

WETHERBUZZ

2020/21 | Autumn Term | Week 4



WEEK 4 — Monday 28th September to Sunday 4th October 2020

Monday 28th September:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- U12 Wetherby Premier League Round 3 – 9:30am
- U11 Wetherby Premier League Round 3 – 2:15pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3pm

Tuesday 29th September:

- Year 7 Harrow Assessment Day
- U8/U9 Premier League Round 3 – 2:15pm
- Mrs Gourlay to the APG Wellbeing Forum – 3-5pm

Wednesday 30th September:

- Year 6 Breakfast Concert
ON **ZOOM** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416> and on **Teams**
- Guide to Senior Schools Presentation to Years 5 and 6 – 6pm
ON **ZOOM** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

Thursday 1st October:

- Scholarship Enrichment Trip for 8V to the Old Bailey – 12-3pm
- U13 Wetherby Premier League Round 3 – 9:30am
- U10 Wetherby Premier League Round 3 – 2:15pm
- School Management Meeting – 4:30pm
- 8G and 8O Parents' Evening – 5-8pm

Friday 2nd October:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Whole School Assembly on Zoom – 8:45am
THIS EVENT WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON INSTAGRAM 
AND ON **ZOOM** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>
- Alpha Plus Group Senior Leadership Conference – 9:30am-12:30pm

Saturday 3rd October:

Sunday 4th October:

Clubs

Monday

- Advanced English (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Choir (Years 7 & 8) – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing (Year 5) – 4-5pm
- Debating (Years 3, 4, 6 & 7) – 4-5pm
- Football (Years 3, 4 & 5) – 4-5pm
- Geography Club (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Homework Club (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Years 3 & 4) – 4-6pm

Tuesday

- Morning Running (Years 5 & 6) – 7:45-8:45am
- Rock Band (Year 5) – 8-9am
- Arts & Crafts (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Chess (Years 7 & 8) – 4-5pm
- Choir (Years 5 & 6) – 4-5pm
- Cookery Club (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Homework Club (Year 5) – 4-5pm
- Lego Robotics (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- After School Cricket Club (Year 5) – 5-7pm

Wednesday

- Tennis Club (Years 3 & 4) – 8-9am
- Code Club: Game Making (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- D&T/Engineering Club (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Year 5) – 4-6pm
- Homework Club (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Homework Club (Year 7) – 4-5pm
- Reasoning (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- Rock Band (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Table Tennis (Year 5) – 4-5pm

Thursday

- Rowing (Year 8) – 7:15-9am
- Morning Mental Maths (Years 3 & 4) – 7:45-8:20am
- Morning Running (Years 7 & 8) – 7:45-8:45am
- Morning Guitar & Harp Ensemble (Year 6) – 8-8:30am
- Advanced English (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- Chess (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Code Club (Year 7) – 4-5pm
- Creative Writing (Years 3 & 4) – 4-5pm
- Drawing (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- Dodgeball Club (Year 5) – 4-5pm
- Fencing (Year 6) – 4-6pm
- Homework Club (Year 6) – 4-5pm
- Maths Revision (Year 8) – 4-5pm
- String Orchestra (Year 5) – 4-5pm

Friday

- Board Games & Puzzles (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Cookery (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Cricket (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Lego (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Warhammer (Years 3 & 4) – 2:15-4pm
- Arts & Crafts (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Chess (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Drama (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Robotics – F1 Micro Cars (Year 5) – 2:15-5pm
- Skateboarding (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 5) – 2:15-4pm
- Cartoon Club (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Eaton Fives (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Horse Riding (Year 6) – 2:15-5pm
- Lego (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Public Speaking and Debating (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Wetherby Newspaper (Year 6) – 2:15-4pm
- Airfix (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Film Review (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Running & Fitness (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Young Lawyers and Model UN (Year 7) – 2:15-4pm
- Art Scholarship (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Classical Greek Language (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Film Review (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Running & Fitness (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Team Sports (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- Wetherby Cantata (Year 8) – 2:15-4pm
- After School Cricket Club (Year 6) – 5-7pm

