

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 22



WEEK 22: Monday 9th — Sunday 15th March 2020

MONDAY

- **Science Week**
- Staff Meeting – 8am
- 5O & 5L to Workshop at the Wallace Collection – 12:30-3pm
- Swimming for **Year 3, 4 and 5A** – 9am-12:30pm
- Games for **Year 6** – 1:30-4pm
- U11 A and B vs. Tower House (A) – 2:30pm
- U11 C, D and E vs. Fulham Prep (A) - 2:30pm
- U11 F, G and H vs. Garden House (H) – 2:30pm

TUESDAY

- Years 3-5 Virtual Reality Science Workshop in the Pioneer Hall
- OPA Day – all day
- Swimming for **5K, 5O and 5T** – 9-11am
- Games for **Year 6** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 1:30-4pm
- U9 B, D, F and H vs. Notting Hill Prep (H) – 2:30pm
- U9 A, C, E and G vs. Eaton House the Manor (A) – 2:30pm
- Spring Recital – 6:15pm

WEDNESDAY

- Years 6 & 7 Science Dome experience in the Pioneer Hall
- Year 4 Outdoor Learning – 11:30am-4pm
- Games for **Year 3 and 4** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 1:30-4pm
- U12 A and U13 A at Caldicott 7s Festival (A) – 1pm
- U12 B and C vs. The Hall (H) - 2:30pm
- U13 B and C Triangular vs. Notting Hill Prep and Knightsbridge (H) - 2:30pm

THURSDAY

- WPS Science Fair in the Pioneer Hall
- Games for **Year 7 and 8** – 9-11:30am
- Games for **Year 5** – 1:30-4pm
- U10 A-E vs. King's House (A) – 2:30pm
- U10 F, G and H vs. St Anthony's (H) – 2:30pm
- WPS Science Fair viewing for parents in the Pioneer Hall – 4-5pm

FRIDAY

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly at the Church of the Annunciation – 8:30am
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
- Games for **Year 5** – 9:15-11:45
- U13 Wetherby Prep 7s Tournament – pm
- U10 A at St James's Tournament – pm
- Year 8 Science Masterclass with Dr Sheila Kanani

SATURDAY

- Caldicott U11 A and B Rugby Festival—all day

Monday Clubs

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

Tuesday Clubs

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

Wednesday Clubs

- **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
- **Fencing** – 4-6pm
- **Music Club – Theory and Musicianship** – 4-5pm
- **Reasoning** – 4-5pm
- **Rock Band** – 4-5pm
- **Table Tennis** – 4-5pm
- **Rock Climbing** – 4-5pm
- **Swimming – Lower School Swim Squad** – 4:15-5pm
- **Homework Club** – 4-5pm

Thursday Clubs

- **Morning Drawing** – 7:45-8:20
- **Morning Mental Maths** – 7:45-8:20
- **Rowing** – 7:15-9am
- **Swimming – School Swim Squad** – 7:30-8:30am
- **Morning Guitar Club** – 8:00-8:30am
- **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
- **Science Club** – 4-5pm
- **String Orchestra** – 4-5pm
- **Homework Club** – 4-5pm

Friday Clubs

- **Whole School Clubs** – 2:15-4pm

SUNDAY

From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

I finished last week's Wetherbuzz talking about the Prefects' Dinner later that evening with old boy Giacomo Prideaux, currently in his last year at Marlborough. Great to see Giacomo; he was as friendly, sociable, articulate and humble as I remembered him at Wetherby Prep. Giacomo has done really well at Marlborough and has an offer to read History of Art at Cambridge in the autumn. I told him and his Housemaster how proud I and all at WPS were of him and how I knew he would do well at senior school...Giacomo took the praise with the humility I expected but did remind me that we had never in his five years here made him 'Citizen of the Week'. He said it with a smile on his face but as someone that has still to get over not getting a prize from any school I attended, is a stark reminder of the currency of these awards and how much they mean to the boys. Ask any member of staff how much thought, debate and democratic voting goes into these awards every Friday; it is a very thorough process, though admittedly, many great boys have slipped through the net over the years - Giacomo included!



