

# WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Spring Term | Week 25



# From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who watched Assembly this morning. That was great fun to do, particularly with the (initially very camera shy) family. I had brought home a full uniform for Joseph to wear...but understandably he didn't want to get too carried away...maybe after Easter...

We then had Irish Dancing with the Maguires this afternoon. Cravenly, I muted my outgoing video feed but I was so impressed to see boys, parents and staff dancing along to the instruction – great to see. Continuing the interactivity, Chris Thorne and I will be starting our 'Daily Quiz' later this evening on Instagram at 8pm. Think HQ Trivia (remember that?) meets Family Fortunes; this will run throughout term time isolation, if enough demand!

It's the holidays but in many ways, nothing really changes and though we won't be posting any schoolwork, Ms Russell has put together a programme for the boys to follow over the holiday to keep them occupied. As I said in my email last night, next term will look different; I have also written a FAQ section below which hopefully answers and responds to all the queries that have come up this week. A number of you have said to us that your sons miss a focal point at the start of the day, therefore we have built in a 'Thought for the Day' segment which will be live on Instagram every day at 9 next term. There will also be a 'theme' for the week that the boys can address alongside normal learning; this will then become the focus of the form period on Friday afternoons. The lessons themselves will be a mixture of video conferencing and set activities but with a clear timetable so nothing is competing at the same time and there is a range of activities and tuition for the boys to engage with. We will also have a full programme of Clubs between 4 and 5pm everyday, much along the lines of Mr Maguire's session earlier today. As I said last night, it will be imperfect but is, we think, the best way to teach and engage the boys with our exiting capabilities in this unprecedented time for all schools.

At this time of the year, we announce the staff changes for September which I detail below:

As one of our founding members of staff in 2004, **Madame Aude Sebag** will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Aude has given so much to the School and seen it grow from when she used to come in on one-morning-a-week to teach the boys. We, of course, wish her well in her retirement and will always consider her one of the school's dearest friends. The role of **Head of French** is taken by one of our current French teachers, **Mrs Lucy Bassett**. Lucy has worked at Wetherby Prep since 2006 and is well known to many of you. I have no doubt she will continue to promote French and develop the department in the coming years.

**Mrs Laura Harris**, currently on maternity leave, will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year as the family has moved to Henley. Laura has been a superb Head of Science but we completely understand her decision to leave the capital. Throughout the year, the **Head of Science** role has been in the very capable hands of **Miss Emily Caserly** and the 'acting' role she currently holds will be permanent from this September.

With Mr Richard Lock and Miss Gayle Russell occupying senior roles within the school, we have promoted current English teacher **Miss Cecilia Bidie** to the role of **Head of TPR** (Theology, Philosophy and Religion) for September. Cecilia will continue to teach some English but will take responsibility for TPR across the age range, something that has been a passion for her ever since studying for her Theology degree at the University of Edinburgh.



**Miss Phoebe Amato-Pace** will be leaving us at the end of this year to take a class teaching role at Ravenscourt Park in West London. She has done a great job this year as **Head of History** but feels she wants a return to whole-class teaching, which we, of course, respect. One of the strongest recruitment processes we have lead in recent years produced two very strong candidates and we were delighted to appoint **Miss Louise Kirk**, currently History and Classics teacher at a state school in south London and previously at St Christopher's Prep in Brighton. Louise will take the Head of Department role and teach some Classics. Additionally, it was *essential* to find a role for **Miss Jessica Cox** who we all thought was one of the strongest NQTs we had ever encountered. We couldn't miss out on staff of this calibre so *had* to hire them both!

With our new Drama Suite proving so popular with the boys, we have appointed **Miss Zowie Wood** to a new role for us as **Head of Drama**. I really can't wait to unveil Zowie to you – as a teacher and a character – she will bring so much to Wetherby Prep and really enhance our Performing Arts provision. As Mr Blundell said as Zowie left the school after interview, "Wow, she was box office!" She will be brilliant.

**Mr Chris Smith** will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year as he has secured the Head of Football post at Radnor House School. Many congratulations to Chris who has just presided over the strongest 1<sup>st</sup> XI season one can remember. We have appointed **Mr Greg Trencher** as his replacement to our Games staff. Greg, currently working at a state school in South London, was very impressive at interview and lesson observation, so much so that the boys he taught followed Mr Blundell around that day encouraging him to appoint him - not your decision boys but thanks for the recommendation!

We are delighted to appoint **Miss Caitlin Sheldon** to our **Maths** teaching staff in September. Caitlin currently teaches Maths at Alleyn's School and is an excellent educationalist and school mistress. She is very Wetherby Prep and knows the school well through her friendship with Miss Aitken!

I say it every year but this more than most, I am so looking forward to working with our new staff in September and know they will all improve and develop our already first class team at Wetherby Prep.

Have a great Easter



Nick Baker

## Remote Learning - Frequently Asked Questions

This week was always going to have an element of the experimental and we have quickly learnt what is and what isn't possible in terms of what we can offer going forward, if, as expected this remote learning is to continue after Easter. We are planning half termly at present, this may turn out to be optimistic but is how we will plan the schedule going forward.

Exact details and timetables will follow prior to next term but the following should answer most of the common queries. These are not actual questions raised by parents but amount to similar queries fielded this week:

### ***'My son is really struggling with the workload. Does he have to complete all tasks?'***

Health and happiness is the absolute priority at this time and if completing all the work is proving too much for your son then of course, no-one is going to chase him for work he hasn't completed. One thing we are planning for next term is a slimmed down timetable that focuses more on 'lessons' than 'set activities'. We are of course, delighted that many boys have 100% submission rates across the curriculum and encourage them to keep at it.

### ***'Show My Homework is a Homework application, can't we move to a more formal intranet?'***

We agree, SMH is not designed for a complete remote learning provision but it is fulfilling a role here and is the platform that most boys are familiar with. We do have the full suite of Office365 applications and could give all boys a login but this is a lot of change management that we would have to do remotely. As many of you know, the plan is to give all boys in Years 6-8 a Surface Go device in September which all links to the school network. Unfortunately this roll out will come one term too late to help us with the current predicament.

### ***'My son cannot submit a task on SMH'***

This will almost certainly be because he is logged in as a parent and not the pupil. Parent logins are just for information, only the boy's account has full functionality. If any parent is still having issues, please email Mr Lock – [richard.lock@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:richard.lock@wetherbyprep.co.uk) and he will call you to troubleshoot.

### ***'My son loved the Zoom lessons, can we do more of them?'***

Yes we can and will timetable these next term. We are conscious that we have had lessons and form times competing for Zoom time this week and boys are pulled in different directions. This will be cleaner and more straightforward next term. Form periods will all be done via Zoom.