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

Exciting day in our household today as it is my younger son, Joseph's, birthday. He becomes a teenager today (OMG where did that time go?) and whilst we have the excuse of covid restrictions to not hold a party of some sort, we still have the perennial conundrum of what to buy gift-wise. Joseph is in Year 8 so where better to go for inspiration than our own Year 8 boys, so, at the start of week, with plenty of time left to order gifts on Amazon, I went into our Year 8 classes to ask the boys what they would like if it was their birthday this week. They were not short of suggestions:

Beckett: "A dog". *Great idea Beckett and 'a dog' has always been top of my list for many years but I always end up disappointed at birthday and Christmas time. Unfortunately, I have to accept that I can't get that one through legal and compliance...*

Tito: "Apple TV". *Hadn't even crossed my mind Tito but another super idea. He can get all channels on his Xbox though so maybe this is tech for tech's sake?*

Aurelien: "Xbox vouchers". *Funnily enough this is what Joseph has asked for but isn't this a boring present and not something you can play with upon opening?*

Kit: "Gaming Headphones". *That's a great shout Kit – ordered.*

Luca: "3 points and a win for Watford against Luton in the M1 Derby on Saturday". *YES Luca! That is what everyone wants more than anything! If I could order that from Amazon I would but let's hope for that as an extra present tomorrow to complete the perfect birthday weekend.*

Therefore I settled on headphones, chocolate, Xbox vouchers and an iPhone cover that has a battery in it; the same as Mr Blundell has. We'll then have Nandos delivered for dinner. I think at the same age, I received some Nike basketball boots, a two tone Nike anorak and my mum brought me and my siblings a McDonalds back from the closest one (in Oxford) that she then had to microwave for our tea. As well as the vouchers, the one thing he really wanted, bizarrely, was a bank account, something that could only be done online when he turned 13. The main event of his day is popping to the shops with his friends on the way home from school. Last week, he was very down in the evening as he had forgotten to take a pound coin to school and had to suffer the ignominy of getting all the way to the checkout only to find out he had no money. Luckily, one of his friends stepped in at that point (give that lad the WPS Kindness Cup) and saved the day but he asked pleadingly if he could have a card or have the ability to pay on his phone as everyone else does.

I never thought having a bank account would be so desirable at 13 but there we have it. I can see its convenience and if it makes a positive difference to his life then so be it. Modern gifts for the modern kid... Happy Birthday Joseph!

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Citizen of the Week

This week's Citizen of the Week is **Matthew R in 8O**. Matthew has impressed everyone with his cheerful, positive attitude and gentlemanly conduct around school. Well done, Matthew!



Sportsman of the Week

This week's Sportsman of the Week is **Mani T in 8O**. Mani has been singled out as being 'Most Improved' on the football field this term and is showing great game awareness both on and off the ball. Well done, Mani!



Class-Achievement

Kindness Cup



Kit K 8G

He went out of his way to stand aside and hold the door open for me earlier. What a gentleman and so lovely to see such good manners around the school.
Miss Kroiter

Other notable 'Acts of Kindness'

◆ Zachary M 7H

I am afraid of dogs and when there was one by the tuck shop, Zac volunteered to go and buy me a packet of crisps to avoid the hound. *Aydan I 7H*

◆ Quinn G 6E

I was covering 6E's Drama lesson and Quinn kindly went around the classroom and helped boys to be able to type on their worksheet and use their Surface Gos to complete the work. This was so helpful and kind. Thank you, Quinn! *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Rufus M S 3H**

Helping, without being asked, to tie Max's shoe laces when he was having difficulty during after-school cookery club. *Miss Hood*

◆ **Shaan R 6C**

For fixing the sound on the board for assembly so everybody could hear Ms Kroiter. Miss Casserly was struggling to figure out what was wrong and appreciated his help! *Miss Casserly*