If rules permitted looking outside the Wetherby community, Sportsman of the Week would undoubtedly be Ismalia Sarr and Team of the Week has to be his and my team Watford FC for their imperious win over Liverpool last Saturday. Many of you emailed and messaged me over the weekend and rightly noted that Sammy Kupsin (7B) and I had 'called' this victory in last Friday's Assembly. I asked the boys, "What sporting record will finish tomorrow?" and Sammy rightly responded, "Liverpool's undefeated Premier League season". There was maybe more than a hint of Nick Baker bullishness about that comment but I did genuinely think we had a chance. Watford are a far better team than their current league position suggests and always have the ability to put in a big performance that will prove too much for anyone. And so it proved. I did try to take a picture of me and my boys at the end to put on Instagram but there was too much excitement and commotion to get a decent shot. Patrick asked me somewhat dismissively, "Are you crying?" It was incredibly emotional but no I was not, though my constant smiling was the very definition of the crying eyes/smiley face emoji...

As the Corona Virus remains a cause for concern for everyone in the UK and abroad, we continue to follow government and Public Health England advice and have no plans or rationale to close the school or postpone or cancel school events or trips. One good thing to come out of the last few weeks has been the boys' attitude towards personal hygiene and in particular, using the anti-bacterial dispensers. We have been telling the boys that these only clean the bacteria from their hands, they don't protect against getting bacteria so using them often and washing their hands regularly is the key. I don't want to tempt fate too much but absence rates for the school have risen only slightly over recent weeks and this is down to parents utilising a (quite rightly) low threshold when deciding whether or not to send their son into school. We're a healthy bunch at WPS, let's keep it that way.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker





Citizen of the Week

Kourosh M (6M) is a charming young man who has demonstrated true citizenship in Running Club. He encourages all the boys and even hangs back to motivate the others to keep going. Such inspiring, collegiate spirit!



Sportsman of the Week

It was WPS vs SPS; our boys were outplayed when competing against some older SPS Year 8 & 9 boys! Overall, we lost the fixture, but Thomas C (50) won 3 out of his 3 bouts demonstrating skill and focus in high-level competition. Bravo, Thomas.



Class-Achievement

Mr Thorne's and Miss Preece's Year 6 English

Kindness Cup



Elyas E and James X 7L

Just wanted to mention to you that Philipp was super grateful for Elyas and James being so caring and acting as first aid responders right after he fell in front of the class room. I believe they deserve some special mention.

Also, Dr Lee carried Philipp down all the way to reception where Danielle and Jude looked after him very well.
Ellen Goetz, parent

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Saverio A 5L**

An excellent attitude for weeks and really helpful and thoughtful around the class. *Mr Maguire*

◆ **Oscar L 6A**

Oscar was really kind to Michael Logothetis after seeing his new Karate routine and went off chatting about martial arts. *Mr Maguire*

◆ **Aidan P 4E**

Aidan P in 4E was SO helpful today in RS. He is an absolute delight to teach and have in the classroom. *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Maximilian Van der K 4H**

Maximilian took it upon himself to go through the lost property bin and return lost items to their owners - a very kind and helpful thing to do. *Mrs Le Clanche*

◆ **Oscar D 5K**

Oscar has been the greatest friend. One time I was feeling a bit sad but he cheered me up a lot!
George Y 5L

◆ **Zacharia M 6C**

Thank you, Zac, for helping me out when I had an issue involving my hair and some Blu-Tack.
Omer E 6C

◆ **Daniil K 6C**

I am nominating Daniil for getting me tissues during break when I had a nosebleed. *Aydan I 6C*

◆ **Kian F 6C**

I want to nominate Kian because when I was upset, he comforted me and gave me some tissues.
Vihaan T 6C

◆ **Ezra W 5O**

I would like to nominate Ezra for the kindness cup as he always helps me if I get hurt at break time and takes the time to make sure that he is ok, which is very caring. *Alexandre D 5K*

◆ **Miss Casserly**

I am nominating Miss Casserly as she always takes time to answer our questions in Science.
Jack D 8G

◆ **Dmitry C 4S**

I am nominating Dmitry because he gave Oliver C a hoodie on Thursday during break because it started pouring with rain and I think that is very kind. *Alexander T-K 4P*

◆ **Andreas M 5O**

We had some poor weather during this afternoon's Games session. On boarding the bus afterwards, Jamie Hamilton's hands had become very cold and were numb and painful. Andreas noticed this, and unprompted, gave Jamie a dry pair of gloves to put on to warm him up. What a kind thing to do. *Mr Morrison*

From the Director of Studies

Mr Lock writes...

Years 3, 4, and 5 exams

All boys in Years 3-5 will be sitting internal exams from Monday 27th April. These will be taken in their normal teaching groups with no special or altered timetable.

Please look out for revision guides on the school website from next week.

Study Skills Session

Many thanks to the parents who joined us on Wednesday morning to hear some ideas about revision and study skills from Elevate Education. Boys from year 7 and 8 enjoyed their sessions with the trainers and were able to (generally) come away with something practical to help in their revision.