### ***'My son doesn't have a laptop/printer and/or there are not enough laptops in the household to facilitate remote learning.'***

This is probably the most common issue. We will open the school on Monday 20 April for any parent that wants to borrow a school laptop. Please email me – [nick.baker@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:nick.baker@wetherbyprep.co.uk) and we can arrange a time to pick up a device. One of the things we are looking at over Easter is to minimise the need for anyone to print anything. We appreciate that this is causing unnecessary issues at home.

### ***'Will the boys still be doing exams?'***

We are going to postpone lower school exams and do a full set towards the end of the autumn term. It was our intention to try and administer these remotely but this just complicates an already complicated issue. At this stage, we will still facilitate Year 8's CE exams, even if the boys are not in the school during the week after half term. Obviously the integrity of the exam conditions cannot be assessed but we trust our boys and if they want a grade at the end of their time at WPS, we will gladly email them, get them emailed back, mark them and provide a certificate. Please note though, this is entirely optional – if the boys do not want the stress of upcoming exams they can opt out. We think though that this should be entirely possible and a good way to keep the boys focused over the coming months.



# Easter Holiday Activity Ideas

Ms Russell writes...

With the Easter break coming up, you will obviously be having a much-deserved rest from formal schoolwork. However, it will still be important to keep yourself occupied during the holiday time whilst you are at home. The Wetherby staff will definitely all be structuring our days to make sure we are staying busy and we would encourage you boys to do the same! We have put together a possible structure for you to follow:

Easter Holiday Activity Plan	
9am	PE with Joe
Morning	Atom Learning (30 mins – 1 hour) (or revision for Year 8) Enrichment (video or reading) Audiobook / Reading
Lunch	Help to cook, lay the table or wash up!
Afternoon	Curiosity Project (Years 3 – 5) or WIRE Project (Years 6 – 8) Screen Free Wellbeing (craft / reading / colouring / podcast) Free Play (make sure you use your daily outside time allowance!)
Evening	Ready, Steady, Cook Challenge!

## Further Details

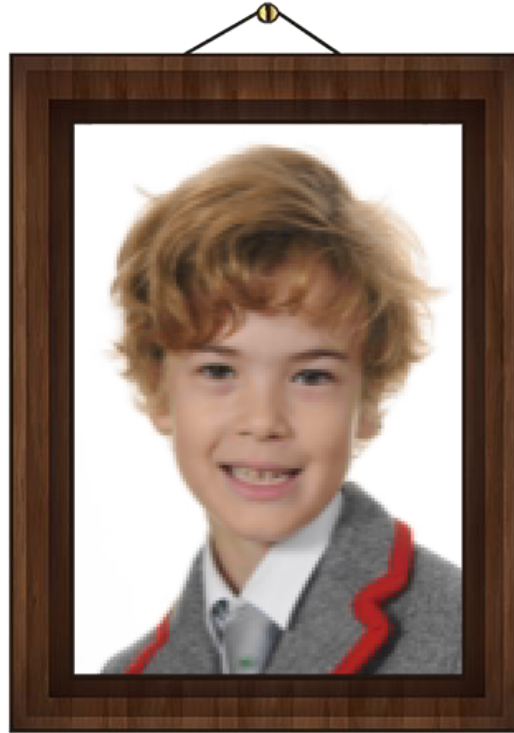
- **PE with Joe** can be found every day at 9am on YouTube – search for The Body Coach TV.
- **Atom Learning** can be accessed by signing up for an Atom Nucleus Account.
- **Enrichment videos and articles** will be available on Show My Homework at the beginning of each week. Check your tasks set by Ms Russell to find them.
- **Audiobooks** are available on Audible and they now have thousands of free books, so you don't need an account to start listening. They are categorized by age group.
- **Your projects** should definitely keep you occupied over the break! Remember you can contact teachers over the holiday for help or advice if you would like to.
- **Screen-free wellbeing** time is really important. See the *Sanity Savers* document for further ideas. Also, The Rainbow Tree is a fantastic resource for mindful craft activities ([www.the-rainbow-tree.com](http://www.the-rainbow-tree.com)). You can also download free mindful colouring activities from [www.teachingideas.co.uk](http://www.teachingideas.co.uk).
- **Make time to catch up with friends.** This is so important. We are so lucky to have so much technology available to us to make this possible, so keep in touch with your Wetherby friends as much as you can.



### *Citizen of the Week*

Well done, to the A brothers who have worked so hard these past few weeks creating cards for the elderly in their neighbourhood. Having made the cards, the boys have taken them to nursing homes to boost spirits and raise awareness of the corona virus. What a kind and public spirited thing to do. Well done, Michele and Saverio!

# Kindness Cup



**Reno B 4P**

Reno has been a super star helping his father prepare meals for the family and bringing them up to my room three times a day and never complained once. He wakes up, calling and checking on me, then prepares the breakfast table, his breakfast and mine, then cleans after finishing. He's helping with housework tasks, which I never had thought he'd be capable of. On top of this, he's been trying his best to do most of the homework, has had some remote lessons to cheer him up and of course our FaceTime conversations. Reno has been helping his young brother too, who doesn't seem that interested in all the remote learning, poor boy, he's only 6!  
*Armela K (Mum)*

## Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

### ♦ **Ilya W-H 6C**

Before the school shut down, I went in to the library to pick up Sholto's course books. Struggling to find them all amidst the precariously tilting book mountains, I asked if he had any idea where I might find Sholto's books. He immediately stopped his own search, politely offered to help and wouldn't stop hunting until I'd located every single one before resuming his own salvage mission. Thank you, Ilya. *Luke S, father of Sholto 6M*

### ♦ **Max H 4S**

On Friday he volunteered to bring home all the books for his friend Theo who was at home. Also, we have our nanny's daughter (from Bolivia) spending 6 months with us but as she can't attend her English lessons, Max is supporting her and reading with her every day. *Lucía G (Parent)*

♦ **William P 4E**

Appreciating how different and difficult the current situation is for everyone, William took it upon himself to teach his younger brother his passion: writing. He went through all 19 pages of presentation on how to build up tension and suspension with his younger brother. He also wrote a paragraph as a demonstration, which inspired his younger to write his own piece too. Thank you William for being a great older brother and a considerate son. *Niclas and Emma (Parents)*

♦ **John C 6F**

For the Kindness Cup, I'd like to nominate John who has been a super star older brother and leading his younger brother and sister in a daily rugby game. He has also very patiently been helping them with tennis and Connect Four, and keeping spirits high across the whole C family! He has tutored his 8 year old sister as she learns to tell the time, and also his younger brother, Thomas, age 5, who is learning to read. John is turning 11 on April 2nd, and will be enjoying an "isolated" birthday . . . I am sure it will be one that he will never forget! John sends to his best to everyone at Wetherby. *Julia (Mum)*

♦ **James B 4H**

I would like to nominate my brother, James B, in 4H for a Kindness Cup. James has let me use his football goal for my hockey practice this week. This was more a sacrifice than you might think (!) All best wishes to you and your family. *Mary B (sister) Y6 - Bute House Prep School*

♦ **Elliot 3H and Alexander 6F S**

I'm very pleased to nominate both S for the kindness award. Elliot woke up this morning and offered to make everyone's bed and brought all the laundry downstairs on his own initiative.