◆ **Bobby B 5S**

Bobby's friend was feeling upset in class, and I noticed Bobby was also upset. When I asked Bobby what was wrong he said that he didn't like to see his friends not being happy and that it made him feel sad. What an incredible act of friendship, empathy and kindness. *Miss Lister*

◆ **Kourosh M 7B**

He has helped me and all of the other boys to share our PowerPoints in our Music lesson, he's a tech wizard and so helpful! *Miss Orpwood*

◆ **Xander H 6F**

Xander was on his way out of the building to get on the bus home after school and took it upon himself to come back up the steps to ask if my chin was feeling any better as he knew I'd had a bike accident. Such a kind boy and such a sweet thing to do. *Mrs Gourlay*

◆ **Milan B 8V and Alexander N 8O**

After I had hurt my wrist at games they helped me carry my bag up to the English floor. Without their help, I would have had a lot of trouble getting up to my form room. *Chase D*

NOTICES

Mr Metherell writes...

Please note that the Autumn Term Calendar Card displays an incorrect starting date for Spring Term 2021.

The correct date is on the website and in the boys' homework diaries but we would like to clarify that the boys will return to school on **Wednesday 6 January 2021**.

Please also note that school is closed for all boys on **Monday 11 January 2021**. This is due to our 7 and 8+ exams occurring on that day.

Attendance, Appointments and School Logistics

Wetherby Preparatory School is a busy school with boys out of the building at the Sports Ground either for Games or break each day. One of our primary responsibilities is the duty of care for all of our boys when they are at school and we are very precise on the registers to ensure we know who is in the building and that we have the correct boys going to the correct places.

In order for this to work efficiently could I please remind parents of the procedures for notifying the school of any absences and some general notes about attendance.

If your son is ill:

Please email **Miss Fekete** (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) and CC in your son's **form tutor** before 8:30am on the morning he is ill.

If your son needs to attend an appointment during the school day:

Please email **Mr Baker** and CC in **Miss Fekete** at least one day before the appointment. While we appreciate this is not always possible, please ensure that every effort is made to make an appointment outside school hours.

If your son is attending an interview at another school:

Please email **Mr Baker**, your son's **form tutor**, your son's **Head of Year** and CC in **Miss Fekete** at least one day before the interview.

If you need to request a day off school for your son due to family commitments or other circumstances:

Please email **Mr Baker** in advance requesting an authorised absence for a particular date. Please note approval for authorised absences can only be given by Mr Baker, not your son's form tutor. If Mr Baker has not given permission for an absence it will be treated as an 'unauthorised absence'.

Games and Swimming:

If your son is well enough to come into school then he is well enough to go to Games or swimming lessons. Mr Baker will not give permission for boys to miss part of the school's curriculum due to sickness unless a medical note is provided. We would prefer your son to stay at home and get better so they can participate fully in all aspects of school life. If your son has an injury that means he cannot participate in Games or swimming lessons we will either accommodate him at school or he will travel with his year group to Games but wait in the pavilion. Please contact Mr Reid (lee.reid@wetherbyprep.co.uk) if you need any more assistance for Games or Mr Bayes (dean.bayes@wetherbyprep.co.uk) for swimming.

Registers:

Form starts punctually at 8:30am. School registers are saved by form tutors at 8:45am. Boys arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late.

Mr Baker writes...

Letter from Public Health England

Please find attached a letter from Public Health England regarding coronavirus testing and symptoms. We have been asked to distribute this to all parents by the Department for Education. Also attached is a simple guide to what to do in the event of symptoms in the household and a positive test linked to the household. Please be aware that this guidance is correct at time of writing – it is liable to change at any time.

Autumn Term Menu

With current covid restrictions, the boys are having to use plastic or wooden cutlery. This makes it very difficult to eat so Peter (Catering Manager) has amended the menu to foods that require less 'intensive' cutlery action. Please see amended menu attached to the Wetherbuzz.

Miss Hood writes...

Walk to School Month

Over the month of October, Wetherby will be taking part in the "Walk to School Month" and we would love to see everyone getting involved! Walking is a great way of increasing daily exercise and anyone can do it. This is also a good way to maintain social distancing by avoiding public transport and to reduce the carbon emissions released into our environment.

