

WETHERBUZZ

2019/20 | Summer Term | Week 35



From the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Boys,

A crazy time warranted a crazy finale and (Wetherby) boy did we get that on Wednesday. When the ever pragmatic and proactive Mr Stephen Blundell said to me just over two weeks ago when planning the whole school return, "And Prize Giving? Surely we can now just do that at the Sports Ground – get Bayes to sort some a/v out – we can do this, no problem." I was full of enthusiasm and support. That then turned into a bit of fear looking at the weather forecast earlier in the week and a member of staff guessing correctly that, "I take it Plan B is that we all get wet?" But that, quite simply, was us at our best. Proactive and creative when other schools were standing still, stoic and determined in the face of adversity...summed us up perfectly. My speech was my shortest ever, having lost a whole page due to two sheets stuck together as they were wet through. Unforgettable and utterly memorable times – I salute everyone who took part and in particular the aforementioned Mr Blundell, Miss Lister, Mr Bayes and Mr Thorne who all together produced an incredible event.



The Leavers' Video, expertly produced by Hadi Shuaib (Zac 8S) was the crowning end piece of proceedings and deserves a wider audience. I understand the Instagram feed cut out at "the PSHE Cup" (according to my disappointed mother who always likes to see the Head Boy announcement) but anyone who missed the video, please click this [link](#) or below for something really special. Whilst on Instagram, you (and my mum) can also see the moment Sammy Kupsin (7B) was named as Head Boy...Instagram is a brilliant invention...

We've all been back two weeks and we've held Prize Giving, Sports Day, a day trip to Thorpe Park Lakes, games lessons, cricket club, full allocation of lessons...but children in other schools have not been so fortunate and the divide between state and private has regrettably never been wider. Understandable logistical restrictions but also some not insignificant resistance from school leaders across the country have kept children off school; for something an individual only gets one shot at, this is a complete disgrace. It is no surprise then that government guidelines released yesterday are broad in their approach and allow huge scope for interpretation, as long as one uses common sense. In short, school will be back to normal and, to answer the most fielded question of the last few weeks, the shuttle buses will be back! It will be some time before we have church assembly, parents' evening will be via Teams/Zoom, we (probably) won't have a whole school Carol Concert or Candlelit Dinner (though we will diarise them...)...but apart from that, expect a return to the full WPS experience.

The approach to the end of the school year seems to quicken the closer we get to it. There is so much to do, so much to organise, so many engagements, you feel that you need an extra week or two just to get them all done. This year though, the feeling is different. I have to be honest and say that today, the end of term, is more welcome than at any time in my or my colleagues' careers. We're used to full throttle here – we pride ourselves on it – and we've been full throttle since March 20. There has been no let up, no time to rest, everything has been focused on preserving the integrity of our teaching and learning and providing our community with as much Wetherby Prep as we possibly can. And as we have worked, our expectations of you, our boys and parents has also risen. You also have had to learn new skills, new parenting landscapes, new technical knowledge you never expected or possibly wanted to learn. It has been an immense #teamwetherby effort, and I ask just one more thing of all of our people – staff, boys and parents - have the most restful of summers, truly rest...everyone one of us has deserved it.

Thank you for all your support this year. We are one community, we are, Wetherby Prep.

Have a great summer,

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

Nick Baker

Wetherby Prep School LEAVERS 2020



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Boys, I guess this is what we call The End of The Line. At Wetherby anyway.

The train has pulled in, the doors are open and you're about to step off.
Some will turn left, others right and some will walk straight on.

But before you do, know that you've been an inspiring group and, in countless ways, a special Year.

Many of you have been here since Year 3. That's 6 years, making Wetherby Prep the longest school you'll ever attend. It's these years that have formed and transformed you.

But it's not the amount of time you've been here that's important. It's you.

You've been kind, decent, mischievous, respectful and witty. Yet you're all unique.

And it's *this*, your individuality and its acceptance, that makes this Year Group an incredible group.

So, what's next?

As with all journeys, onwards you must go.
Some of you will go on to London Day schools, some will Board and others will move further away.

Wherever you find yourselves, know that you will always have these years - they are a part of you.

You see, what you may not know is how much you've influenced and shaped each other.

