



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Holiday</li> <li>• Year 8 St Paul's Scholarship Exams – all day</li> </ul>	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8 Eton Scholarship Exams</li> <li>• Year 8 St Paul's Scholarship Exams</li> <li>• Year 8 Winchester Exams</li> <li>• U11 ISFA Finals at St George's Park - All Day</li> <li>• U8/U9 A – E v Fulham Prep School (H) 2.15pm Return 4pm</li> <li>• London Swimming League U12/U13 5pm Return approx. 7pm</li> <li>• 6F and 6M Parents' Evening</li> </ul>	<p><b>Morning Clubs</b> – Guitar Ensemble, Mental Maths, Rock Band, Tennis Club, Touch Typing</p> <p><b>After School Clubs</b> – Upper School Chess, Upper School Choir, Coding Minecraft Education, DT &amp; Engineering, Homework Club, Mythology, Rock Band, Fencing Upper School, Wetherby Cubs &amp; Scouts, Cricket</p>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8 Eton Scholarship Exams</li> <li>• Year 8 St Paul's Scholarship Exams</li> <li>• Year 8 Winchester Exams</li> <li>• PTA Meeting in the Dining Room – 9am</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> XI and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Fulham Prep School (A) 2pm Return 4pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Morning Clubs</b> – Handwriting, Rock Band, Swimming Lower School, Swimming Upper School, Tennis</p> <p><b>After School Clubs</b> – Chess Year 5, Coding – Lego Robotics, Cookery, French, Homework Club, Reasoning, Rock Band, Rock Climbing, String Ensemble, Swimming Year 3 and 4, Table Tennis, Fencing Year 5</p>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8 Eton Scholarship Exams</li> <li>• Year 8 Winchester Exams</li> <li>• U10 A – D v Fulham Prep School (H) 2.15pm Return 4pm</li> <li>• 6C and 6E Parents' Evening</li> </ul>	<p><b>Morning Clubs</b> – Football, Swimming Lower and Upper School, Wind Band</p> <p><b>After School Clubs</b> – Advanced Fencing, Composers, Chess Year 3 and 4, Creative Writing, Dodgeball, Film Making, Homework Club, Maths Revision, Mythology, Music Composers, Science</p>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whole School Assembly at Church of Annunciation and streamed <b>LIVE on Instagram</b> – 8:30am</li> <li>• Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium departs</li> <li>• Full Friday afternoon clubs programme</li> <li>• Mr Baker to Eton Prep School Heads' Dinner – 7pm</li> </ul>	

Dear Parents,

I was in communication with my successor **Mark White** this week and following on from his visits last term, he is looking forward to spending the day with us at the end of May and attending the New Boys' Evening towards the end of term. Speaking to him and our other new colleagues starting in September gives me a great sense of reassurance that Wetherby Prep is in great hands going forward.

We do have a number of staff (as well as previously announced **Mr Lock** and **Mr Ogden**) leaving us this year. From the management team, Deputy Head **Mrs Alice Furnell**, will not be returning to Wetherby having had her second baby earlier this year. Assistant Head **Mrs Katie Garvey**, will also be leaving her position to move with her young family back to Cheltenham. Both have been outstanding servants to our School and instrumental in Wetherby Prep's development. Joining Wetherby Prep, we welcome **Miss Adelise Easter** as Director of Studies. Adelise is currently Head of English and History at Donhead - an all boys' school in Wimbledon. Adelise is a very personable and experienced educationalist who has a wealth of knowledge preparing boys for senior school transition. She will work in this area as well as wider curriculum review and development. Having met and interviewed her with Mark, I am really saddened that I will not get to work with her as I think she will be brilliant at Wetherby Prep.

On the teaching staff, I am so proud of **Mr Thomas Vogiatzis** who has been appointed Deputy Head Academic at St Phillip's School. Thomas has taught Latin and been in charge of our scholarship set with great character, enthusiasm and no little skill for many years. He will be replaced internally by **Miss Tanvi Punatar**, herself a First Class Honours Classicist from UCL, who will be internally promoted to Head of Classics from September. 8V, the scholarship class, will morph into 8C, with **Mx Donnie Cox**, taking on responsibility for the scholars as well as assuming the role of Head of History.

In the English Department, **Mr Chris Thorne** is stepping down from his Head of English role to concentrate on his stellar work as Head of Years 3 and 4. He will continue to teach English of course, but responsibility for the Department will fall to **Miss Hannah Preece** (lower school) and **Miss Ursee Andrews-Bowen** (upper school) from September. **Miss Millie Purton** will be leaving us to work in another part of the Wetherby Empire as an English teacher at Wetherby New York - so great to keep her in the family. We add to the English Department with **Mr Phill Cameron**, who currently teaches English and runs the scholarship programme at St Phillip's School.