Please note that we will continue to teach revision strategies with boys and think about how to utilise their time when revising. For more tips, please see the attached document from Elevate with the Wetherbuzz email.

Notices

House of Wetherby Drop-in 2nd Hand Uniform Sale Wednesday 18th March 2020, 8.15 - 9 am

Mrs Greenwood writes...

There will be a drop-in sale of uniform in House of Wetherby on Wednesday 18th March, from 8:15-9am. The next big sale will be in May next term, so this sale is a chance to buy the odd specific item, rather than browse. Come and get cricket kit! Space is limited, so do consider giving your son cash and instructions on sizes, and we will help him to choose the best item available. All uniform donations can be left with Jude and Danielle, before 18th March. Thank you for your continued support; all proceeds go to the Wetherby charities.

Parent – Son Wetherby Golf Day

Mr Criddle writes...

With the Summer Term fast approaching I am pleased to announce that we will be bringing back the annual Parent – Son Wetherby Golf Day. The event will be held at Foxhills Golf Club on Saturday 2nd May 2020.

We are looking for keen Wetherby Golfers to team up with a family member: mum, dad, grandfather, brother etc. to compete against each other for the top prize. All golfers are expected to have some prior golfing experience.

The day will consist of a round of golf on in your pairs followed by lunch. Tee times will commence from 9am lunch and prize giving from 12:30pm.

If you interested and would like to register a pair could you please let me know via email ben.criddle@wetherbyprep.co.uk on firstly your attendance and secondly how many pairs you would like to enter.

The cost of the day is £90 per pair which includes both lunch and golf. We obviously only have a limited number of spaces available and these will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Entries close on Friday 27th March 2020.

School Council

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Time: 8:40am

Attendance: School Council Representatives and PLT

Issues/Ideas brought up during meeting and action plan:

- Lunch:
Sandwiches, Tacos, Tortillas, Jelly, Ice Lolly, Salmon on a Friday. We loved the 'English Breakfast' lunch this week!
- Clubs:
Escape Room, Judo, Stop Motion, Rugby.
- Break:
Basketball net and Cricket Bag.
- AOB:
More Day trips.
School Council Reps to be given allocated Form Time to speak to their peers. Miss Lister has asked Form Tutors to do so.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10th March at 8:40am in the Dining Room.

MATHS CHALLENGES!

Mr Gascoine writes...

Boys who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

LOWER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

SushiMaster
Leo B
Junyi C

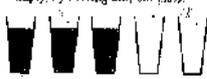
UPPER SCHOOL BRAINIACS

Zehen S	Taymour A
Laith A	The 3 B's
Daniil K	Junyi C
The Spruce Tree	The Oak Tree
SushiMaster	The Dark Horse

LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Empty Glasses

I have five glasses in a row. The first three are full and the other two empty. How can I arrange them so that they are alternately full and empty, by moving only one glass?



Start like this



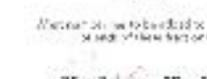
... and end up like this, moving only one glass.

Handwritten solution: Take the liquid from the 3rd glass and pour it into the 2nd glass.

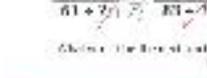
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Handwritten solution for Empty Glasses:

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Handwritten solution: Take the liquid from the 3rd glass and pour it into the 2nd glass.



Mrs Le Clanche writes...

Year 4 Maths Day

On Wednesday this week, Year 4 boys enjoyed the second of this term's cross-curricular days, this time with a maths theme running through their lessons.

From investigating Anglo Saxon numbers in History lessons to manipulating statistics of megacities in Geography, boys were encouraged to make links across the various disciplines.

Favourite activities of the day included the tessellation work on an Escher theme in art and the logical riddle solving in English.

Many thanks to all the Year 4 teachers for all their hard work and enthusiasm in making the day such a success.



RS Department

Ms Russell writes...

Baha'i faith

On Monday we were so lucky to be visited by Mrs Farhadi and Jasmin who spoke to Year 6 about the Baha'i faith. The boys learnt about unity and the lovely principles which underpin the religion: kindness towards all other humans and learning to live happily as one. I was so proud of the boys for asking some amazing questions - they were very thoughtful and articulate! They have kept on asking lots of questions in RS lessons and I am so pleased the talk stimulated some intellectual curiosity amongst them.

