

WETHERBUZZ

2021/22 | Autumn Term | Week 2



WEEK 2 — Monday 13th May to Sunday 19th September 2021

Monday 13th September:

- Staff Meeting – 8am
- Year 3 & 4 Swim Squad trials (during school swimming lessons) – 9am-12pm
- U11 A, C, E, G, I vs. The Hall (H) – 2:15pm
- U11 B, D, F, H vs. Arnold House, Highgate (A - Highgate) – 2:15pm (return to school for 5pm)

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Advanced Drama,
- Coding,
- Debating LS,
- Football 3-5,
- Homework Club,
- Indoor Sports,
- Fencing Year 3 and 4,
- Rock Band Year 7,
- Rock Climbing,
- Wetherby Voices

Tuesday 14th September:

- Year 5 Swim Squad trials (during school swimming lessons) 9-11am
- U8/9 B, D, F, H, I and J vs. Fulham Prep School (H) – 2:30pm
- U8/9 A, C, E, G vs. St Stephen's School (H) – 2:30pm
- New Parents' Evening – 6pm

MORNING CLUBS:

- Dodgeball,
- Guitar Ensemble,
- Mental Maths,
- Rock Band,
- Tennis Club,
- Touch Typing

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Arts and Crafts,
- Upper School Chess,
- Upper School Choir,
- Coding Creative App Design,
- Homework Club,
- Mythology,
- Quiz Club,
- Rock Band,
- Fencing Upper School

Wednesday 15th September:

- Years 6-8 Swimming Trials 7:30-8:30am
- OPRO Mouthguard fitting – all day
- U13 A and B vs. Rokeby School (A) – 2:15pm (return to school for 5pm)
- U12 A and B vs. Rokeby School (A) – 2:15pm (return to school for 5pm)
- U12 Franchise Round 1 – 2pm
- U13 Franchise Round 1 - 2pm
- Senior Management Team Meeting – 3-4pm
- Staff Teach Meet – 4:30pm

MORNING CLUBS:

- Card Tricks and Magic,
- Handwriting,
- Running,
- Rock Band,
- Swimming Lower School,
- Swimming Upper School,
- Tennis Club

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Chess Year 5,
- Coding,
- Cookery,
- Drawing,
- French Homework,
- Music Composers,
- Reasoning,
- Rock Climbing,
- String Ensemble,
- Swimming Year 3 and 4,
- Table Tennis,
- Fencing Year 5

Thursday 16th September:

- OPRO Mouthguard fitting – am
- Mr Baker to Prep School Heads' lunch at King's College
- U10 A, C, E, G vs. Arnold House (A) – 2:15pm (back to school for 4pm)
- U10 B, D, F, H, I vs. Thomas's Fulham and King's College A at King's – 2:30pm (return to school for 5pm)
- EVC APG Meeting – 2:30pm
- School Management Meeting - 4:30pm

MORNING CLUBS:

- Arts and Crafts,
- Football,
- Mental Maths,
- Swimming Lower School,
- Swimming Upper School-
- Wind Band

AFTERNOON CLUBS:

- Advanced Fencing,
- Chess Year 3 and 4,
- Creative Writing,
- Dodgeball,
- Homework Club,
- Maths Revision,
- Mythology,
- Phantom Comics,
- Rock Band,
- Science

Friday 17th September:

- Staff Meeting - 8am
- Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed **LIVE on Instagram**  - 8:30-9:30am
- Portrait Photographs for Years 3-8 – am
- Normal Friday pm Club Programme

Saturday 18th September:

Sunday 19th September:

- Westminster School U10 Football Tournament – cancelled



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9685104416>

From the Headmaster



Dear Parents,

One week down and feels like we've been back a month! Amazing how everyone slots back in or gets acquainted with the Wetherby Way – one thing that never changes about boys is that they love a routine...

Many of us have worked here long enough to appreciate that there is little currency to making knee jerk reactions to our logistics and procedures, particularly in the first few weeks. The new and existing boys have coped admirably with what is 'the big reset' in terms of being back to the normal routine but everything is always 'under review'. With no locker rooms, the advantages definitely outweigh the negatives but there is an issue with where do boys leave their bags when they go to break, games and lunch. We have a solution for this but if a Wetherby Prep boy is anything, he's definitely resourceful and innovative, and we just want to run things for a few weeks to see where we get to. I can't express enough though that the book bag is an easier luggage item than the rucksack. If boys can manage with just bringing themselves and their book bag to the school it makes their and our procedures run so much better.