In the Maths Department, we are all jealous of **Miss Bethany Saddington** who is leaving to take her eternally cheerful and professional disposition to a Maths teaching role at the King's College School in the Bahamas. Also leaving the School is **Miss Caitlin Sheldon** who will not be returning having giving birth to her first child earlier this year. Adding to the Maths team for September 2022 will be **Mr Luke Wilson**, who currently teaches Maths at Brighton College in Dubai. Luke taught an incredibly skilful lesson remotely and I have rarely seen references more effusive. He is joined in September by **Mr Elliot Liston** who is completing his PGCE at Cambridge University; an old boy of Emanuel School in London, he is well versed in the independent school scene in the capital.

In the Science Department, **Mr Rafe Hallett** has been appointed Head of Science at the British International School in Lisbon. This is a superb opportunity for Rafe, not only to work in Portugal but also in taking responsibility for a large department. We will also be very sorry to lose **Mx Archie Tilleray** who has done so much to support and promote Science in their role as Science Technician. Technicians, particularly good ones, are seldom easy to find, but we hope to secure an appointment before the end of this term.

**Miss Ria Kirby** has secured a post as an Art teacher at Wren Academy, a large secondary school in North London, which will broaden her experience of GCSE and A Level teaching in her career going forward. At the time of writing this, I am not in a position to formally announce her successor as Head of Art but be assured that we have identified a very exciting individual who will work with our new facilities and take the department forward, building on Ria's considerable impact to date. The same is true of the Music Department, where we have been unsuccessful so far in appointing a suitably talented Music Teacher to replace **Miss Nia Orpwood**, who will be taking on a Director of Music role at the English School, Kuwait. Nia has done so much to promote Music at Wetherby, and Mrs Tomsett-Rowe and I are keen to ensure this prominence continues with a similarly enthusiastic and capable appointment.

After 12 inimitable years, **Mr Tom Billingham** will be leaving us to 'go back to school' as he has been appointed to the Games Staff at his old prep school, Northcote Lodge. We have replaced him with **Ted Stanford**, currently teaching Games at Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe and who plays club rugby for Tring – I have no doubt he will be a great addition to our Department.

A few 'goings', a few 'comings', a 'cabinet reshuffle', so-to-speak, that establishes a confident, continuous and bright future for Wetherby Prep going forward. As always, lots to look forward to.

Have a good weekend,

Nick Baker

### Staff News – Extra!

Whilst teaching at Wetherby Prep is everyone's main focus, many of our staff have very interesting 'second jobs' that you may not be aware of...unless you come across them taking part outside school! This is Miss Andrews-Bowen (on the left) who works as a Support Rider for the Household Cavalry. She is a member of 2Troop, the Blues and Royals Regiment and charged with exercising and schooling any horse that needs extra work. Often attending very early in the morning before she comes to school, Ursee does vital work with many difficult horses that need an expert hand before becoming part of the Cavalry's work. Proud of you Ursee!



### Citizen of the Week



This week's Citizen of the Week is Cassius in 5F. Cassius has massively impressed these past few weeks in events such as the author workshop and Young Enterprise. Courteous, enthusiastic, a team player and overall a great boy to be wearing the WPS uniform.

### Sportsman of the Week



This week's Sportsman of the Week is Aydan in 8A. As this term's Cricket 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain, Aydan took full responsibility in his role by scoring a solid 41 against Arnold House and then a quick fire 21 off 20 balls against UCS yesterday. As they say, "A Captain's Innings!"

### Kindness Cup



### Louis

Louis has been really welcoming to me, especially on the bus journeys to WSG.

We always have a nice conversation and he is so kind.

*George heard Charles giving me this nomination and added:*

Louis is one of the kindest boys in the school. Today he made me feel better when I hurt myself at rugby.

Louis definitely deserves this!

Charles and George

## Other notable acts of kindness...

### Felix

Peer mentors are the gift that keep on giving – thank you to Felix who was so kind to give a new boy in my form some 'pupil to pupil' support in using Teams. Brilliant!

*Miss Lister*



### Theodore

I would like to nominate Theo for the Kindness Cup because he gave me one of his jackets to wear during WPS Break when it was raining. Thank you so much!

*Lorenzo*

## Class Achievement of the Week – 7H

Mx Cox writes...