Think of ways that you can encourage your friends, your family and even the teachers to consider walking...

Miss Lister will be taking this challenge to the board of School Council so that we can generate lots of fun and innovative ways to get out and get walking both in and out of school. If you have any suggestions, your School Council Representative will be asking you for them during Form Time

Every little helps and we are a big school so, together, we could make a big difference!

The PTA write...

House of Wetherby Second Hand Uniform Sale

1. Please email your uniform and sports kit requests to Jude (Jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) by **6PM ON TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**. The email should include details of size and quantities needed.

2. We will source the best available item in the size requested; if you can be flexible on size, e.g. one size up, please indicate this in your email. Please be aware, this is USED uniform, and everything is in need of a wash. It may also lack the odd button, but we believe that it is in an acceptable state, if washed.

3. The items will be available for collection at **3.15PM ON WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER**. All sales are final, and no refunds or exchanges are possible. Please bring a credit/debit card for payment on collection (price list attached).

As soon as Government guidelines permit, we will go back to a general sale at which you will be able to choose your own items in person. In the meantime, we are making great endeavours to provide this useful service, as we know parents are still keen to take advantage of the considerable savings on new uniform.

**Wetherby Prep School
Second Hand Uniform
Price List**

Item	Full Price £	Sale Price £
Tracksuit top	46.95	20.00
Tracksuit bottoms	39.95	20.00
PE Shorts (white)	8.95	4.00
PE Shorts (black)	14.95	7.00
Rugby shirt	28.95	15.00
Polo shirt (house colour)	14.95	7.00
Hoodie, red	24.95	15.00
Black fleece	?	10.00
Player layer top	23.00	10.00
Player layer bottoms	26.50	10.00
Hooped sports socks	4.95	2.00
Cricket jumper	40.95	20.00
Cricket trousers	22.95	10.00
Cricket shirts	19.95	10.00
Swim trunks	15.00	5.00
Swim hat (house colour)	6.50	2.00
Blazer	97.00	50.00
Waxed jacket	66.95	35.00
Grey jumper	33.95	15.00
Grey trousers	18.95	5.00
White shirt (long/short)	16.00	5.00
Tie (house colour)	9.95	5.00
Grey socks	6.95	1.00
Beanie	8.95	3.00
Scarf	7.95	3.00
Gloves	5.95	2.00
Back pack	34.95	15.00
Sports bag	22.95	10.00
Boot bag	14.95	5.00
Book bag	11.95	4.00
Swimming bag	8.95	3.00

Mrs Jenne writes...

www.atomlearning.co.uk

Atom Learning is a great way for boys to practise their Reasoning and this week during lessons, all boys in Year 5 were given their login details. These can also be found on Microsoft Teams on their Reasoning class page.

We will be using Atom Learning in class to help boys to practise their Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning, and I am also setting weekly homework tasks for boys in Year 5 to complete at home.

School Council

Miss Lister writes...

Miss Lister along with Lachlan Donley, Chair of School Council, would like to formally announce, and welcome, the School Council Representatives of 2020-2021. We look forward to our first School Council meeting next Tuesday 29th September at 8.40am. Miss Lister will send details of how we will be meeting safely to the relevant boys. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Wetherby Prep School School Council Representatives 2020-2021

3H	Siwoo H
4K	Noah A
4L	Philip M
4P	Ali B
4S	Hector N
5A	Adrian H
5C	Caspar V
5S	Moritz M
5W	Hugo M-S
6C	Louis L
6E	Johnny L
6F	Lewis D
6M	Jonah G
7B	Filippo H
7H	Mikhail A
7L	Harry L
7T	Henry M-S
8G	Beckett W
8O	Shiv D
8V	Aditya D

Maths Department

Mr Gascoine writes...

