial Ability Battery – thinking with shape and space, including figure analysis and figure recognition.

From the Assistant Head Teaching and Learning

Ms Russell writes...

Show My Homework

We are excited to be launching Show My Homework, an online tool to help you keep track of your son's homework. Show My Homework will allow you to see the details of the tasks your son has been set, all their deadlines and their submission status. We have decided to bring on this system to improve the way we communicate with parents and to give you greater visibility into the homework we set.

Your login details for your personal account have already been sent home with your son and your account is linked to your son's homework calendar. Once logged in you will be able to see your son's To-do List and any homework that is overdue. Furthermore, if you download the Show My Homework app you will then be sent push notifications to let you know what homework is due and to allow you to keep track of what has been submitted. If you or your son misplace your pin, your son's form tutor should be your first point of contact.

We will be launching Show My Homework on **Monday 9th September** and we hope that this service will provide parents with a deeper insight into the homework your son receives. More importantly, we hope that it will improve your son's organisation, time-management and help them to keep on top of their workload.

If you or your son have any questions about the service, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team at Show My Homework, who are always happy to help. Just visit help.showmyhomework.co.uk or call 0207 197 9550.

If you would like to get in touch with the school or provide feedback, please contact me directly gayle.russell@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Thank you in advance for your support with this new venture.

Notices

New Online School Calendar Website

Great news! We've just launched our new Calendar Website, which you can see via the address below. We will still produce the printed school red diary for each term, but this will allow us to make updates when required. Please also continue to check the Wetherbuzz to see the most up to date information for the week ahead.

<http://calendar.wetherbyprep.co.uk>

Here are some tips to get you started:

- You can view the calendar as either as a grid or a list by selecting 'Grid' or 'List' icons. Once you have decided how you would like to view the calendar you can select day, week or month view.
- You can filter the calendar by category using the 'Filter Calendar' section. This allows you to focus on parts of the school calendar relevant to you.
- You can use the Calendar Sync button to synchronize the school calendar with your personal calendar. You can either synchronize the entire school calendar or your chosen calendar filters. Any subsequent changes to the calendar will update your personal calendar.

If you are visiting our calendar website on your mobile phone you will notice it loads up as a Mobile Web App. The Mobile Web App will allow you to access the school calendar on the go and save the icon to your home screen to access the calendar quickly.

We do hope you find the new online calendar helpful.

Mr Billingham writes....

Mouthguards

This term from the week commencing 2nd December your son will be playing Rugby in Games lessons. I am writing to advise you, our school policy is that all pupils in 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 School and take impressions for custom fitted mouthguards. OPRO will take impressions on the mornings of the 11th (Y4, Y6 and Y7) and 12th September (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@oprogp.com.

* You can upgrade to another design or type at an additional cost. The designs and types can be seen at <https://www.opro.com/Catalogue/Build-Your-OPRO/Mouthguard-Builder>. If you wish to upgrade please email the full name of your child together with their form class to optout@oprogp.com.

* The deadline to opt-out or upgrade is Sunday 8th 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.

Mrs Greenwood writes...

WPS Second Hand Uniform Sale
– Wednesday 18th September from 8.15 - 9 am

Dear Parents,

There will be a WPS Second Hand Uniform sale in Reception on Wednesday 18th September, between 8.15 - 9 am. A wide range of uniform and sports kit will be available.

Any donations of outgrown or unwanted uniform would be most welcome, and can be dropped off with Jude and Danielle any time before 18th. Please do ensure that only WPS uniform is donated, and that all items are clean and in a reasonable condition.