A Head's first newsletter of term wouldn't be a first newsletter without a polite reminder about parking. Our neighbourly relations are, I would describe, 'good' at present but that rating is incredibly fragile and as with many things, it drops far sharper than it rises. Please work with us to ensure a smooth pick up and drop off; avoiding double parking and definitely not parking anywhere on George Street as it blocks our fleet of minibuses. New parents to the school may be surprised or shocked to see our staff constantly on their phones during pick up. This is anything but unprofessional behaviour as what they are doing is communicating to staff inside the building that there is someone here to pick up one of the boys. That said, it will take us around 2/3 weeks to learn every new face at pick up so please bear with us. If 'Speed and Efficiency of School Pick Up' was an Olympic Sport, Wetherby Staff would have come back from Tokyo with Gold Medals, but as with everything, you don't get anywhere without training and practice.

My congratulations to our Pupil Leadership Team (announced in Assembly this morning) for the new school year. Whilst one might think this is one of the privileges of headship, I always find it the hardest thing I have to do every year. So many great boys in our current Year 8, and colleagues and I have lamented today over many who have just missed out. Congratulations to our PLT of course but my sincere empathy to everyone else - use it to spur you on boys, that's exactly what I did...

Church Assembly this morning, Friday Clubs this afternoon, two football tournaments this weekend, New Parents' Evening and 38 fixtures next week...just like we've never been away...

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker



Head Chorister
Finlay D

Chair of School Council
Finn C

House Captains:
Chepstow - Kiran K
Dawson - Alexander G
Pembridge - Felix von S
Westbourne - Charles P

Prefects:
Samuel B
Taymour K
Harry L
Casper M
Kieran O

Head Boy
Elendu U

Staff News

Welcome to our new members of staff!



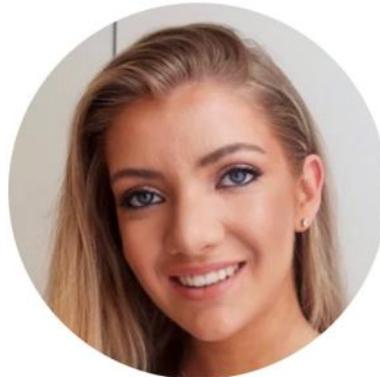
Mrs Lock
English, Maths



Mr Carayon
French



Miss Kennedy
Key Stage 2 Teacher



Mrs Curness Blane
English, French



Mr De Brunner
Junior Master



Mr Burrows
Junior Master

Notices

Mr Lock writes...

A message from Mr Lock

CAT TESTS

All boys will be doing CAT tests in September. Results will be ready by the end of September and will be emailed directly to parents.

Exam Schedule

Please find attached the Exam Schedule for all year groups for this year. Note that this has changed from last year when we had to adapt dates due to school closures.

Homework on Teams

All homework will now be listed on Teams (as it was during remote learning last year).

Mr Billingham writes...

OPRO Mouthguards

As some of you are aware we are in the fortunate position to offer boys a bespoke mouthguard from OPRO during the school day. The rugby term (spring) will soon be upon us and our school policy is that all pupils in Year 4 to Year 8 must wear a mouthguard for matches and lessons. This is in line with guidelines set out by the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

In order to facilitate this we have arranged for OPRO who are approved the National Dental Mouthguard Association, to come into Wetherby Preparatory School and take impressions for custom fitted mouthguards. OPRO will take impressions on 15th (4,6,7) and 16th September (5&8).

Please note the following:

- All boys will receive a Mid-Impact Clear mouth guard at a cost of £39.99 added to your school bill unless you opt-out by emailing the full name of your child together with their form class to optout@oprogroup.com.
- You can upgrade to another design or type at an additional cost. The designs and types can be seen at <https://www.opro.com/Catalogue/Build-Your-OPRO/Mouthguard-Builder>. If you wish to upgrade please email the full name of your child together with their form class to optout@oprogroup.com.
- The deadline to opt-out or upgrade is Sunday 12th September. After this point you will be charged for a Mid-Impact Clear mouthguard at the cost of £39.99. If choosing to opt-out it is suggested that you have received independent professional advice in coming to this decision.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Dean writes...

Clubs

I hope your son enjoyed their Friday afternoon club today. **Before and after school clubs will begin next week.** If you require confirmation of which clubs your son is taking part in, please refer to the socs website in the first instance.

<https://www.socscms.com/login/28432/parent/>

Clicking on the 'calendar tab' will show you a daily or weekly view of what clubs and sports fixtures are coming up that week. A list can also be viewed by clicking on the actives tab, then 'my activities'.