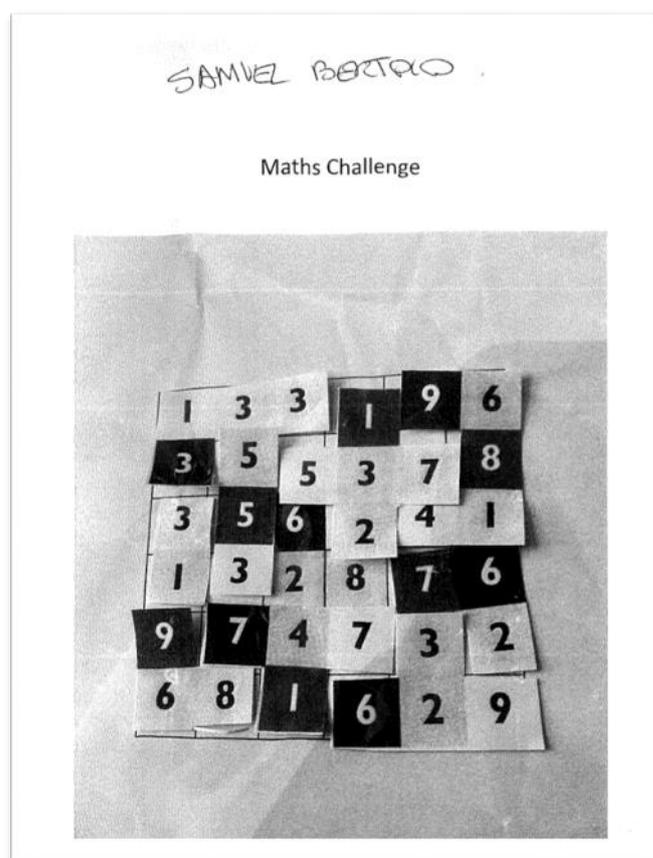
Maths Challenge

Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved greatness!

JUNIOR CHALLENGE ANSWERS

James F

Samuele B



SENIOR CHALLENGE ANSWERS

Theodore D

Taymour A

Laith A

Aditya

Drago S – J

Chase D

Leonardo B

Jack G

Reuben J

Shrek

Henry M-S

Alex G

The Mad Leprechaun

Leonardo Bartolo
8V

1	2	4	3	5	6
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2	1	5	6	4	3
5	6	3	4	1	2
6	5	2	1	3	4
3	4	6	5	2	1

Science Department

Miss Lister writes...



SPACE NEWS w/b 21.09.20

Dear Wetherby family,

Rosetta's 'rubber ducky' comet has ultraviolet auroras!



Planets aren't the only things in the solar system with auroras. Comets can have them too, data from the European Space Agency's (ESA) Rosetta mission has revealed.

While looking at data from Rosetta, researchers found evidence of ultraviolet auroras at Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, which the probe studied up close for nearly two years before the mission ended in 2016.

"Rosetta is the first mission to observe an ultraviolet aurora at a comet," Matt Taylor, a Rosetta project scientist at ESA, said in a statement. "Auroras are inherently exciting — and this excitement is even greater when we see one somewhere new, or with new characteristics."

Further to our story last week:

Earth life may have travelled to Venus aboard sky-skimming asteroid



If there is indeed life on Venus, it may have come from Earth — aboard an asteroid that scooped up microbes high in our skies, a new study suggests.

Last week, researchers announced the detection of the potential biosignature gas phosphine in Venus' atmosphere, at an altitude where temperatures and pressures are similar to those at sea level here on Earth.

Exotic chemical reactions that have nothing to do with life may be generating the phosphine, the discovery team said. But it's also possible that the gas is being churned out by microbes hovering in Venus' sulfuric-acid clouds.

Those microbes, if they exist, could be part of Earth life's family tree. Lots of Earth material has made its way to Venus over the eons, after all — chunks of planet that were blasted into space by comet or asteroid impacts and ended up getting caught in the second rock from the sun's gravitational grip.

Art Department

Miss Kirby writes...

Year 8—Hokusai Project

Year 8 have started their Japanese Art project by looking at the work of Hokusai. They are working in watercolour and inks and will go on to develop a design for a lino carving your replicate the wood block carvings in the original prints.