New Staff



Ms Gayle Russell
Assistant Head Teaching and Learning



Miss Emily Casserly
Acting Head of Science



Miss Jenny Lister
Science Teacher



Mr Rafe Hallett
Science Teacher



Mrs Claire Tomsett-Rowe
Director of Music



Miss Phoebe Amato-Pace
Head of History



Dr Andrew Lee
Head of Geography



Miss Ruby Blackwood
Gap Student



Miss Flora Warshaw
Gap Student



Mr Harry Purton
Gap Student

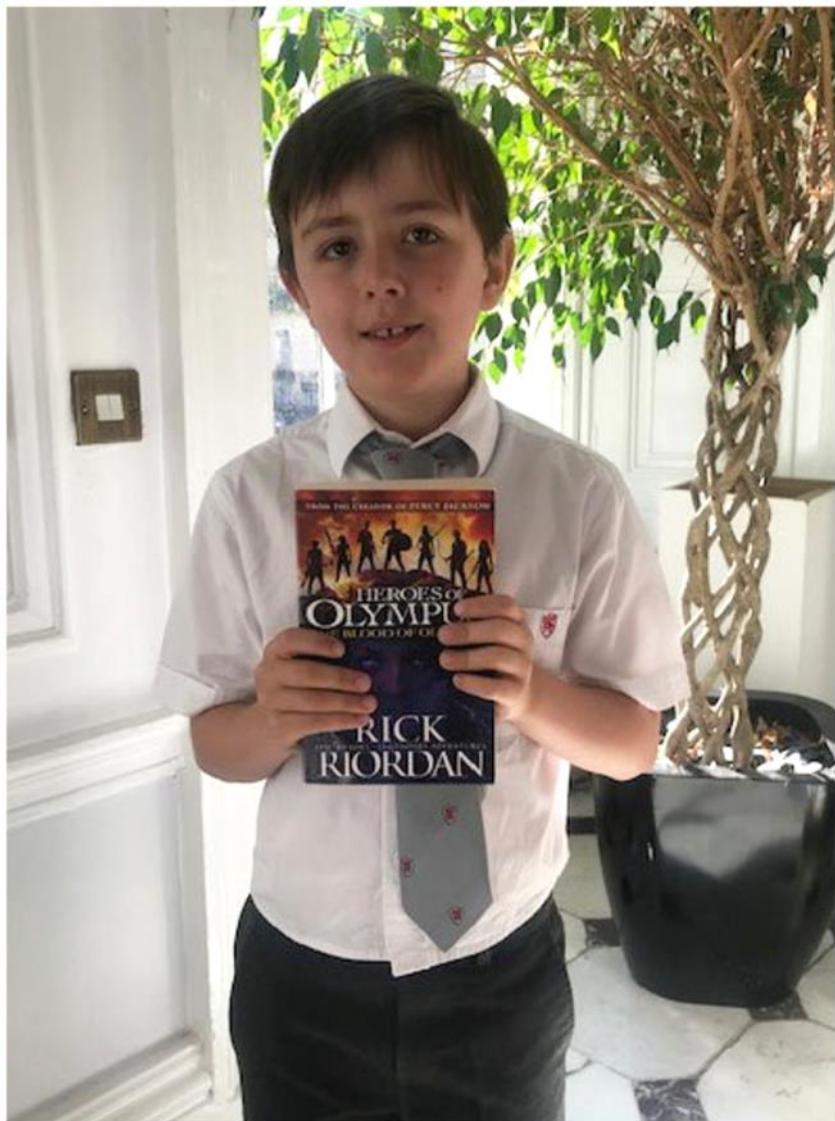


Mr Hugo Rowse
Gap Student

Birthday Books

It was Xander H's 9th Birthday on the 30th June and he's donated a book.

Happy Belated Birthday, Xander!



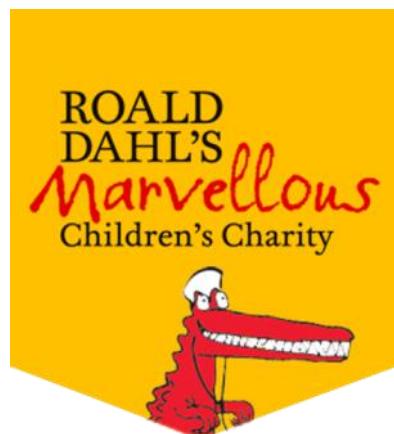
Charities

Miss Kroiter writes...