Form tutors have also asked boys to write their clubs in the notes section at the back of their calendar cards. Please also feel free to send me an e-mail if you require any clarification -

robert.dean@wetherbyprep.co.uk

Sports Fixtures

We are very pleased that football fixtures will be starting for all boys next week. These will be taking place in your son's afternoon games lessons, a reminder of each year group's games afternoon is below:

Monday – Year 6

Tuesday – Year 3 & 4

Wednesday – Year 7 & 8

Thursday – Year 5

Information about fixtures including which team your son is playing in, who they are playing against, return times and where the fixture is taking place can be found on the SOCS website. This can be accessed from the 'sport activities' tab on the school website or either of the links below.

<https://www.socscms.com/login/28432/parent/>

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

The calendar tab will show which fixtures are taking place on any given day, and the password to view team sheets is 'TeamWetherby'. A reminder that boys playing in away fixtures are likely to miss the 4pm buses due to the extra travel time, but in the majority of cases will return to school before 5pm. The expected return time for each fixture will be noted on the website.

If you have any questions about sports fixtures, please get in touch with a member of the games department who will be happy to help.

Mr Reid writes...

Games

Dear Parents

I hope you are all well and you and your families had a good summer.

I appreciate there are a lot of things going on in the first week back at school but now that we are back to playing fixtures against other schools, home and away, I just wanted to remind existing parents and assist new parents with some guidelines for Games this term:

- Football kit – WPS Black and Red Top, Black Shorts, Red and Black Socks. Plus shin pads, firm ground football boots and water bottle.

Please refer to Mr Dean's article on the sports website for teams, timings and venue for fixtures. If your son is playing home or away, you are very welcome to come and support him and his team-mates and take him home from the fixture. Please note that **pick up time from the Wetherby Sports Ground is 3pm. We need to leave promptly at 3:15pm.**

Many thanks and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Art Department

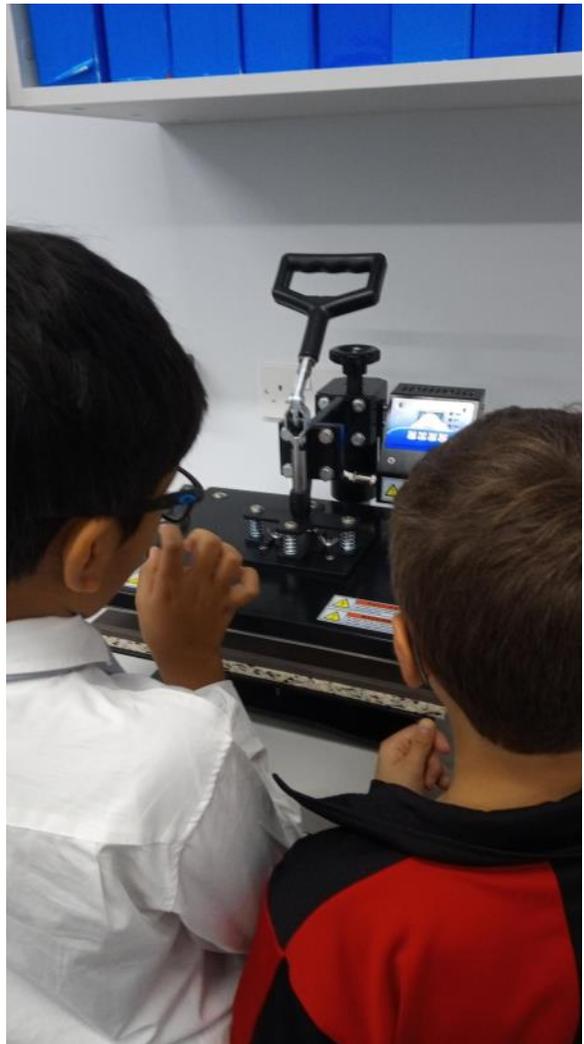
Miss Kirby writes...

WPS Art Suite

We are delighted to be making use of the new WPS Art Suite. We have a new fine Art Room and a fantastic range of Design and Technology equipment including a scroll saw; vacuum former; sublimation press; disc sander; pedestal drill; strip heater and state-of-the-art laser cutter. With Phase 1 complete we look to the next stage. In the October half-term the Ceramics Studio, complete with potters wheels, glazing station and the installation of kiln in the basement, will round off the incredible new Art & Design facilities at Wetherby Prep. As Bob & Roberta Smith declare in their work of 2016, "All Schools Should be Art Schools". We are getting there!