Wetherby Sport

Mr Trencher writes...

SPORTS REPORT

U8/9

Galatasaray 1 vs. 0 Bayern Munich
MOTM: **Sasha O**

Sporting Lisbon 3 vs. 0 Fenerbahce
MOTM: **Adrien P-R**

Ajax 6 vs. 6 Club Brugge
MOTM: **Elliot S**

PSG 3 vs. 1 Lyon
MOTM: **Carter B**

PSV 4 vs. 1 Porto
MOTM: **Ozan B**

Dortmund 2 vs. 2 Anderlecht
MOTM: **Leo P**

U10

West Ham 2 vs. 1 Crystal Palace
MOTM: **Ratan D'S**

Liverpool 5 vs. 2 Chelsea
MOTM: **Dino L**

Man City 6 vs. 6 Tottenham
MOTM: **Alexandros A**

Arsenal 4 vs. 4 Man Utd
MOTM: **Eren E**

Wolves 5 vs. 4 Leeds
MOTM: **Benjamin B**

Aston Villa 4 vs. 3 Fulham
MOTM **Daniel A**

U11

Inter AC 1 vs. Atalanta 1
MOTM: **Ari S**

AC Milan 3 vs. 3 Juventus
MOTM: **Michael R**

Atletico Madrid 5 vs.1 Real Madrid
MOTM: **George Y**

Barcelona 3 vs. 3 Sevilla
MOTM: **Jamie H**

U12

Peru 3 vs. 1 Ecuador
MOTM: **Elyas E**

Uruguay 4 vs. 4 Brazil
MOTM: **Mani T**

Argentina 3 vs. 1 Chile
MOTM: **Sam Mc**

Venezuela 3 vs. 2 Colombia
MOTM: **Edward S**

Senior School News

Winchester College

This is to let you know that we will be running a Registrar's Tour on a weekly basis, starting next week for Year 5. As we are unable to welcome families to Winchester at this time due to Covid-19 restrictions, this event is virtual and will be hosted on Microsoft Teams. It features a welcome from me and a film that introduces the ethos of the school. This is followed by a Q&A session with a Housemaster, a Matron, a senior teacher and me. The session will run from 10:45 until 11:40.

I know your focus will be on maintaining the good start to the academic year but I would be grateful if you could make your Year 5 parents aware that they can use both the virtual Open Day on Saturday 3 October, or the weekly Registrar's Tour, as the starting point for finding out about life at Winchester. Our advice is for parents to do this early in the year so they can follow up and meet Housemasters before the busier Lent term, with its interviews, gets underway.

Further information can be found on the website (www.winchestercollege.org/admissions/book-an-open-day) or by contacting Liz Maher (eam@wincoll.ac.uk).

Best wishes,
Andrew Shedden

Dulwich College

Dear Parents,

We hope you may be considering Dulwich College as a future school for your son.

We are sorry not to be able to welcome you in person this term but hope that you will be able to join us at one of our virtual open events which will be run through Zoom webinars.

We have general virtual open afternoons when all parents are welcome to join, and then specific virtual evening events which will be relevant for you and your sons to attend, depending on whether you are applying for Year 9 entry in 2021 or Year 9 entry in 2023 or 2024 through the deferred entry system.

These are all listed, and the purpose of each event explained, on the admissions section of the College website <https://www.dulwich.org.uk/admissions/year-9-entry>.

We are hoping that examinations and interviews will run as usual this year but owing to Covid-19 we will review our schedule as necessary and will update the website and notify all families who have registered. If you do have any specific admissions queries, please contact Mrs Sarah Betts, the Registrar on 0208 299 9263 or at the.registrar@dulwich.org.uk in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Joseph Spence

Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4S 261	Form 6C 198	Forms 3H and 6F 140



Photos of the Week



Enjoying the Samba Kit



Geography Club



Tye from 4P on his amazing telescope



4P



Guitar & Harp Club gets underway



Year 5 Drama



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