The person you have become is because of the person next to you.

A final thought.

Moments like this provide an opportunity. An opportunity to shape the road ahead by learning from those who have already taken the journey.

There's an inspiring book by tennis champion, Arthur Ashe, called *Days of Grace*.

It tells the story of a man who embodies courage, tolerance and the spirit to fight.
These are values that are much called for in these times.

Boys, you are the heirs of Mr. Ashe.

Good Luck.

Here's a link for all Year 8 parents to download the **"Good Luck"** video:

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<https://www.instagram.com/p/CCGiLV8gG0R/>



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Finlay D in 6M**. Finlay has been 'first one in' since half term and always gets ready for the school day with little fuss and a positive attitude. He has been a model citizen throughout the term and year. Well done, Finlay!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Kian D, 4E

Two weeks in a row, Mr Billingham and I have had lots of equipment left out on the Sports Ground to tidy away and organise for Cricket Club in the evening. Without asking, Kian kindly helped collect the thousands of tennis balls lying on the ground, much to the relief of myself and Mr Billingham's lower back ache. *Mr Evans*

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ **Gaius G-P and Leonardo P, 4S**

These two boys happened to be passing me at the time when chairs were delivered to the Sports Ground in preparation for Prize Giving. They were adamant in helping me bring them on to the astro-turf, and I must say, they really made a difference in getting things in order. Well done to both of you! *Miss Lister*

◆ **Kiran K, 6A**

He is such a kind and conscientious student. I have had the pleasure of teaching 6A English over the past few weeks and he has made this last term a true delight. A bright boy that has a great sense of humour which has kept all of us smiling. This week he has come to me on numerous occasions and offered to help with any sorting/sticking/colouring/filing that needs to be done... *Miss Andrews-Bowen*

Notices

FOR YEAR 5 PARENTS

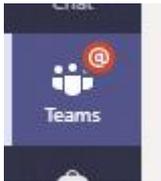
In preparation for September and the ISEB pre-tests for entry to senior schools, some boys will want to do a little preparation over the summer.

To help in this regard, we have set up the following:

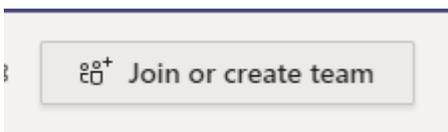
- ATOM LEARNING – Mrs Jenne will continue to set Atom activities each week throughout the summer holiday. These will help boys develop their verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills;
- Mathematics and English Papers – A selection of 11+ ISEB papers have been made available to boys together with mark schemes;
- Advice and Q&A regarding the pre-test.

In order to access these resources, please use your son's Teams Account.

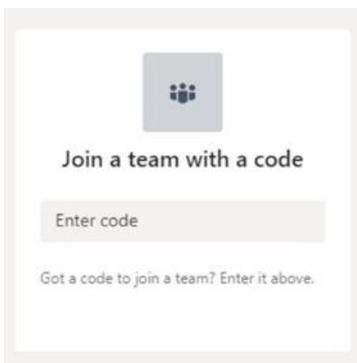
Select the 'Teams' button on the left hand side:



Select 'join or create a team':



Select 'join a team with a code':



The code is: **1n48vz3**

Mr Lock
Director of Studies

Prize Giving Photographs

Prize Giving photographs can be accessed using the details below:

Please visit dephoto.biz and enter the event code *Bryanston*

English Department

"I peered through the gloomy, grey alley when suddenly a damp, eerie feeling crawled up my spine."

Daniel A, Year 4

"Sick-grey smoke covered the gloomy metropolis"

Benjamin M, Year 4

"The police chased the robber who had stealthily, like a panther, stolen the beautiful jewels of the queen"

Alex T-K, Year 4

"The vampire slowly crept down the creaky, ancient stairs into the living room below"

Caspar V, Year 4

"The house looked ominous in the open misty gaze of the full moon,"

Quinn G Year 5

"The moon was like a pearl sitting in the sky waiting to be full so it could unleash its true power,"

Sebastien B, Year 5

"The darkness had devoured most of the sky and the full moon's gaze was haunting the area it shimmered upon,"

Oliver P, Year 5

"Shrouded in the midnight blue mist, thick as syrup, stood a menacing, intimidating, eerie castle,"