I gave each Year 7 class the challenge to decipher a 16th century artwork and use the clues within the image to work out the particular Christian denomination of the artist. Their historic ability was unmatched by any of the other classes and they worked as a team to give each other pieces of knowledge and clues to work it out. It came as proof that despite the overall bravado of the class, they really have been listening as analysing that painting took skills and a depth of knowledge that requires careful thought of the entire year's syllabus. I am so impressed.



## Week 27 Menu from Chef Peter

# LUNCH MENU

The FUTURE of  
**FOOD**

WEEK COMMENCING: 02.05.2022

<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>Cheesy Beefy Italiano Lasagne (1,3)</p> <p>Roasted Cauliflower Wrap filled with Rice &amp; Mint Yoghurt (vg) (1,3,14)</p> <p>Steamed Broccoli &amp; Carrots</p> <p>Berry Sponge (1,3,11)</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>Herby Pork Sausages in a Hot Dog Roll (3) Fried Onions</p> <p>Sweet Potato Mac &amp; Cheese (v) (1,3,14)</p> <p>Herby Pasta (3) Steamed Carrots &amp; Baked Beans</p> <p>Banana &amp; Chia Seed Cake (1,3,11)</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>Chicken and Coconut Curry with Naan Bread (3) and Mango Chutney</p> <p>Chickpea &amp; Beansprout Red Thai Coconut Curry</p> <p>Rice, Asian Greens &amp; Peppers</p> <p>Sweet Potato &amp; White Chocolate Blondie (1,3,11)</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>Breaded Jumbo Fish Fingers with Lemon &amp; Tartare Sauce (2,3)</p> <p>Vegetable &amp; Bean Paella (v)</p> <p>Peas, Broccoli and Oven Baked Chips</p> <p>Frozen Toffee Yoghurt (1)</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>Wetherby Packed Lunch</p> <p>Ham, Chicken, Tuna (2) or Cheese (1) Sandwich (3)</p> <p>Crisps</p> <p>Juice</p> <p>Sweet Treat (1, 3)</p>	<p><b>EVERYDAY</b></p> <p>Home Baked Bread</p> <p>Seasonal Salads Tomato, Cucumber, Mixed Leaf, Coleslaw (11)</p> <p>Yoghurt Pots with Seasonal Fruit Compote (1)</p>

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard  
**\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE\***

## Senior School News

From Tonbridge School Admissions Department...



We would like to invite you to

### Why Modern Boarding?

The Heads of two leading boarding schools, interviewed by Talk Education CEO Joanna Parry-George

TALK EDUCATION

Samantha Price, Headmistress of Benenden School  
James Priory, Headmaster of Tonbridge School

#### The In and Out Club

No.4 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4JU

**Monday 16th May 2022 at 6.30pm**

RSVP to:  
[www.tonbridge-school.co.uk/teenageyears](http://www.tonbridge-school.co.uk/teenageyears)

Drinks & canapés

From Andrew Shedden, Registrar at Winchester...

We are offering two Open Days for Year 4 families this term on Saturday 7 May and Saturday 11 June. If parents would like to book a place, they can click on the following link [Winchester College | Open Days](#). Equally, I would be most grateful if you could remind the Year 5 parents that the deadline for Winchester registrations is 3 July.

For any questions or for further information they can contact the Admissions Officer, Georgina Tyrrell at [glt@wincoll.ac.uk](mailto:glt@wincoll.ac.uk) or 01962 621178.

## Enrichment: Young Enterprise Event

Miss Hood writes...

This week Years 5 and 6 took part in the Young Enterprise Event. Boys started the week by creating their company and assigning professional roles, from CEOs to Assistant CFOs. The "Big Concept" for this year was to create a set of fully-functioning instruments from recycled materials that could be used by the Wetherby School Band.

Each company was responsible for designing their instruments, planning their advertisements and budgeting their finances. As the week progressed, companies manufactured their instruments and created a paper advert, as well as writing a persuasive speech. After teachers voted, companies were shortlisted and had the opportunity to present their pitch to a panel of esteemed judges, including Wetherby entrepreneurial parents. The victorious companies were Company 1 from Year 5 and Company 8 from Year 6.

All boys showed great enthusiasm, innovative ideas and astounding levels of confidence - well done, all!



## Visit from Chelsea Physic Garden

Miss Lister writes...

Two experts from the Chelsea Physic Garden came to visit Year 3 this week, bringing with them a most exciting collection of artefacts! The children were able to handle lots of fabulous and precious items, exploring the history of the Chelsea Physic Garden and finding out just how reliant

we are on plants for so many things. They then got to plant some basil seeds and will watch them grow over the coming weeks in Science lessons.