See the link below for details of the work by Bob and Roberta Smith.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/smith-all-schools-should-be-art-schools-t14774>







This week in History



6th September:

1915 - The first tank was produced (and sponsored by Winston Churchill)

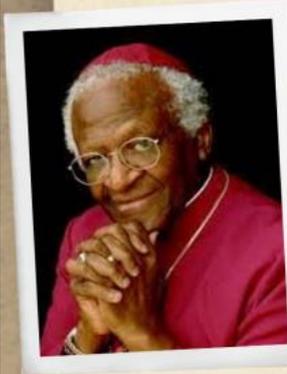
1948 - Queen Juliana was inaugurated in Amsterdam

7th September:

1907 - The RMS Lusitania sets a record of 5 days for a transatlantic journey (from Liverpool to New York)

1940 - Germany begins its Blitz on London resulting in 57 consecutive nights of bombing

1986 - Bishop Desmond Tutu becomes the first black Archbishop of Cape Town



8th September:

1986 - Nissan opens its first factory in England, becoming the first Japanese automobile factory in Europe

2001 - Venus and Serena Williams meet at the final of the US Open becoming the first sisters to meet at a grand slam event since 1884

9th September:

1945 - The first computer bug was discovered in a software program at Harvard. A moth had become trapped in their relay (coining the term bug)

1976 - Chairman Mao Zedong of China dies

2003 - Apple iTunes sells its 10 millionth song in just 4 months

10th September:

1963 - American Express introduced credit cards to Britain

1980 - A new gold rush begins in Australia

2002 - Switzerland joins the UN

11th September:

2012 - A Chinese robber in Sri Lanka swallowed a fake diamond in an effort to allow an accomplice to escape with the real diamond worth around £13,000



Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Misha M Mingze G	6C	Cezar J
4M	Myles L	6E	Henry S
4P	Erik M	6F	Salomon S
4S	Reis J	6M	Moritz M
4T	Martino S	7B	Ansel G-S
5F	James F	7C	Felix R
5K	Benji B	7H	Alexandre D Harrison B
5L	Mariano E	7L	Harish R
5S	Christopher A	8A	Federico R
		8C	Felix von S
		8O	Sean S S
		8T	Jack S
		8V	Taymour A

Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

Reis J - 12

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 4T 120	Form 4S 92	Form 6C 62

Weekly/Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
Dawson Captain A. Govindan	Pembridge Captain F. von Saher	Chepstow Captain K. Kar	Westbourne Captain C. Paolini
223	215	209	203

Wether-Me

Name and Form: Harry W 5L

House: Chepstow

Describe Wetherby Prep in three words:

Kind, fun and interesting

What are your favourite subjects and why?

Science with Miss Lister because you learn from discovering and experimenting

Your biggest achievement/accomplishment at Wetherby so far:

Making one of my best friends

What you like to be when you grow up?

I would like to be a pilot

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

Science because I like astrophysics and blowing things up

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

In my own time I would like to learn to cook.



Out of School Achievements

Hendrik P 5F

Hendrik decided a few months ago that he would like to speak at the COP26 hosted by UK in September. He wants to tell politicians to take more action on “saving our planet and the climate change”.

So, he wrote a letter to the Prime Minister beginning of July (see attached!).

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London
SW1A 2AA

05 July 2021

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Cop26

My name is Hendrik I am 8 years old and I am finishing Year 4 at Wetherby Prep in London W2. I would like to speak at the COP26 later this year because I want to make the world better and help the other people and the environment.

I have a few ideas which I would like to present to you and the other people who attend. Some of these include reducing by 60% the cutting down of trees, people who kill endangered animals for living get a different job (not a better job as I don't want to offend them), people who are caught throwing litter pay quadruple taxes and we should not use cars within a 2 mile distance. Also offices to shut lighting in the evening or change to the lights which turn on with movement.

You may wish to know that in December 2019 I wrote a letter to the Financial Times on the environment which they kindly published. At the time I was an eco-warrior for my pre prep school.

Yours sincerely,



(Master) Hendrik I
Year 4, Wetherby Prep school W2

p.s I have also sent this letter by email



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LONDON SW1A 2AA
www.gov.uk/number10

Head of the Direct Communications Unit

22 July 2021

Dear Hendrik

I would like to thank you for your letter of 5 July to the Prime Minister, which was kindly sent to us by your mother, Babette. The Prime Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

It was very encouraging to hear from a young person with such enthusiasm for helping the planet, as well as such well thought out ideas. I was also very impressed to learn that your letter about climate change was published in the Financial Times in 2019. Quite a feat for someone your age!

I thought you may wish to learn of some Government initiatives for tackling climate change. For example, we have committed to work towards all plastic packaging on the market being recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025. The Government also has a very ambitious net zero target which means that from 2050, the UK will stop contributing to climate change. As hosts of COP26, the UK will lead by example.