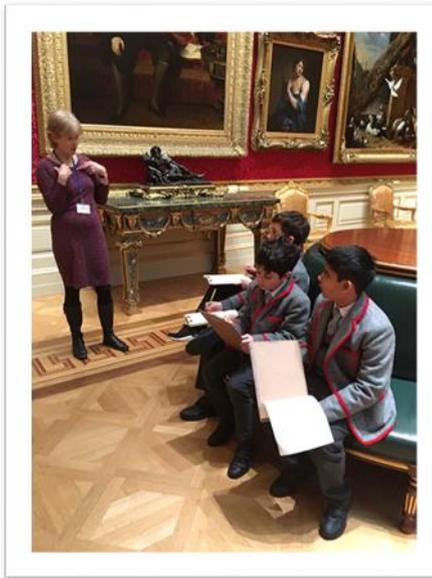


Art Department

Ms Kirby writes...

5A and 5K Trip to the Wallace Collection

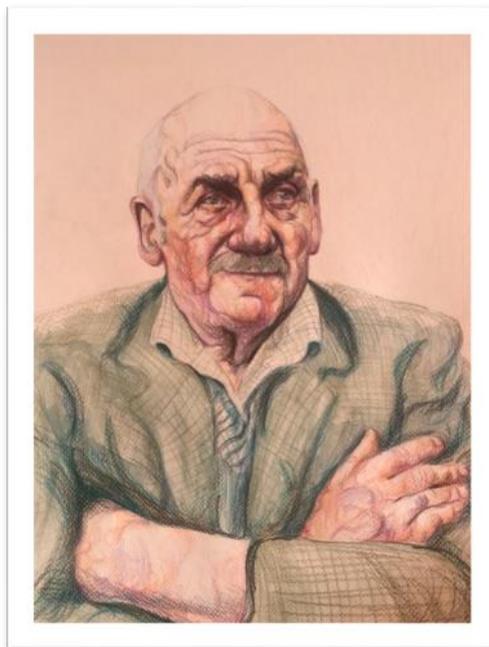
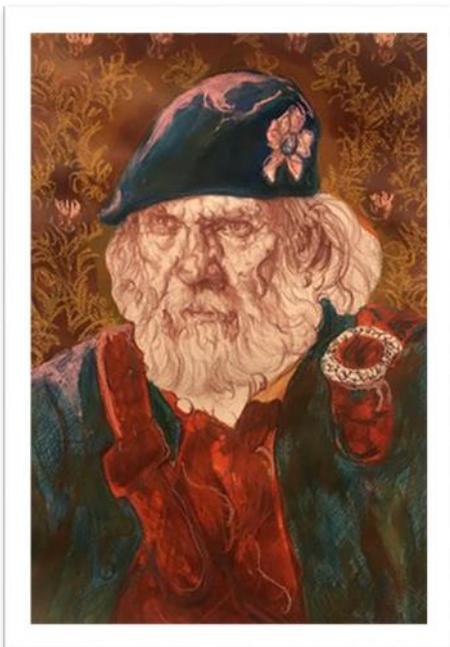
On Monday 5A and 5K went on a stroll down the road to the Wallace Collection. The boys learnt how to understand different paintings by looking at portraits, allegorical and still life paintings by some of the greatest artists in the world. The lively session included observational drawing and object handling. I am sure the other half of the year will enjoy the workshop just as much, this coming Monday.

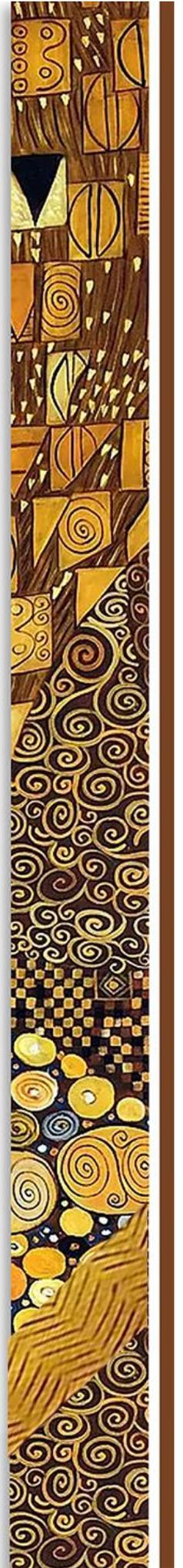


Ms Kirby writes...