Alex has proactively helped Elliot with his school work all week, including uploading many of his assignments.

They both have been patient with me and generally compliant when I employed my new "do not disturb" sign on my doorknob. They also did a pretty good job tidying and vacuuming the kitchen today. They learned a valuable lesson that next time they may have to move the plug so as to get to every corner of the room. *Katherine (mum)*

♦ **Ziyang P 5A**

It is a new school routine time for Ziyang this week. Ziyang has more time at home, and we have much more time to spend together. As a family, we feel more close than ever before.

Besides his school work, Ziyang offered to do more household cleaning work this week. We really appreciate his help, because it is significantly more cleaning and disinfecting work than before, especially as cleaning helpers cannot come on site. It is also good for him, not only as a break for school work or PE lessons, but also as a member of family during this corona virus period. *Rongrong (parent)*



♦ **Jack G 7M**

I'm one of Jack's sisters, Arabella. I would like to nominate him for the Kindness Cup on Friday. All this week Jack has been very good humoured and has even found the patience to try and teach me how to play Minecraft on the computer which he is an expert on and I am ... far from gifted at.

As well as this he has been generally helpful and jolly, played with the puppy so she doesn't go stir crazy and been very resilient with the whole remote learning thing.

To conclude, I think he definitely deserves this prize! *Arabella (sister)*

PLUS...

I'm Jack's sister, Harriet. I'd like to nominate Jack for the kindness cup as he has been very kind this week. He's offered to help me with my homework on many occasions, seeing as I have so much of it - I might have to take him up on that offer!

♦ **Rishaan U 6A**

I have always been very grateful to have Rishaan as my brother. He has always looked after me and encouraged me. He is also extremely kind and thoughtful. However, this week my brother has simply been the best! The world is scary at the moment but my brother makes sure to give me extra hugs during this time. We are now in Nigeria and it has been strange especially since we are in isolation and "social distancing". But Rishaan has put that extra effort to play with me. When am bored, he always cheers me up and plays with me. What is amazing, he even plays games he doesn't like just because I love them. I wish everyone had a brother like Rishaan because the world would be a much kinder place. He is the best. *Raahil U - 3H*

♦ **Jack W 4P**

I would like to nominate my brother Jack from the Kindness Cup. He has been helping my mom cook the most delicious dinners all week, and I really appreciate it. *Alexander W - 5L*

♦ **Tameem H 4H**

I would like to nominate my brother, Tameem, for the kindness cup. He has been cooperative, helpful and kind to his mother all week. He checks on the rest of the family and tries to comfort anyone who feels anxious. He also drew a lovely picture for his grandfather even though he cannot see him at the moment. *Talal H (Brother)*

♦ **Elias R**

Thank you for playing with me and keeping me entertained at home! From football to building blocks and lovely lessons in ABC. He is thrilled to have his big brother home! *Eddie R (Little brother)*

# Notices

## The Curiosity Project and The WIRE Project

**Ms Russell writes...**

What an amazing start you have made to your projects, boys! I have had so many fantastic ideas sent through and I am so proud of you all for your efforts so far! Please do keep sending through your ideas on Show My Homework and send me links to any work you have created. I will keep posting interesting TED talks and articles throughout the holiday to keep giving you ideas and food for thought. Please send through your titles when you can; I'd love to have a full list of what everyone is planning on doing. Well done so far – we can't wait to see the finished products!

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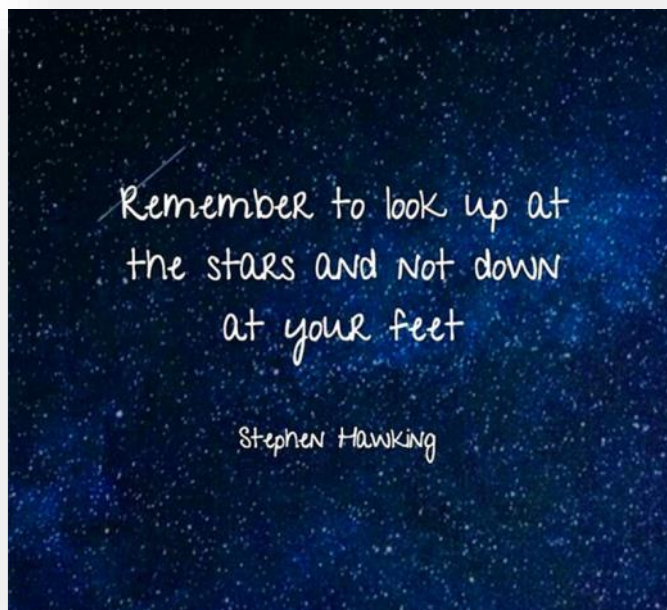
### 5-6, Non-Screen Fix

Dear Wetherby family,  
Boys, Parents and Staff

Technology is becoming absolutely paramount to our learning, socialising and communication, however- our Wellbeing is just as (if not more) important.

Here is something to try- between 5 and 6pm each night, let's put down all electronic devices for a '5-6, Non-Screen Fix'. Of course, this does not mean that during the other 23 hours of the day we should be using said devices!

I wonder what fantastic things we will get up to during this hour? Let your Form Teachers know as you might inspire them to do the same!



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## Videos submission for Instagram

### **Mrs Tomsett-Rowe writes...**

The whole world has turned to music in the last few weeks to create cheer and community! We would love the Wetherby community – pupils, parents and teachers, to come forward with their music and send me a video of you performing so that we can bring cheer to people through out Instagram. The music can be anything you have learnt and that you like to play.

Miss Orpwood, Mr Jenkinson and I would also be happy to take requests for performances if you would like anything in particular performed... (remember I am 674 so won't be able to do any rap!).

Please send your videos and requests to Mrs Tomsett-Rowe (you may need to use we transfer or dropbox) [Claire.tomsett-rowe@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:Claire.tomsett-rowe@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

I look forward to all your concert submissions!

# Parents Corner

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first 'edition' of Parents' Corner- a supportive channel of viewing recommendations from the staff here at Wetherby. We know how much of a change in lifestyle our current climate is making, so we want to support you in any way we can! Our televisions may be becoming our new best friends and 'Netflix-and-Chill' becoming our new mantra. In the back of my car driving down to Cornwall you could find my 50 inch television (and my telescope, I might add). I was told that I couldn't bring my DVD player and seven series-worth of the 'Golden Girls'.