### **The Wetherby Swim Championships 2022**

Mr Bayes writes...

The Wetherby Swim Championships 2022 will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Queen Mother Sports Centre and are open to all boys who would like to compete.

The bus will leave school at 2:30pm for a 3pm start at Queen Mother. Pick-ups can be made at the centre, or from WPS at 4.20pm. Spectators are welcome.

Individual races will be held in front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, in addition to Year group relays and a house squadron race. Medals for all winners. Please contact Mr Bayes if you would like to enter or sign up on the sheet in the cut through to the Dining Room.

## Wetherby Preparatory School Library

Miss Punatar and Ms Sanderson write...

### **Parent volunteers needed!**

We are looking for parent volunteers to help us expand pupils' access to our school libraries. After a recent renovation, the Wetherby Prep libraries have reopened! Boys are now regularly able to browse, borrow and return books during designated English lessons. However, we would like pupils to be able to use the libraries in their free time as well. Consequently, we are seeking parent volunteers to help us in the libraries for these hours.

If you are interested in volunteering your time in Summer Term for either of these weekly slots:

Mondays – 8:45–11:45am  
Tuesdays 8:45–11:45am

Please email [library@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:library@wetherbyprep.co.uk) with the subject 'Parent Volunteer'.

### **Birthday books**

Would you like to have a book in the permanent library collection that commemorates your birthday? Have you thought what it would be like to see your name inside the cover of your favourite read? If so, read on...

We are relaunching a past initiative called 'birthday books' where boys can donate a book to the library in their name to celebrate an upcoming birthday. For more information about how to donate and what it involves, please email [library@wetherbyprep.co.uk](mailto:library@wetherbyprep.co.uk) with the subject 'Birthday books'.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled for the latest edition of the Readerly, which announces a new monthly reading competition which will begin in May.

## Maths Challenge

Mr Gascoine writes...

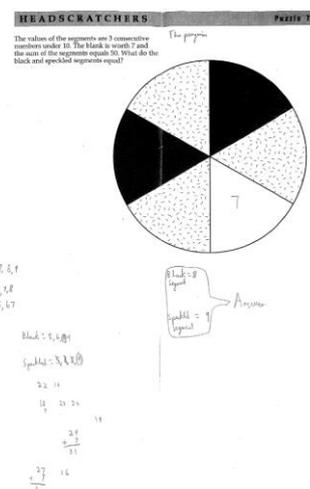
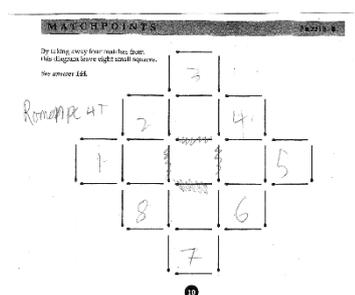
Pupils who have answered correctly and therefore achieved eternal greatness!

### **Lower Challenge**

Michael	Kieran
Shixuan	The Dead Swan
Sami	Roman
Sushi Master	

### **Upper Challenge**

Michael	Xudong
The Party Pooper	The Penguin
Sami	Roman
Sushi Master	William



## IAPS Table Tennis Championships 2022

### TABLE TENNIS IAPS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday 23rd April 2022, three U11 and four U13 boys competed in the IAPS Table Tennis Championship Finals at Edge Grove School in Watford. It was Wetherby's debut in the long running competition and a stunning 128 competitors turned out to play. Our boys handled the pressure and overwhelming nature of this with a sense of determination, grace and sportsmanship that represented and made the school proud, even earning recognition and complements from the IAPS umpire team.

Between making fast friends with their competitors, supporting one another's games in between their own, supporting boys from other schools that were upset and challenging the score with the umpire in favour of the opposing player, I could not be more proud of their conduct and of course, their sporting ability!

A huge well done to:

U11 - Max Lewis, Nicholas Basirov and Elliot Schwimmer

U13 - Max Basirov, Joseph Rousell, Alexander Govindan and Alexander Schwimmer



### TABLE TENNIS IAPS CHAMPIONSHIP



### From the Art Department



Miss Kirby writes...

Year 7 are adding the final touches to their cubist watercolours.

This topic started with a dynamic drawing task allowing the artists to record objects from different viewpoints.

They have layered up the drawings to create the pattern for their paintings.