Dillon D C, Year 5

"The trees looked like skeletons stuck in the ground, unwilling to break free in that cold winter breeze,"

Lewis D, Year 5

"Lightening cackled maliciously, lashing the innocent pillars of that colossal tower,"

Saverio A, Year 5

"The dark water of the pond glistened with a light as pale as the proud figure of the full moon,"

Xan L, Year 5

"The shrivelled oaks scattered around the grounds were looming over me while taunting me and groaning in pain as the wind whipped at their roots,"

James A, Year 5

"The house was in the middle of an eerie forest full of bone-like trees, empty of leaves, decaying and dying,"

Dylan K, Year 5

"The lone mansion sat in the mist like a dead fish in water, withering and lifeless,"

Michael H, Year 5

"Creepy, uncanny trees twisted tantalisingly like snakes on a stone stairway,"

Ziyang P, Year 5

"The skeleton branches reached out to try and grab me while the thin veins of roots lay on the floor, desperately trying to trip me up,"

Alex W, Year 5

"The murky shadows engulfed the house in a dark energy, urging whatever poor soul that found it to explore its sadistic secrets,"

Leon H-W, Year 5

"Terrifying roots ate up the cobblestone pathway like a tiger demolishing its prey,"

Max B, Year 5

"It was one stormy night at the great manor. The moon was shining like a pale sun and the trees were withering like a dead wolf,"

Felix R, Year 5

"Camp Green Lake is a desert. Don't get tricked by the name. It is as barren as Venus. Every morning the sun wakes up early to lay down scorching blanket of heat on the earth. Camp Green Lake really doesn't deserve its name."

William P, Year 4

"Deep in the depths of the darkest cave the forlorn fish sighed."

Ferens C, Year 4

"The sly man's thick smile deepened extraordinarily when the leafy admission form was signed."

William F, Year 4

"The silky sea expanded throughout the horizon."

Jack W, Year 4

"A mysterious dark creature glided over roofs of a small Mexican town leaving no evidence behind."

Daniel A, Year 4

"Her face glowed with health and her dark eyes sparkled."

Alexander H, Year 4

"The clouds were like massive cotton balls and the sun carpeted and dazzled the shimmering sky."

Raahil U, Year 3

"He looked around in desperate hope to find one last speck of light, one last hope that there was something more than this dusted shadow of his world."

Henry C, Year 7

"The angel floated down as the bright aurora circled him,"

Daniel A, Year 4



Summer holiday choices highlight events and videos to help any latent linguists:

[BRADFORD LITERATURE FESTIVAL](#) (Fri 26 June - Sun 5 July)

Hailed as one of the most inspirational and inclusive festivals in the UK this year it is free and online - and you can still view any events you've missed!

There are special [Events for Schools & Young People](#) - my personal picks include [Potatoes, Carrots... Poetry! with John Hegley](#) and [Talk Like A Pirate with Captain Dan Tastic](#) + there are shedloads of Teacher and Parent resources.

[NATIONAL POETRY DAY](#)

It's a long way off (October) but [their website](#) is full of handy resources including:

[Truth Films](#) where poets read a piece of their own work relating to the theme, Truth, and talk about some of the ideas behind it. There are also [Competitions](#) and the [25 favourite poetry books of the last 25 years chosen by booksellers](#)

[NATIONAL LITERARY TRUST](#)

Anyone want to know [how to write a limerick using a cup](#) ? Or [write a thank you poem](#) for key workers?

Check out their Words for Life site for a [book list](#) of brilliant poetry books for children aged 0 to 11



Science Department

Space News w/c 29.06.20

Dear Wetherby family,

Hidden Figures

A massive thank you to the parents and Boys in Y6, Y5, Y4 and Y3 Science classes who have focused on a cross-curricular theme this week in Science...



We have been learning about the incredible achievements of Dorothy Vaughan, Katherine Johnson and Mary Jackson who, while overcoming barriers of prejudice to race and gender, did so much for the Space industry in relation to computer programming, trajectory calculations and engineering. Much of what they did in the 1950s and 60s is still used to this day. Sadly, Katherine Johnson died in February of this year- next month she would have been 102. You can see her here receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honour the US government gives to civilians, by Barack Obama in 2015.