So, without further ado, here comes your first recommendation: the movie 'Dark Light', currently found on Amazon Movies. I have a lot of love for this film, primarily because my boyfriend, actor Ed Brody, stars as one of the leads- 'Paul Knox'. I was lucky enough to go to the premiere which took place last summer, meeting all of the cast and crew who were such an amazing group of people.

IMDb synopsis:

"Amidst her tumultuous divorce, a woman named Annie (Jessica Madsen) suddenly loses her mother. Reeling from the unfortunate events, Annie returns to her childhood home with her daughter (Opal Littleton) in tow. Annie and her daughter experience a sense of peace for a time until her daughter inexplicably vanishes from her bedroom one evening. Annie believes that sinister forces are at work in her daughter's disappearance, and she struggles to make her voice heard. Written and directed by Pdraig Reynolds. "

I hope that you enjoy, and don't mind that I am unashamedly promoting Ed! Also, here is to all the people working in the acting industry who are on pause at the moment. After all this is done, we can't wait to see what comes out next.

Lots of best and healthy wishes,

Miss Lister and Nancy



# MATHS CHALLENGES!

## LOWER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Hugo Samson V. 16

**S** TANDARD

This heraldic standard is made up of 16 squares arranged in 4 boxes:

1	2	4	3
3	4	2	1
4	3	1	2
2	1	3	4

Can you complete the grid, in less than three minutes, in such a way that the numbers 1 to 4 appear just once in each box, and that each number appears only once in each row and column?

## UPPER SCHOOL CHALLENGE

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# Science Department

## Space News w/b 23.3.20

### Miss Lister writes...

Dear all,

As most of you know, I have a 'Space News' board outside my room where I put up information on the latest discoveries or amazing stories within our Universe. Instead, I shall be including it in the Wetherbuzz.

### On This Day in Space: March 23, 1840: First photo of the Moon captured

On March 23, 1840, a New Yorker named John William Draper became the first person to take a photo of the Moon.

Draper was a doctor, scientist and photographer who studied photochemistry to come up with better ways to take pictures. Before Draper photographed the Moon, another photographer Louis Daguerre had tried to do the same, but his image came out fuzzy.



### Astronauts know how to handle isolation: Here are tips from Scott Kelly, Peggy Whitson and more

Right now, a huge percentage of people around the globe are living in isolation to "flatten the curve" and reduce the spread of the Coronavirus. But it can be really difficult to adjust to social distancing and quarantine, especially for those of us who are used to commuting and traveling and going out with our friends.

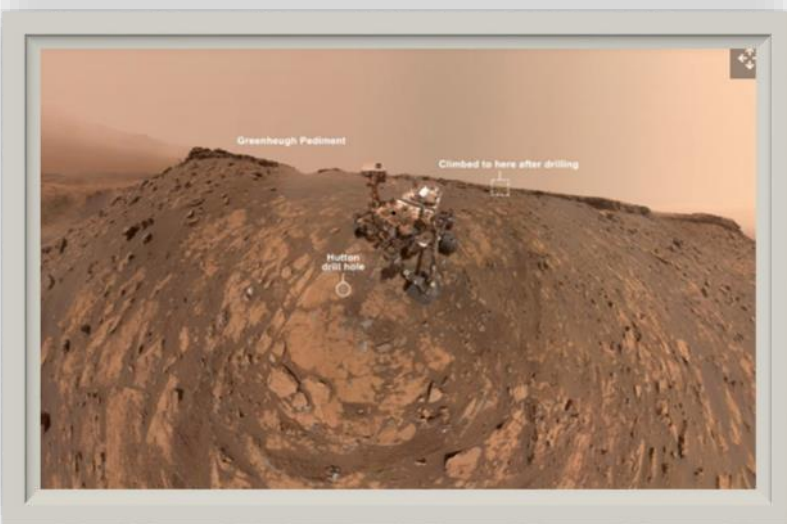
Luckily, astronauts have immeasurable experience with isolation, and a few have chimed in with their expert advice.

<https://www.space.com/astronaut-tips-for-handling-isolation-coronavirus.html>



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**NASA's Curiosity rover on Mars just climbed its steepest slope yet (and snapped a selfie)**





# Music Department

## Miss Orpwood writes...

This week I have tried to use my time wisely and not just sit around watching Disney Plus and eating Easter eggs. My 45 minute commute to school has now been replaced with music practice, whether this be on the piano, violin or my latest musical adventure, the cello. Mr Jenkinson and I are going to be live streaming some concerts over the next few weeks, we are currently working on Elgar's Cello Concerto and a few pieces from Star Wars and Lord of the Rings. I have really enjoyed reading and marking the work the boys have produced – a huge well done to you all for being so motivated at home. Finally, I am trying my best to finish my many knitting projects that have been building up over the years. I currently have 3 jumpers, a blanket and several toys that need finishing ... wish me luck!

The highlight of my week has definitely been seeing 5O during our Zoom form time. In true 5O style we were nice and loud with Mrs Rubino saying she could 'hear the noise two floors down'. It was lovely to see the boys so full of energy and life, they were so happy to see and speak to each other – I can't wait for the next one!



## Concerts

- More than anything we would love to hear and see you all performing! Please do record yourselves practising or performing your pieces, scales or studies. We can then add these to our school Instagram.
- **WE ARE TAKING REQUESTS!** Please do let us know your favourite pieces of music – these can be pop, classical, jazz, anything! – and we will try and include them in our live concerts. We promise to do our best whatever the piece is and give you a shout out during the concert.
- If you have any videos or requests please do send them to Miss Orpwood and Mrs Tomsett-Rowe via email: [nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:nia.orpwood@wetherbyprep.co.uk)/[claire.tomsett-rowe@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:claire.tomsett-rowe@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

A message from Natalia Glover (one of our wonderful piano teachers) and her daughter Helena:

*Helena is a fantastic pianist currently in Y4 at Pembridge Hall, she also studies at a Russian music school where they were asked to film their performances at home. Helena has been very concerned about the fate of so many professional musicians, who now find all of their concerts cancelled and with no income, but food to buy, rent to pay. She decided to use these recordings to make an appeal for charities who support musicians facing hardship, in the UK and US. The incredible Stephen Fry very kindly agreed to Tweet Helena's video. Please consider re-Tweeting Stephen's Tweet or otherwise passing this on via your own social media (Twitter, Facebook etc), in order that the appeal reaches as many people as possible.*

Stephen's Tweet: <https://twitter.com/stephenfry/status/1241277454049841152>

YouTube url: <https://youtu.be/oi3gKdiL7wl>





# Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

**Art is too important not to share.**

—Romero Britto

Dear Artists,

Creativity has never been more important! Through our artworks we can express how we feel, keep connected and take a break from the screens! I have been absolutely delighted to see the artworks that you have sent in from the projects set on SMHW. The Art Department are working on new content to be able to inspire you to make more artwork than ever and to keep the WPS Art Studio vibe running.