We are delighted to announce the charities that we will be supporting for this academic year. We will be supporting three charities:

- ◆ **Canine Partners**
<https://caninepartners.org.uk/>.
Canine Partners is a charity which trains dogs to help those with disabilities.
- ◆ **Rwanda Aid**
<https://www.rwanda-aid.org/>
We have worked with Rwanda Aid now for several years.
- ◆ **Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children Charity**
<https://www.roalddahl.com/charity/about-the-charity>
It supports sick children in hospitals across the UK. We will be learning more about this charity next week in our English lessons as Friday 13th is Roald Dahl's birthday.

There are lots of exciting charity events planned this year so do keep your eye out for these in the Wetherbuzz!





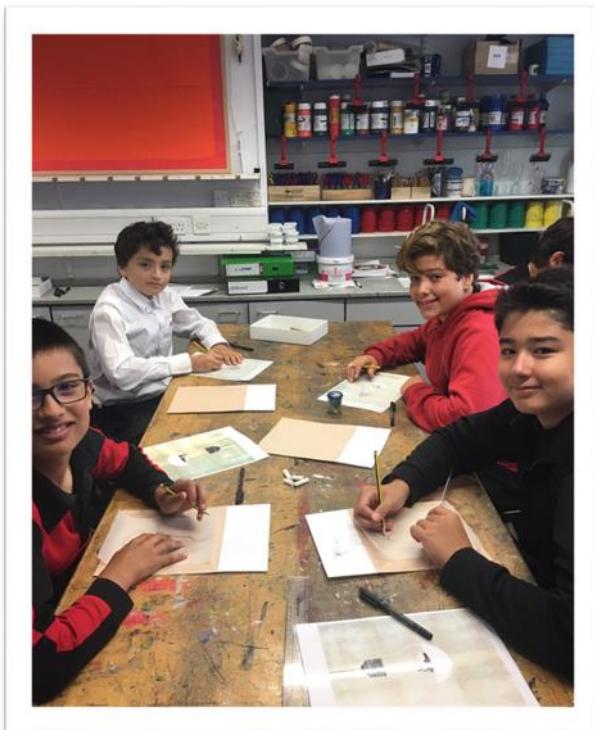
Miss Kirby writes...

Art News

This week we will start the term by creating our Christmas card designs. These will be sent to professional printers who will scan and print a sample card that will be sent home shortly after half term.

There is a fantastic interactive exhibition in London at the moment – perfect for Wetherby boys. Olafur Eliasson *In Real Life*, at Tate Modern, is running until early January 2020. In Eliasson's captivating installations you become aware of your senses, people around you and the world beyond. Some artworks introduce natural phenomena such as rainbows to the gallery space and it is a great family day out.

It has been wonderful to catch up and to hear about all of creative adventures during the summer break and the Art Department are looking forward to starting our core projects next week.



Wetherby SPORT

Mr Smith writes...

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Wetherby, I hope you enjoyed your summer break and feel refreshed for the football term ahead. I am looking forward to working with your boys this year and improving all aspects of their football. Please see below some important information on Football term.

www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk

TEAM SELECTION

Great news, this year we have decided to increase the number of fixtures we are playing against other schools, therefore we will be fielding many more teams. Where does leave the franchise football? Well, we are saying goodbye to infamous Wetherby Vikings and all boys will now be assigned a team with a member of staff. Whatever team your son has been selected for, they will train and play regular weekly matches against other schools. On the odd occasion where the boys' team have no fixture, they will have their regular training session.

We will assess the boys each week and make changes accordingly. Our aim is to ensure all boys are playing at the right level, so we will be encouraging plenty of movement within squads this year.

With regards to the facilities at Wetherby Sports Ground, the new pavilion is up and running and I am pleased to announce that the new 9V9 AstroTurf will be used for all games sessions. The café is open from 2pm each day serving refreshments for when you are watching the boys play.

KIT

Please can you ensure that the boys have the correct kit for all games sessions. This includes;

- Full games kit
- Football boots and or AstroTurf boots
- Shin pads
- Black base layer (optional)
- Water bottle
- Waterproof where necessary



Mr Dean writes...