Art Workshop with Gideon Summerfield

Last year I went on a camping road trip exploring Scotland. On a particularly cold and wet night I gave up on the campfire and went into the Fife Arms Hotel in Braemar. I saw the most striking artworks, portraits, hanging salon style across the decadently decorated walls of the restaurant. I asked the waiters for the name but they couldn't recall and I could not make out the signature. Fast forward to Wetherby Sports Day 2019; I spoke with Tilla S (Orlando, 7L) about the shows we have seen. Mrs Straub told me that she had recently won an artwork at her daughter's school charity auction and thought I would like the artist's work. It was the same artist, Gideon Summerfield. Serendipity! The 24 year old portrait artist was only in Scotland for a commission and actually lives in London. This week Gideon delivered an afternoon workshop to 7L showing them how to add movement and expression into their work. He ran a series of activities designed to free up their mark making. The workshop was fantastic and we are so lucky to have had this opportunity. Here are a few pictures of the class working and a selection of some of Gideon's exceptional portraits. More can be seen at <http://www.gideonsummerfield.com>





Wetherby SPORT

Rugby Term Sports Report

U11 B – H vs. Thomas's Battersea, Thomas's Kensington and Arnold House

The U11s picked up 5 wins from 7 matches in an excellent afternoon of rugby. The stand-out being an excellent 55 points to 25 win for the C team against Thomas's Battersea's A team.

Man of the match B's: Danill K

C's: Jack S

D's: Casper M

E's: Vihann T

F's: Michael A

G's: Zacharia M

H's: Suleman A

U9 A, C and E vs. Caldicott

The U9s travelled to Caldicott on Tuesday and came away with 2 wins from 3 matches. Some brilliant rugby on show and some even better after match teas. The standout being an excellent 35 points to 20 victory for the C team against Caldicott B team.

Man of the Match A's: Dylan E

C's: Reno B

E's: Theodore S

U12 A – C vs. Northcote Lodge

The U12s had a tough afternoon of fixtures against Northcote Lodge. All 3 teams played some good rugby but all narrowly coming away with defeats.

Man of the Match A's: Matthew R

B's: Sam M

C's: Iskander Ali H

U13 A and B vs. Northcote Lodge

The U13s had a great set of fixtures against Northcote lodge on Wednesday. The A team came away with a narrowly loss in a nail biting game that went right to the final whistle.

Man of the match A's: Chinonso O

B's: Veer M

U10 A - H vs. Arnold House

The U10s had a tough afternoon of fixtures in the rain against Arnold House, St Anthony's and Fulham Prep. The highlight being a 25-20 victory for the F team.

Man of the Match A's: Ikenna U

B's: Ethan W

C's: Alexander W

D's: Leonardo Guidi

E's: Savario G

F's: Lucas P

G's: Leon D

H's: Aleksandar I

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School	
3H	Elliot S
4E	Hugo S
4H	Miles C
4P	William F
	Justin W
4S	Alvaro C
5A	Alessandro A
5K	Rolof van H
5L	Henry R
5O	G L

Upper School	
6A	Nima H
6C	Vihaan T
6F	Alexander C
6M	Jasper F
7B	Sam M
7L	Chase D
7M	Leonardo B
8B	Lucas J
8G	Lucas N
8S	Leonardo O'S
8V	Alexander K

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Chase Donaldson - 66

Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Joint Second Place	Joint Second Place	Third Place
Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papisavvas	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski
435	417	416	368

Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papisavvas
11,286	10,919	9,867	9,305

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 3H 83	Form 7L 76	Form 4E 56



Skool Daze



This week, it is the turn of Miss Bevan!

Where did you go to school?

I grew up in Caerleon, a small town in South Wales and went to Lodge Hill Primary and then Caerleon Secondary School.

Which was your favourite subject and why?

English was definitely my favourite subject. I always had a book in my hand and I loved writing stories. I also really enjoyed Music and played the piano, flute and recorder as well as being part of the school choir. I always looked forward to anything sporty, especially cross-country running and netball (wing defence was my position as I was quite small and quick!) and I regularly represented the school in various competitions.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

Mrs Williams, my English teacher was one of my favourites. She always had a story to tell and always listened if we had any problems. Even though she is now retired I sometimes still see her when I go back to visit the family.

What was your most memorable trip/residential?

Living in Caerleon we were never far from historical sites to visit, such as the Roman Amphitheatre and Roman Fortress Baths. However we did sometimes go a little further afield and I also have fond memories of a Geography residential field trip to Wiltshire.

What was your funniest/most enjoyable experience?

As Caerleon is quite small everybody knew each other and I spent a lot of my school life with the same friends and we all grew up together. I always remember dressing up each year for St. David's Day but unfortunately I couldn't find any photos!

What didn't you like about school?

I hated revising for exams and always used to leave it to the last minute – something I wouldn't recommend now to the Wetherby boys!

What did you learn most from school?

To make the most of every opportunity and to always try and do things outside of your comfort zone.

If you went to Wetherby Prep, what Clubs would you have done?

Definitely running club and creative writing.



Photos of the Week





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