Those in my drawing clubs please make contact with each other and keep the projects running so that we can meet online and talk about our work next term. Advanced Artists, all artists, how are you going to respond to this change? What artwork can you all make to comment on what's happening?



When I was at art college in London 1999 I met 'my' group of artists, as painters and sculptors, we would normally visit each other's studios a few times a month and look at each other's work and run what we call an 'artists' critique' session. This has now moved online which is a massive challenge for most of my art buddies who do not even have android phones! We are finding ways to innovate, to learn and to stay in touch and that is what Wetherby artists will do...

*"To send a letter  
is a good way to go  
somewhere without moving  
anything but  
your heart."*

*-Phyllis Theron*

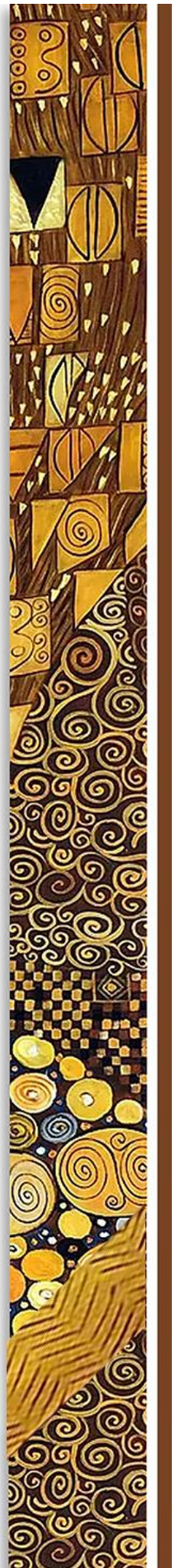
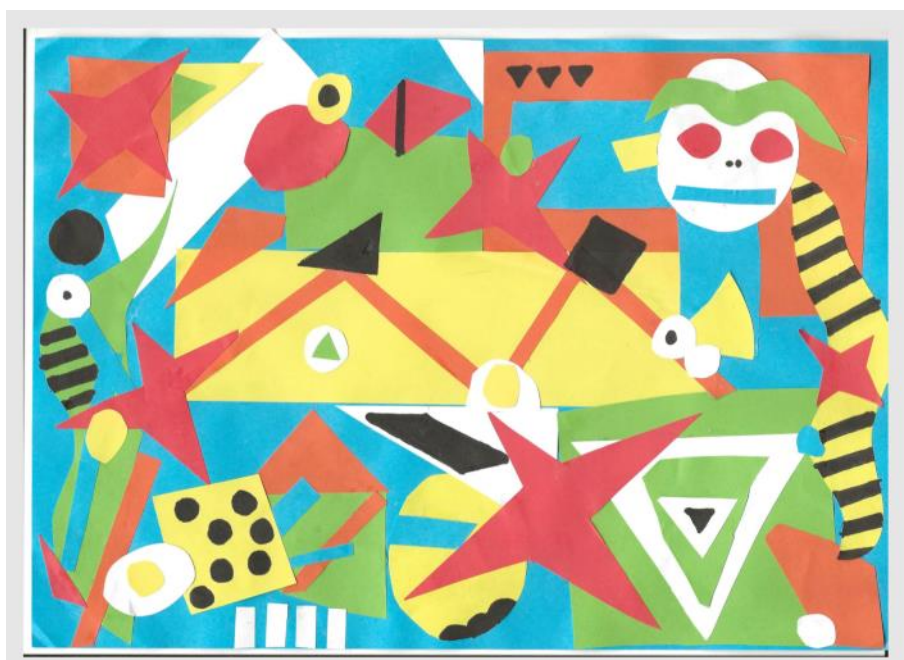
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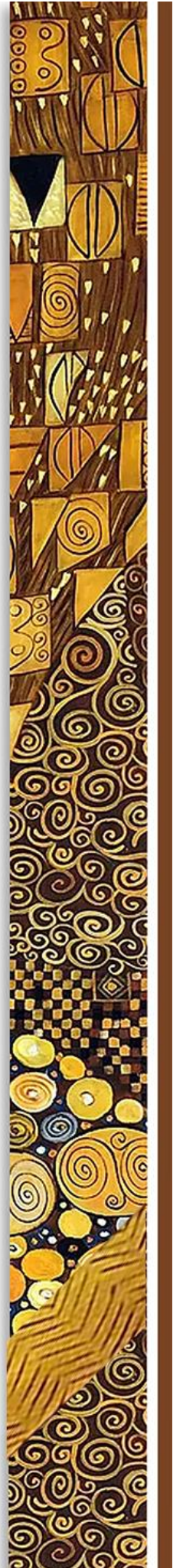
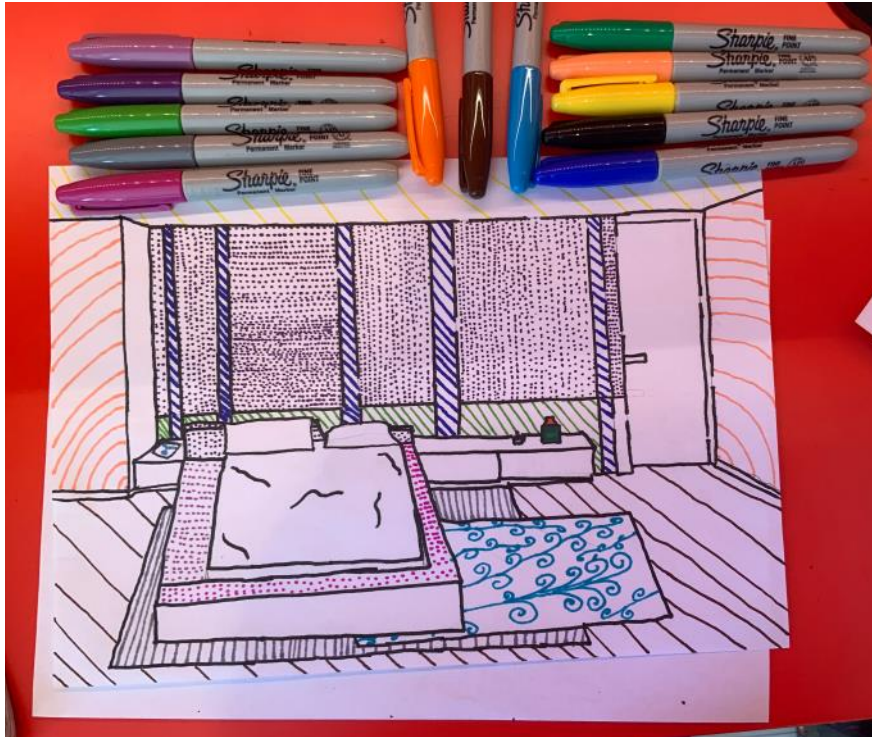
Only last month I was talking to Mr Baker about letter writing. I still write a couple of letters a month to my family and friends. I take time to write carefully and add drawings into the text. I think it is a great way to pause and it means that the person you write to receives some personal and meaningful mail. If you are not able to see some of your friends or family how about sending a handwritten letter, something that can be held and re-read.