School's Sport Website

Dear Parents,

The football season kicks off next week with a full programme of fixtures for all year groups. In order to make it easy for you to keep track of where and when your son is playing all information regarding teams and fixtures can be found on the school's sport website. Either click on the 'sporting activities' tab from the main school site or go directly to:

<https://www.wetherbydepsport.co.uk/>

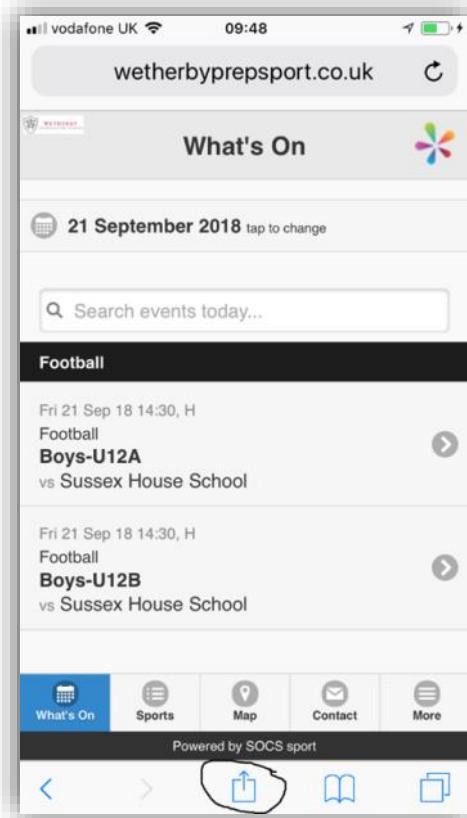
From here the calendar will show which teams are playing on each day. To view the team for an individual fixture click on the small blue man icon. You will be asked to enter a password, which is 'TeamWetherby'. Details of the address for the venue, equipment needed, and return times can be found here under 'further information'. As a general rule home matches (held at Wetherby Sports Ground in Acton) will return to school for 4pm. Due to the extra travel time involved boys involved in away fixtures may miss the 4pm buses but usually return to school in time for the 5 pm bus.

If you would like to access this information on your mobile please follow the instructions below:

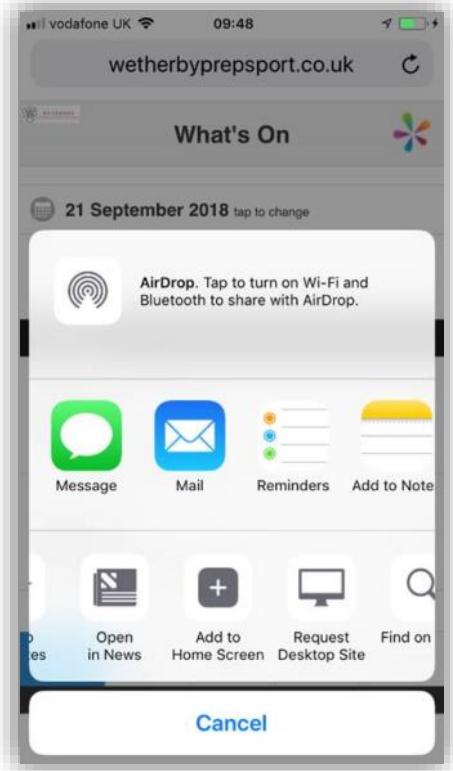
1. On your device, type in (or search) [wetherbydepsport.co.uk](https://www.wetherbydepsport.co.uk/) on the web browser.