Space calendar June/July 2020:

Rocket launches, sky events, missions & more!

LAST UPDATED June 19th:

These dates are subject to change, and will be updated throughout the year as firmer dates arise.

July

July 4: Happy Aphelion Day! Earth is farthest from the sun today.

July 4-5: A [penumbral lunar eclipse](#) will be visible from the Americas and parts of Africa and Antarctica. The moon will begin passing through Earth's shadow on July 4 at 11:07 p.m. EST (0307 GMT on July 5), and the eclipse will last for 2 hours and 45 minutes.

July 5: The full moon of July, known as the Beaver Moon, occurs at 12:44 a.m. EDT (0444 GMT). That same day, the moon will be in [conjunction with Jupiter](#) at 5:38 p.m. EDT (2138 GMT). The moon will also be in [conjunction with Saturn](#) on July 6 at 4:38 a.m. EDT (0838 GMT). The trio will form a small triangle in the night sky before fading into the dawn.

July 8: The "morning star" [Venus is at its greatest brightness](#) for the year, shining at magnitude -4.5 in the morning sky.

July 11: The waning, gibbous moon will make a close approach to the Red Planet in the early morning sky. It will be in [conjunction with Mars](#) at 3:38 p.m. EDT (1938 GMT).

July 14: The United Arab Emirates plans to launch its first Mars orbiter, the [Hope Mars Mission](#). It will launch from the Tanegashima Space Center in Japan on a Japanese H-2A rocket, at 4:51 p.m. EDT (2051 GMT).

July 14: [Jupiter reaches opposition](#), which means the planet will appear at its biggest and brightest. This happens about once a year, when Jupiter's position is almost directly opposite the sun in the sky. Around the same time, Jupiter will also make its closest approach to Earth.

July 15: The U.S. Air Force will use a **Minotaur 4 rocket** to launch a classified spy satellite cargo for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office. Dubbed **NROL-129**, the mission will lift off from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

July 17: NASA's [Mars 2020 rover](#) launches to the Red Planet! It will lift off on a United Launch Alliance **Atlas V rocket** from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

July 17: The waning crescent moon will be in [conjunction with Venus](#), the "morning star," at 3:27 a.m. EDT (0727 GMT). Look for the pair above the eastern horizon before dawn.

July 20: New moon

July 20: [Saturn reaches opposition](#), which means the planet will appear at its biggest and brightest. This happens about once a year, when Saturn's position is almost directly opposite the sun in the sky. Around the same time, Saturn will also make its closest approach to Earth.

July 23: A Russian **Soyuz rocket** will launch the 76th [Progress cargo spacecraft](#) to the International Space Station. It will lift off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

July 30: A Russian **Proton rocket** will launch the **Express 80** and **Express 103** communications satellites for the Russian Satellite Communication Company. It will lift off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.



Music Department

Final Concert of the Year

Mrs Tomsett-Rowe writes...

Our final concert of the year happened on Friday 26th June with lots of excellent performances over zoom! Well done to all performers and all boys who have performed throughout the year. What a lot of musical talent we have at Wetherby! Keep on practising and we look forward to hearing more from you next year.



ICT Department

Mr Bayes writes...

Here are the winners of the 2020 Short Film Awards or "Woscars".

Best Actors - Bear and Killian S for their detective mystery : "Aubrey Jones and the Corona Robbers".

Best Animation - Jasper H for his brilliant and pain staking stop motion reenactment of a WW1 trench warfare scene.

Best Director - Ardavan P for his comical and humorous production "Bags".