It was very kind of you to offer to speak at COP26 and inspire others with your ideas and hard work. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the schedules for the event, this will not be possible. However, I would encourage you to continue to energise others to tackle climate change by sharing your enthusiasm with you family, friends and teachers, and I wish you the very best of luck with this.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely

MANDY GODRIDGE

Master Hendrik

Raahil H 7H

Raahil H received a certificate for attending the Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclass (which he completed last term). He had been nominated by Mr Gascoine and Raahil really enjoyed it. He found it very interesting and it was a great experience for him.



Royal Institution Masterclasses

This is to certify that

Raahil

attended the

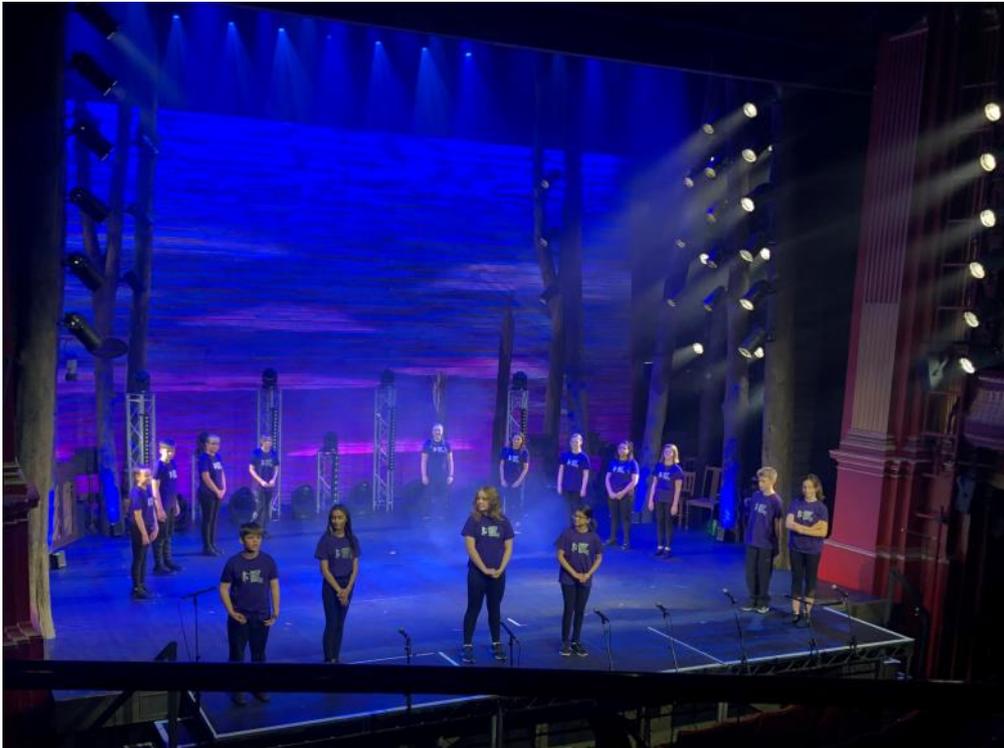
2020 - 2021 Royal Institution Summer
Y6 Primary Mathematics Masterclasses



Lucinda Hunt, Director of the Ri

Ansel G S

In the summer, Ansel took part in both the BYMT and West End Stage camps and absolutely loved them both. At the BYMT camp, they created their own musical within 1 week, all the words, the story and songs created by the participants. Ansel was the youngest and was given a solo singing part! It was amazing how much the group created in such a short space of time. At the West End Stage camp, they learned and performed their version of Sleeping Beauty and it was performed at the Phoenix Theatre in London, where Ansel had another solo. They were also graded for their performance, with Ansel achieving a distinction.



Photos of the Week

Alvaro hiked the Haleakala Volcano crater which was seriously impressive (and high at more than 10,000 feet) during the summer holidays!





Year 5 on their first day back in Drama



Miss Preece's 4P



**Our first live assembly performance was by Henry M-S in Year 8.
An excellent performance of a Gavotte from Bach Partita no 6 for cello.**



Friday Clubs



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Raahil H 7H had attended a cricket match at Lord's and his photo is now on most of the tickets sold for the The Hundred cricket series!

04 : 10 : 19 : 08
DAYS HOURS MINUTES SECONDS

THE HUNDRED



**6 DAYS
TO GO**

The wait is nearly over. History will be made at The Kia Oval next Wednesday when the Oval Invincibles v Manchester Originals women's match gets The Hundred underway!

Everybody's talking about it, and you can be a part of it. Buy your tickets by clicking the button below, get them before it's too late.

Epic cricket. Live Music. Summer vibes. You do not want to miss out on The Hundred!

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