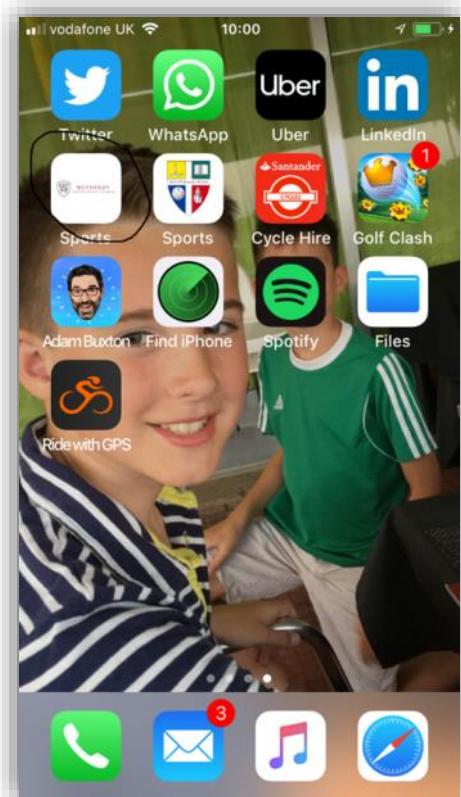
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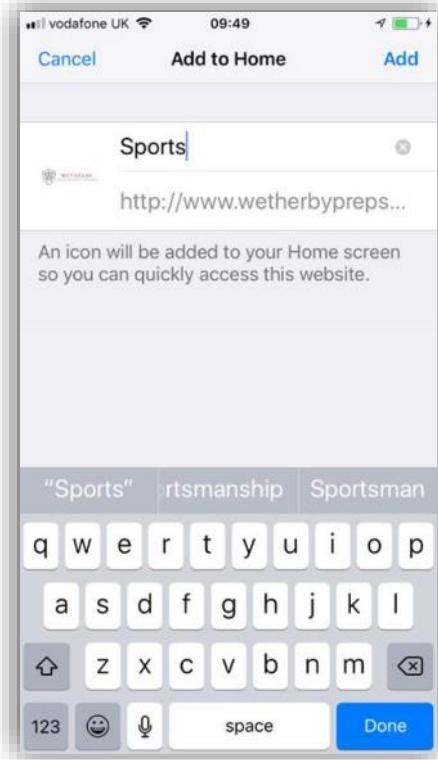
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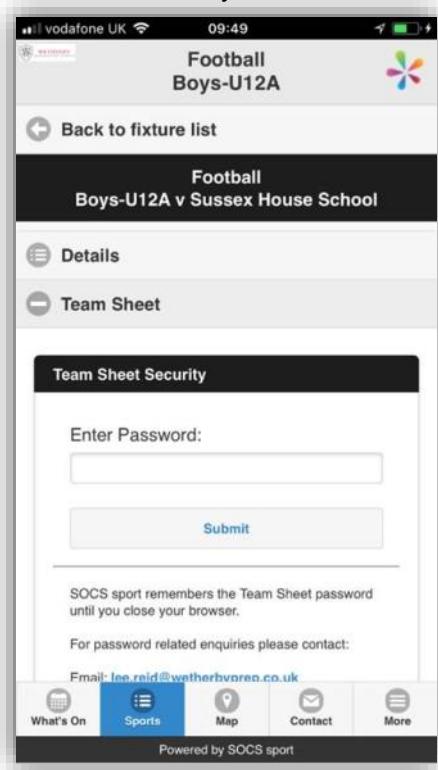
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4. This will bring up this screen simply click 'Add' in the top right.



6. Launch the app and select any team sheet, this page will appear. Enter the password 'TeamWetherby' then submit.



Of course if you wish to know anything about when and where your son is playing you can always contact myself or another member of the Games Department via e-mail or phone.



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hector N	6A	Mateo G
	Ahmad S	6C	Nicholas O
	Raahil U		Ilya W
4E	Theodore E	6F	Alexander S
4H	Miles C		Jacob C
	Maximilian van der K	6M	Jake M
4P	Justin W	7B	Drago S
4S	Adam I	7L	Monty S
5A	Oliver B	7M	Milan B
5K	Rolof van H	8B	Benjamin G
5O	Maximilian B	8G	Edward J
5T	Lucas P	8S	Hector B
		8V	Nadhmi A
			Chinonso O