Here are a selection of artworks from this week. We will be finding ways to celebrate your works and are planning an Art Weeks for next term. The art studio is now spread out away from Bryanston Square but we are still very much together in our creative community and I predict some revolutionary artworks will emerge from this time of change.

Keep Creative and keep in touch!







# Drama Department

## Drama for all

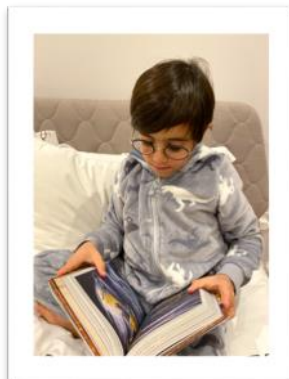
### Miss Preece writes...

Miss Preece and Mrs Tomsett-Rowe's challenge to the Y4 and Y5 boys was taken on with huge aplomb! We are so impressed with all the videos and photos you have sent through, and it has put so many smiles on our faces to see you having fun!

Below, we have collated the 'best bits'!

### Task: Do an impression of being the 'worst' at something...

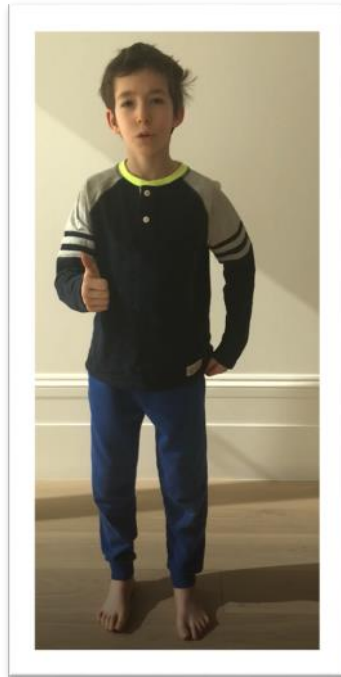
Jonas in 4E – *'The worst parent teaching'*



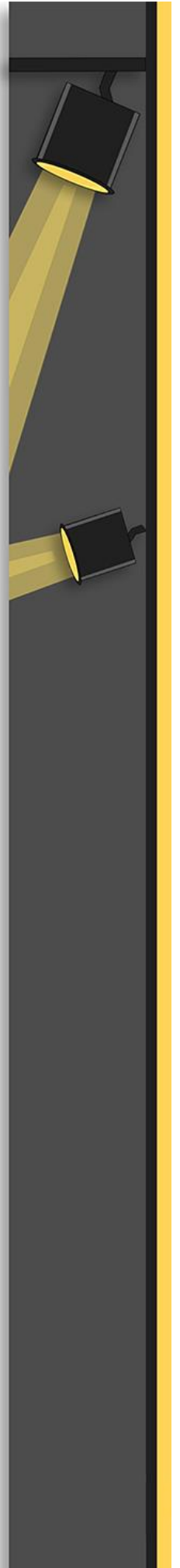
Sal, 4E, *'The worst counter'*



Hugo, 4E, *'The worst dentist'* (screen grab from video)  
*His top tip was 'always eat sweets!'*

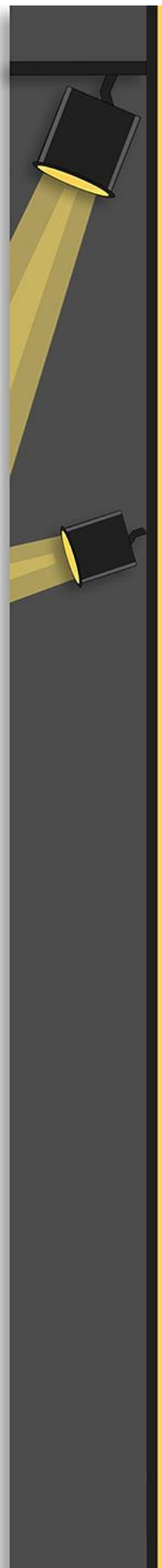


Tameem, 4H – *'World's worst TV presenter'* A hilarious video sent in my Tameem!





Adrian, 4E, *'The worst cellist' and 'The worst piano player'*

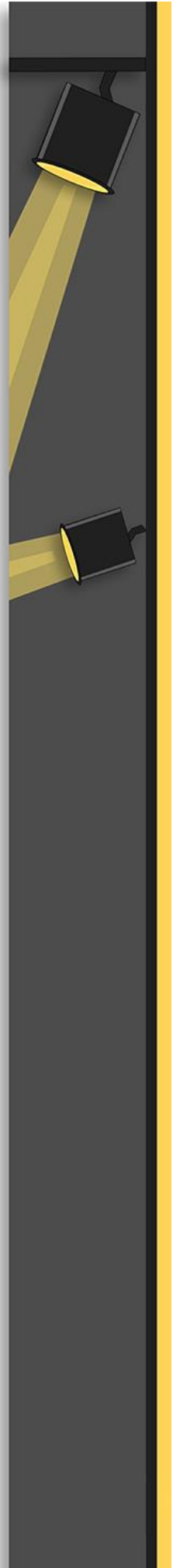
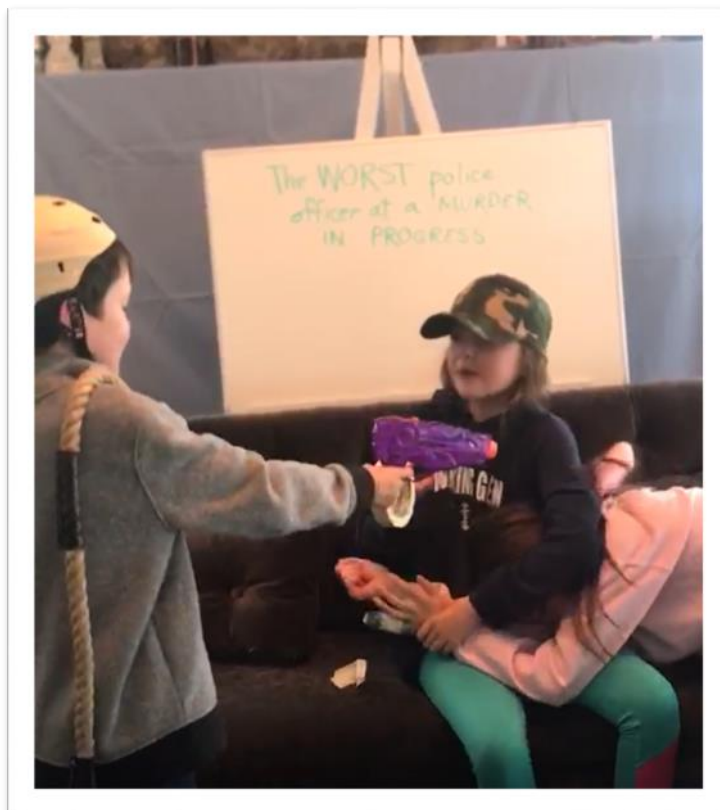