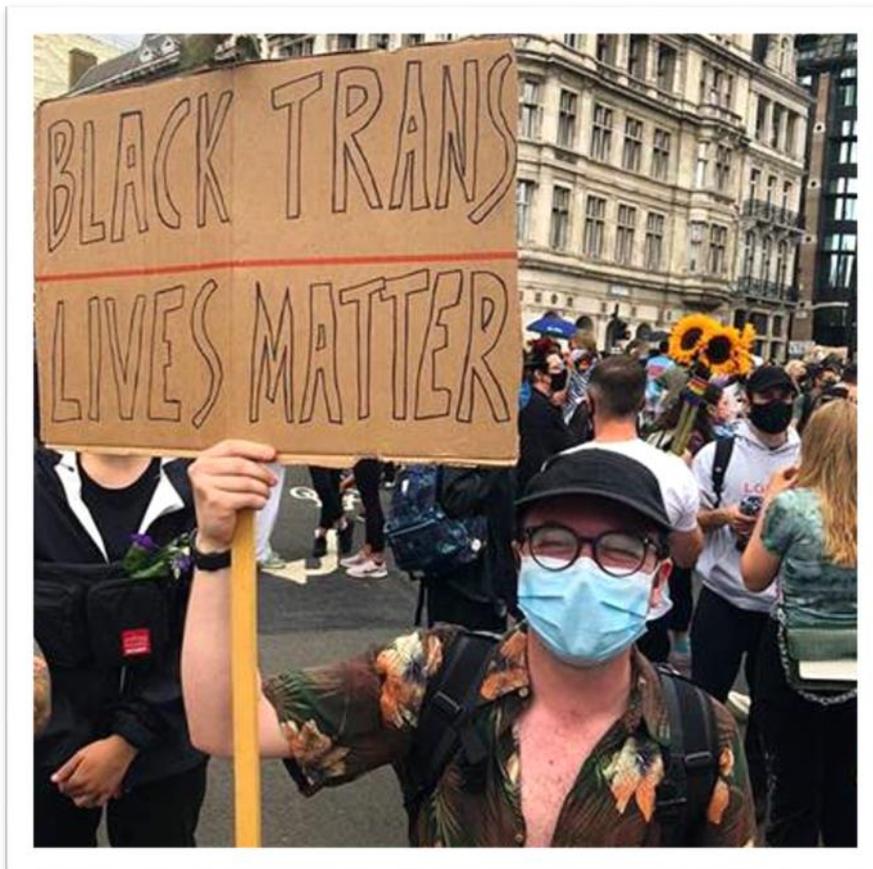
Best Short Film - Jasper and James H, for the production "Fort In Salah". A fabulous slapstick take on the historical storming of the famous 1100AD Egyptian Fort.



PSHE

Mx Tilleray writes...

Pride month drew to a close a few days ago and at the weekend was an amazing Black Trans Lives Matter protest attended by thousands. The energy was electric and it felt very special to be there at a demonstration that felt much closer and truer to the original Pride marches held in the US 50 years ago.



I have attached some of the PowerPoint presentations that have been used in PSHE lessons this week for any students that weren't able to attend and wanted to learn about LGBTQ history. Well done to all students that have been contributing to PSHE conversations this week, I've heard lovely things about your maturity when talking about these topics.

Outdoor Learning

Miss Hood writes...

It's been wonderful to see all of the boys (and staff) getting involved with the great outdoors over the Summer Term.

Luca, Year 7, working extremely hard at his family vegetable patch!



Charities

Miss Kroiter writes...

Thank you for all your generous contributions and hard work fundraising for our charities this year. This year we have seen the PTA raise huge amounts through their second hand uniform store as well as seamlessly organise bake sales, books sales and the standout Wetherby Festive Bake Off which raised a whopping £1,500 . Pupils have also shown fundraising initiatives including a giant Year 5 Conga Line (thank you Jonah Kleinman and Saverio Aliboni). We hosted the 'Come Dine With Me' evening and, then, to end the year, Mr Baker stoically took to Instagram to have his hair cut by Joseph and Patrick and raising a staggering £20,150.

We have kept in regular touch with our charities who have all remained safe through lockdown and have worked hard protecting their vulnerable and we are looking forward to raising even more for them next year. Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children Charity created brand new Phizz-whizzing Workshop over the lockdown period. They have been developed in partnership with national children's radio station, Fun Kids Radio and are presented by the charity's mascot, Marvin the crocodile. Each workshop will teach children about core values including bravery, empathy, resilience and kindness. You can view the Phizz-whizzing Workshops using this link: <https://www.roalddahl.com/charity/get-involved/things-to-do-with-your-kids/phizz-whizzing-workshops>.

Thanks again for all of your support!

Wether-Me

Name and Form: **Alfie A 6F**

House: Chepstow



Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:

FUN, ADVENTUROUS, WELCOMING

What are your favourite subjects and why?