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

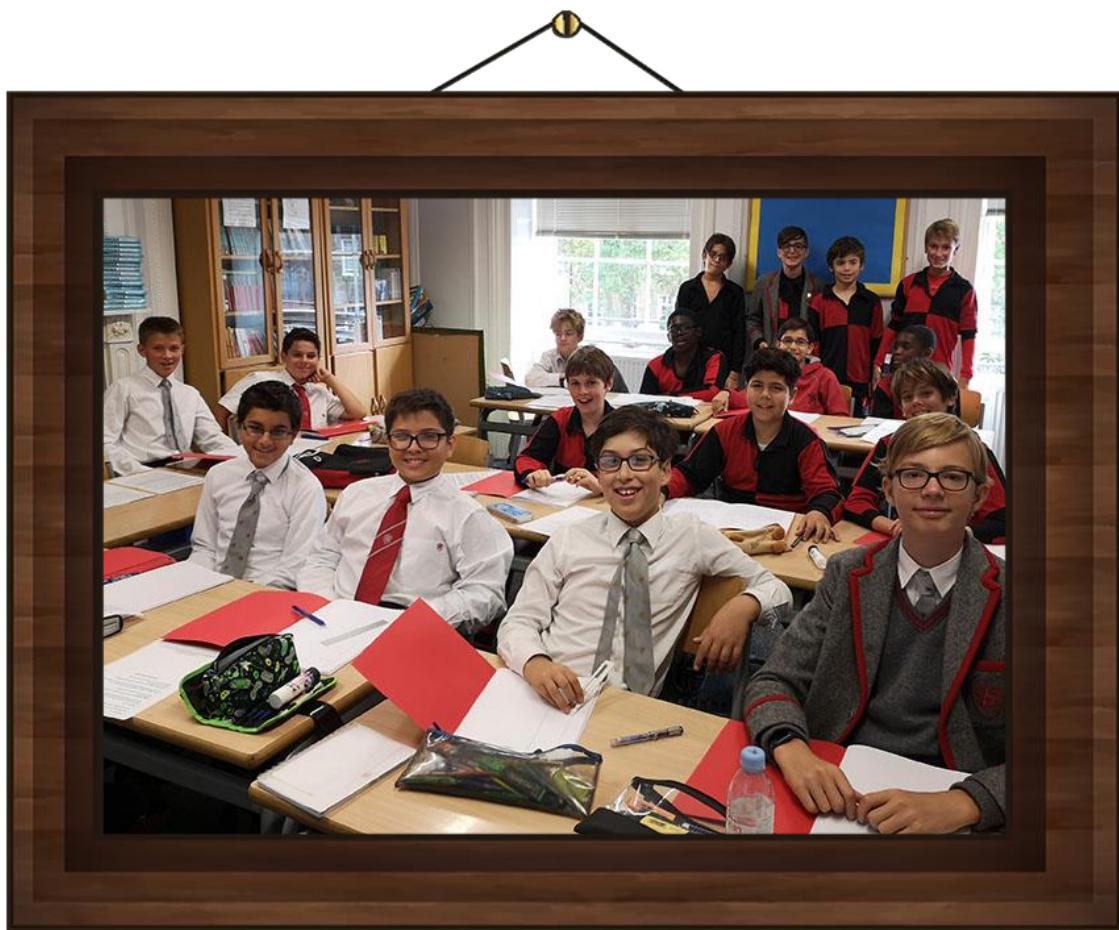
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Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer
150	136	126	109

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Joint Third Place	Joint Third Place
Form 8V 83	Form 7M 59	Form 4P 55	Form 5K 55



Out of School Achievements

Sohum L — Chess Success!

Since the start of the last academic year, Sohum has participated in 19 international tournaments in 13 countries, competing against both adults and children with great success.

He started the year very well gaining a lot of rating points and valuable experience while winning the prize for the best player under 10 at the Sitges International in Spain (a very prestigious and tough tournament in Spain).

An excellent year culminated with Sohum winning the British national under 10 and 11 championships, scoring an impressive unbeaten 12 out of 13 games over both events. Sohum is 1 of ONLY 3 children EVER to win 2 junior events in the same British championships. To put this into perspective; the first player to achieve the same success is now the top-ranking British chess player and one of the top players in the world.

Sohum has also gained 700 international rating points in one year. This is the greatest number of points ever gained by a single British player in a 12 month period. As a result of these great results, Sohum has risen in the world junior rankings for his age category U10 from approximately #1150 to world top #20 as of this month! To commemorate his historic DOUBLE win at the British championships the chess column in 'The telegraph' wrote about his success.



Photos of the Week

Cookery Club





Drama Club



Advanced Artists



Music Theory & Performance Practice



Airfix Club



Chess Club



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