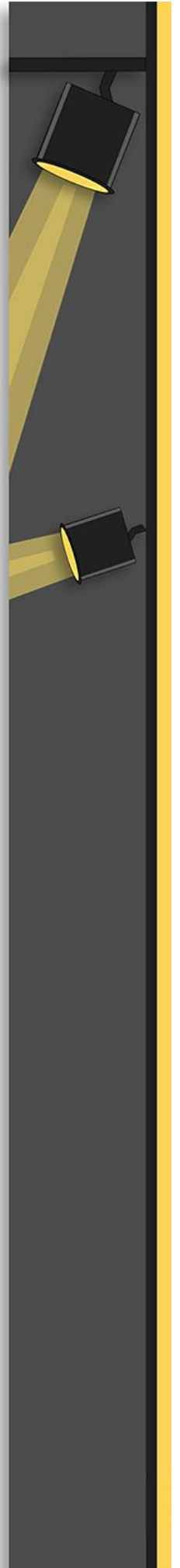
Murad, 'The worst children's TV presenter'



A cut scene from the incredible Walsh household, starring James as the 'World's Worst Police Officer', with his two sisters



Another video masterpiece from Callum, 4E



# Classics Department (Lingua Latina)

Dear Wetherby Parents and Students,

I hope that you are all doing well and staying safe. Regarding the Latin Challenge I have set this week for Years 7 and 8 to translate a Latin passage to English, I provide you with the correct translation.

## Latin Challenge



*Magister V. omnes Wetherbiana discipulos salutat. inquit "vos omnes bene esse spero".  
Valete et Salvete, fortes discipuli!! Mens sana in corpore sano. Vobis scribere volo ut vobis  
dicerem "Nos optimi sumus", "Et haec abibunt", "Vos ipse curate!!! Tuas matres et tuos pa-  
tres curate!!!" "Numquam nolite oblivisci; Vobiscum semper ero!!!"*

*Nostrum ludum glorificemus!!!  
Carpe Diem!!!!  
Mr V.*

### **Suggested translation:**

*Mr V. salutes all his Wetherby students. He says "I hope that you are all well". Stay safe and  
in good health, my brave students! A healthy body in a healthy mind. I want to write to all of  
you in order to say to you "We are the best", "and this too will pass", "Look after yourselves!!!  
Take care of your mothers and fathers!!! "Do never forget; I will always be with you!!! Let's  
honor our school!!! Seize the day!!!*

I would like to commend all the boys who attempted the above translation on top of any classwork or homework duties they had this week. These are:

Elliot C, Jasper H, Nadhmi A, Benjamin G, George S, Oliver B, Heny C, Aditya D, Arki P, Ardavan P, Leonardo B, Sami K



Gratias Vobis Ago,  
Magister V.



# ICT Department

## Online courses from BlueShift now available

As London's top coding after-school club provider, we run creative coding classes for 6 to 14 year olds. We have developed a **range of online classes and tuition** to address the need for stimulating, structured learning in this period!

- Classes run Monday through Friday starting 30 March.
- Different courses for students aged 6 to 14 (covering Scratch, Python, JavaScript and Minecraft)
- Maximum teacher: student ratio of 1:6
- Each student will finish the five day course with a unique project.
- Prices start at £100 for the week.
- Wetherby students get 10% off with the code SCHOOLS10

The full list of online courses is here:

<https://blueshiftcoding.com/pages/online-classes-courses>

We will also be running some FREE classes and hackathons. Parents can register interest by signing up using the link on our homepage: <https://blueshiftcoding.com/>



# Wetherby SPORT

## End of Rugby Season Speech 2019-20

Good morning everyone and I hope you and your families are all well? It has been great to see so many pics of you and your families working out this week and having so much fun doing so. Brothers, sisters, mums and dads, simply brilliant to see.

It has been a very stop start rugby season this time around. When we returned after Xmas, storms Brendan, Ciara and Jorge caused havoc with fixtures and festivals across the country. However, it didn't seem to faze us at Wetherby Prep School, we simply asked opposition to come to the wonderful 4G astro at the very special Wetherby Sports Ground. Once the storms had past, it wasn't long before we all found ourselves in the predicament we do now but please, let's not forget that there was plenty of rugby that went on in the 2019-20 season that we can celebrate today.

### U13 Rugby

Under the expert tutelage of Mr Blundell the 1<sup>st</sup> team were outstanding all season with a brand of expansive rugby that was ever so pleasing to the purist of rugby fans. Mr Blundell has chosen the match against an incredibly strong Northcote Lodge side as their highlight where the WPS boys scored a phenomenal eight tries.

Mr Billingham's U13B team continued to improve as the season progressed. Without doubt their magnificent highlight was a thrilling one try victory against a strong King's House School. Highlights for Mr Evans and Mr Ruddock's U13 C and D teams were victories against North Bridge House and St Anthony's B teams respectively.

### U12 Rugby

The U12 A team led by Mr Smith, stood up to every challenge that was thrown at them and he would like to recognise their super human efforts at the St Edward's and Caldicott festivals. Mr Dean's U12 B team were often playing up against other schools A teams and performed heroically winning more than half of their fixtures. Highlights for Mr Criddle and Mr Heald's U12 C and D teams were wins against Fulham Prep and St Anthony's.

### U11 Rugby

Mr Criddle's U11 A team were simply unbeatable this season. Too good for all that came before them. It all started back in November on the inaugural Rugby Tour to Yorkshire. Mr Criddle does not want to single out a particular match but how well the boys bonded on this tour and feels that this was a key factor in their huge success. Talks are already underway about the film Remember the U11s. It is simply a case of whether or not we can convince Denzel to play Coach Criddle.

Not to be overshadowed by the A tea, the U11 Bs were incredible and the highlight without doubt was their incredible draw against Aysgarth School in Yorkshire in the pouring rain and copious amounts of mud – the likes of which the boys had never played in before! 30 – 5 down at half-time, team talk of the year by Mr Reid, the boys pulled it back to 30 points apiece. Incredible memories.