# This week in History



## 25th April:

**1660** - The English Convention Parliament voted to restore the monarchy and bring in Charles II

**1792** - The Guillotine was first used in France to execute a highway man

**1953** - Crick and Watson's discovery of the double helix DNA structure was published

## 26th April:

**1954** - The Polio Vaccine was given for the first time

**1986** - The Ukrainian Chernobyl Nuclear disaster



## 27th April:

**1941** - The Nazis take and occupy Athens

**1961** - Sierra Leone gains independence

## 28th April:

**1937** - Saddam Hussein (The President of Iraq - 1979-2003) is born

**1945** - Italian partisans executed deposed dictator Benito Mussolini

## 29th April:

**1945** - Liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp

**2010** - USA lift the ban in the Navy on female submarine crew

**2011** - The Royal Wedding of William and Kate Middleton takes place

**2013** - Jason Collins becomes the first major sports (NBA) star to be openly gay whilst still playing

## 30th April:

**1789** - George Washington was first inaugurated

**1952** - Diary of Anne Frank was first published into English

## 1st May:

**1931** - The Empire State building opens

**1961** - Fidel Castro ban elections in Cuba





It was very moving to join Australians and New Zealanders for the 2022 ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

We recalled the sacrifices that the fallen have made, along with sacrifices made by those currently serving.

The address reminded us of the poignancy of the moment, given the situation in the Ukraine where so many are dying and suffering on our very doorstep.

LEST WE FORGET

Dr Lee



**ANZAC DAY LONDON  
DAWN SERVICE  
5AM 25 APRIL 2022**

## Cookery Club

The boys had a great time this week making cupcakes.



## Housepoints

### Highest Housepoint Earners by Form Class

Lower School		Upper School	
3H	Hari	6C	Alvaro
4M	Gabriel	6E	Henry
4P	Tariq	6F	Hugo
4S	Armaan	6M	Leo
4T	Kian	7B	Elias
5F	Marius	7C	Ziyang
5K	Ali	7H	Oscar
5L	Charles	7L	Harish
5S	Thomas	8A	Zacharia
		8C	Alexander
		8O	Aran
		8T	Kiran
		8V	Suleman

### Highest Housepoint Earner for the Week

**Aran – 43**

### Form Class Winners

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Form 8O 226	Form 4P 213	Form 3H 168

### Weekly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain C. Paolini <b>709</b>	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain K. Kar <b>505</b>	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher <b>356</b>	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan <b>264</b>

### Yearly Housepoint Totals

First Place	Second Place	Third Place	Fourth Place
<b>Westbourne</b> Captain C. Paolini <b>17,115</b>	<b>Chepstow</b> Captain K. Kar <b>11,742</b>	<b>Pembridge</b> Captain F. von Saher <b>9840</b>	<b>Dawson</b> Captain A. Govindan <b>9390</b>

### 80 Form Class Housepoint Winners



## Omar in Karting Action

Omar has had a passion for karting and has been performing particularly very well of late, achieving 3rd place in a UK national race a month ago and 1st place in a regional race in Saudi Arabia a couple of weeks ago – well done, Omar!



## Massimo– Guitar Success

Congratulations to Massimo for passing his Grade 4 in Classical Guitar. We look forward to hearing you playing in Assembly!



## Photos of the Week



Jude meets up with the Blumberg Family in Morocco over Easter!



Ali visits the immersive exhibition about Aliens at The Serpentine Gallery



The Advanced Drama Group give a Curtain Call after their performance on Monday



## This Is Me

Born in LA hospital, first thing I see,  
The ugly doctor's teeth glaring right at me,  
I howled and scowled until back home,  
Don't blame me, I'm just an innocent gnome.

Years later, now just wait till you see,  
I'm older and wiser, slurping bubble tea,  
Favourite cuisines are sushi and Margherita,  
I'm just so fond of hot, cheesy pizza.

I'm a lightning dash both in football and rugby,  
I score goals and tries, all the coaches love me,  
Challenge me, it's utter humiliation,  
I cause my opponents total devastation.

I manage my studies like Jurgen Klopp,  
Academic sweat, hard work pays off,  
My speciality is geography,  
Room 303, the ideal place to be.

My dad's Argentinian my mother's Francais,  
My hair is so messy, it's just a wave,  
My eyes are chestnut, I've got a nine pack,  
Best swimmer in the year.

I'm helpful, kind, caring and honest.  
This is me.

**Evo**

Wetherby Senior School, Marylebone

Well done to Evo who has won a prize for his poem. This will be published in a new anthology of poems called 'This is Me'. Well done, Evo!



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