I like Art because I like the creative side of it. I love doing practicals in Science and finding out things like how to use a microscope and look at real cells.

Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:

When I won Citizen of the Week.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

I would like to do something to do with design, like an engineer or architect.

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

I would teach games because I like doing a range of difference sports.

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

I love to look more in to the topics we have covered in Science. I got myself a hand-held microscope to investigate things around my home- fabrics were the most interesting!

What book are you reading at the moment?

I have just received a present of Percy Jackson, The Lightning Thief, which I am going to read.

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

Go cycling and build Lego.

Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

William D - 55

Weekly 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. Papasavvas
686	539	508	413

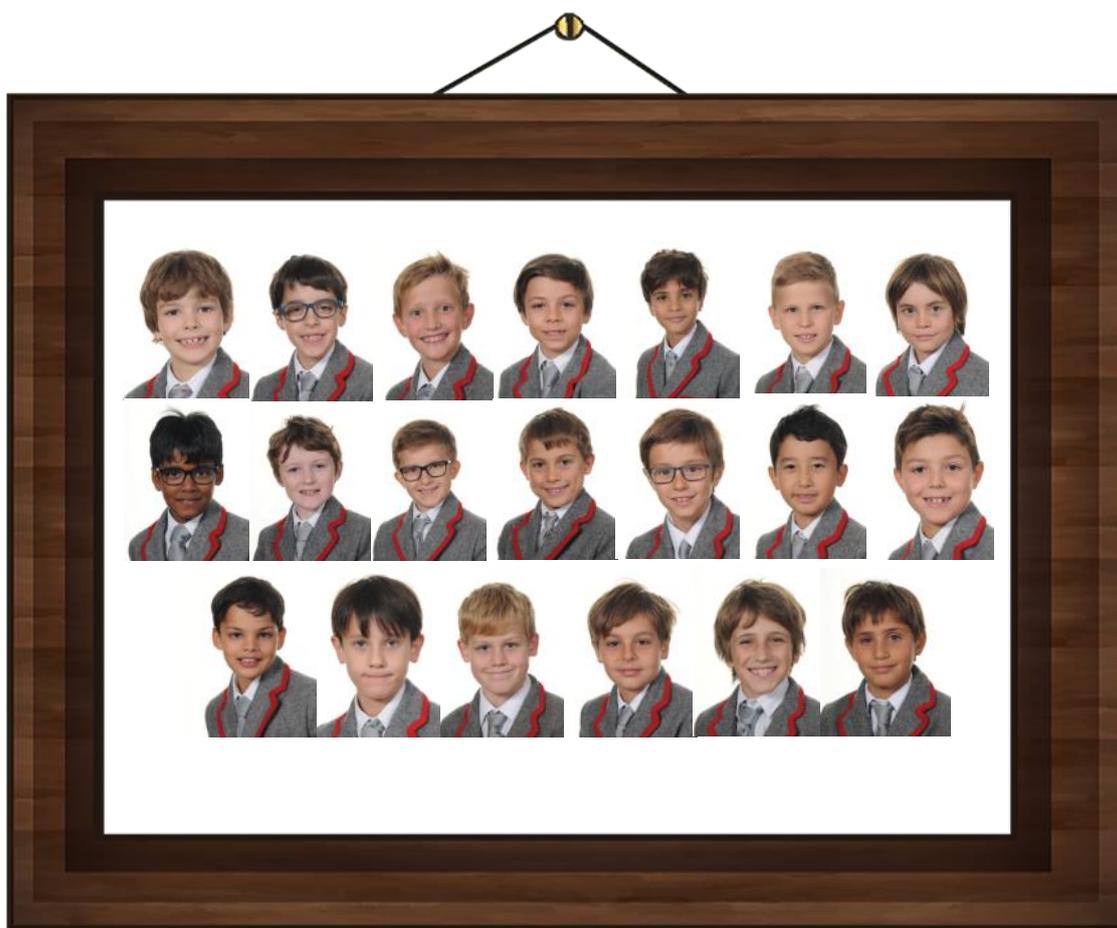
Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place- House Cup Winner!	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Pembridge Captain G. Granovski	Dawson Captain B. Govindan	Chepstow Captain A. Pesendorfer	Westbourne Captain M. Papasavvas
19,569	19,535	18,277	15,885