The U11 C team went the whole season unbeaten and the U11 D, E, F, G and H teams can boast memorable victories against the likes of Arnold House, Fulham Prep and Thomas's Battersea.



### **U10 Rugby**

Mr Dean's U10 A team ended the season on a high when they went to St James' Festival, which turned out to be the last rugby played anywhere, and impressively defended the title. The U10 B boys provided great competition for the A team and the highlight of their season was that so many of them were promoted to the A team. Evidence of the WPS conveyor belt in full effect!

Mr Reid and Mr Morrison's C and D Teams were a super bunch of boys to coach. They both had great seasons and so many memorable tough training sessions on a Friday morning. The C team highlight being their amazing match against King's House where they scored 6 magnificent tries. Mr Morrison would like to remember the magnificent team try scored by Arlo N-R against a strong Chepstow House side. The U10 E, F, G and H teams were so good throughout with their highlights being fantastic wins against Thomas's Kensington and Battersea, Fulham Prep and Arnold House. Well done, boys!

### **U9 Rugby**

The U9 A team have yet again proven that the future of rugby at WPS is, indeed, very bright. Six wins in a row against some strong opposition being one of the many impressive highlights. The U9 B and C teams can be very proud of their performances against the A teams of other schools. The D, E, F, G and H teams had so many memorable highlights, amongst them wins against Eaton House the Manor, Knightsbridge, St Anthony's and Fulham Prep.

### **U8 Rugby**

Mr Billingham and the mighty U8s were simply sensational this rugby season. They have improved enormously and fantastic performances against Arnold House, Broomwood Hall and Kew Green Prep are some of the many memories they will have forever.

### **AWARDS**

#### **U13 A**

MI Aidan S

POTS Chinonso O

#### **U13 B**

MI Ali A

POTS Misha K

#### **U13 C**

MI Greg G

POTS Sebastian W

#### **U13 D**

MI Jasper H

POTS Zayn S

#### **U12 A**

MI John C

POTS Beckett W

#### **U12 B**

MI Freddie E

POTS Sam M

#### **U12 C**

MI Iskander Ali-H

POTS Reuben J

#### **U12 D**

MI James X

POTS Edward S

#### **U11 A**

MI Bennet H

POTS Filippo H

#### **U11 B**

MI Ilya W-H

POTS Dexter B

#### **U11 C**

MI Kiran K

POTS Jack S

#### **U11 D**

MI Elliot S

POTS Aydan I



**U10 A**

MI Chase O

**U10 B**

MI Tobia P-B

**U10 C**

MI Junyi C

**U10 D**

MI Oscar D

**U10 E**

MI David S

**U10 F**

MI Xan L

**U10 G Y**

MI Mick R

**U10 H**

MI Milo D

**U9 A**

MI Caspar V

**U9 B**

MI Gabriel B

**U9 C**

MI Alexander R

**U9 D**

MI Younis A

**U9 E**

MI Theo S

**9F**

MI Jonas O

**U9 G**

MI Jai M

**U9 H**

MI Daniel A-C

**U8**

MI Gleb I

POTS Johnny L

POTS Oliver F

POTS Ari S

POTS Ali E

POTS Felix R

POTS George Y

POTS Bailey P

POTS Thomas C

POTS Dylan E

POTS Bobby B

POTS Callum S

POTS Justin W

POTS Max Van Der K

POTS Alvaro C

POTS Isri P

POTS Franklyn C

POTS Elliot S



### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Philip M	6A	Rishaan U
4E	Nicholas J	6C	Daniil K
4H	Oliver M	6F	Alfie A
4P	Caspar V	6M	Laith A
4S	Theodore S	7B	Joshua L
5A	Ziyang P	7L	Riaz Q
5K	Raahil H	7M	Edward S
5L	Ayaan C	8B	Jackson K
5O	Leonardo G	8G	Lucas N
		8S	George S
		8V	Elliot C

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Elliot C - 35

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papasavvas
<b>378</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>302</b>

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Dawson</b> Captain B. Govindan	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain G. Granovski	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain A. Pesendorfer	<b>Westbourne</b> Captain M. Papasavvas
<b>12,185</b>	<b>11,936</b>	<b>11,869</b>	<b>10,124</b>

# Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 3H 89	Form 4S 44	Form 6F 41



# Wether-Me

**Name and Form:** Sebastian D

**House:** Dawson

**Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:**

*Best People Ever.*

**What are your favourite subjects and why?**

*History WW2 (especially). Because all of the weapons and battles are incredibly interesting.*

**Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:**

*Head Boy.*

**What would you like to be when you grow up?**

*Become a Lawyer. Most likely.*

**If you could teach at Wetherby, what would you teach and why?**

*History because I love the subject.*

*Games because it would be loads of fun.*

**What topic would you love to learn in school/do you research in your own time?**

*WW2 any time any place anywhere.*

**What book are you reading at the moment?**

*Chris Ryan Danny Black Series.*

**If you didn't come to Wetherby, what would you do instead in your spare time?**

*Learn more about WW2.*





# Skool Daze



***This week, it is the turn of Mrs Tomsett-Rowe!***

## **Where did you go to school?**

I went to St Swithun's Junior School in Winchester, The Kings' School, Winchester and the Purcell School of Music for sixth form. I went to Saturday school at Guildhall from 6-13, and played with the National Children's Orchestra where I met my best friend 25 years ago!

## **Which was your favourite subject and why?**

Obviously music was my absolute favourite but I liked all sorts of subjects. I loved Geography because I like to be outdoors and I really enjoyed Physics as our teacher used to explain things really well (including how to hot-wire a car using electro magnets!).

## **Who was your favourite teacher and why?**

I had many favourite teachers, but I think the two who had the most impact were Mrs Francis and Miss Cox at the Purcell School. With Mrs Francis, I started the whole school jazz programme and she really encouraged me to pursue the saxophone; whilst Miss Cox reinforced my love of composition and gave me the confidence to study this more at university.

### **What was your most memorable trip/residential?**

I was part of Hampshire County Youth Orchestra and we went on tour for a month to South Africa in 1998, which was amazing! We were one of the first youth orchestras to visit post-apartheid and we stayed in a variety of places – including a converted jail, which still had bars on the windows!

### **What was your funniest/most enjoyable experience?**

Playing for OBE ceremonies at Buckingham Palace and being on the hockey team (in goal-obviously!) at senior school.

### **What didn't you like about school?**

Coursework – I am an exams person!

### **What did you learn most from school?**

The importance of practice! Playing in ensembles taught me how to work in a team and make sure that everybody is comfortable with their roles. The importance of being yourself and not a clone. As you can see, my questionable sense of fashion has been a constant....

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

Lego, Tech, Science, Drama, Music Ensembles, Choir, but NOT Running!