Dawson Cup	William D—555
Chepstownian Prize	Gabriel B—561
Highest Housepoint Cup	Samuele B—802

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4S 286	Form 4H 237	Form 5A 206



Photos of the Week

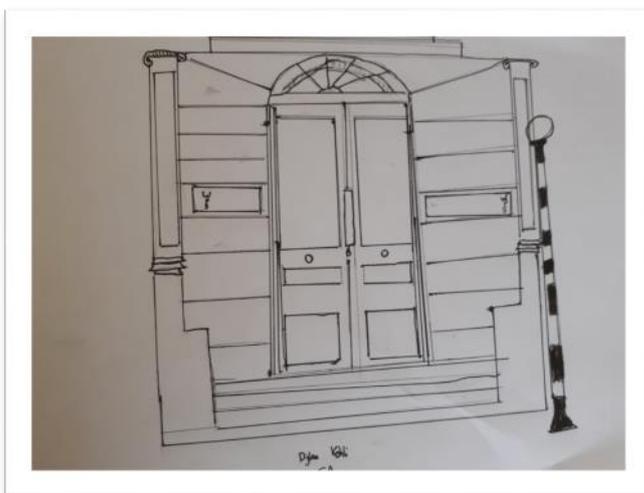
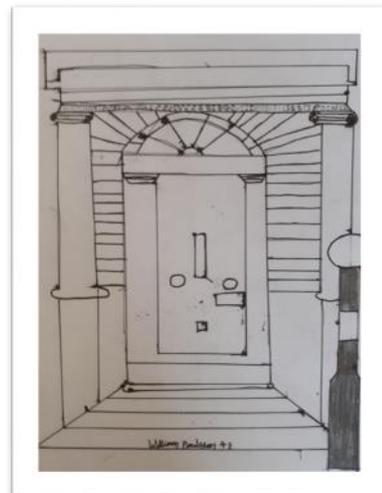
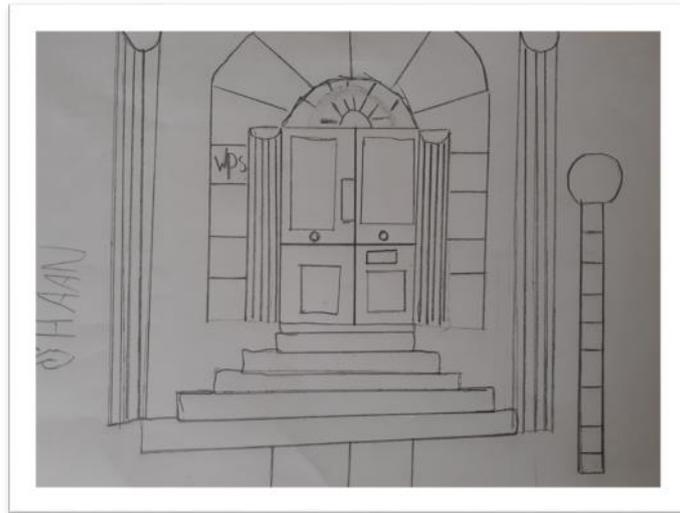


Year 8 Leavers' gift to Mr Baker

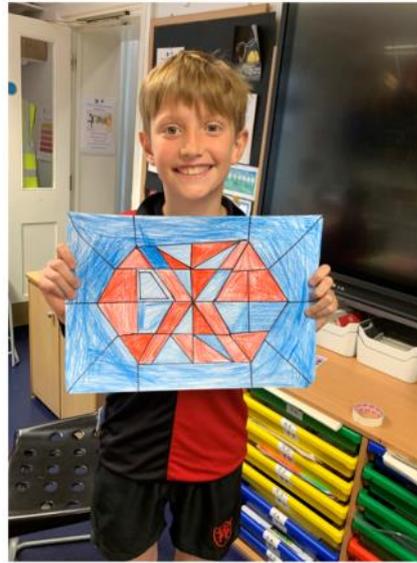




Prize Giving



This week's artwork



Tessellation patterns that the Year 4 have done this week



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