



Week 1
Monday 4 September – Sunday 10 September 2023

Monday 4 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 and Y4 BOYS START TODAY • Staff Meeting in the Dining Room – 8am • Years 3 and 4 Team Building at WSG – 1:45–3:15pm 	NO AFTERNOON CLUBS – School closes at 4pm
Tuesday 5 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5, Y6, Y7 and Y8 BOYS START TODAY • Senior Management Team Meeting – 2:30pm 	NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLUBS – School closes at 4pm
Wednesday 6 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLUBS – School closes at 4pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLUBS – School closes at 4pm
Thursday 7 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Management Meeting – 4:30pm 	NO MORNING OR AFTERNOON CLUBS – School closes at 4pm
Friday 8 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Meeting in the Dining Room – 8am • Whole School Assembly at the Church of Annunciation – 8:30am LIVE on Instagram 	<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon Clubs:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advanced Football, Advanced Music, Advanced Drama, Arts & Crafts, Badminton, Board Games, Puzzles & Rubik Cubes, Cartoon, Chess, Coding–Microbit Robotics, Cookery, Film Review, Horse Riding, Lego, Library Club, Outdoor Activities, Rock Climbing, Team Sports, Tennis</p>
Saturday 9 September	Sunday 10 September
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U13A Arnold House Football Tournament (A) – 9am 	

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Autumn Term! I hope you have had a great break with your families. We are looking forward to seeing your sons next week, with Years 3 and 4 returning on Monday 4 September and all year groups on Tuesday 5 September. We also welcome new staff, who are pictured below, in this first edition of the Wetherbuzz.

During the holidays, we are very pleased that the new Library has been created, next to Dr Lee's Everest classroom, which will allow all classes to use this enhanced facility. In addition, whilst last year the outside of the building was painted, this year the stairways and other parts of the school have been decorated. There are also newly fitted security systems on some internal and external doors.

The recent Football Tour to Holland produced wonderful football by the boys and we look ahead to a wonderful season of fixtures for all year groups.

Last year, the community pulled together to ensure that the right uniform was being worn at the right time and in the right way. The start of the new year now provides ample opportunity to start afresh. There is a helpful reminder below of the expectations each day.

Finally, the summer holidays have produced an array of engagements, weddings and impending births: Miss Zowie Wood and Miss Christina Galazoula (our new Head of Classics) were engaged; marriages took place for Miss Adeline Easter (now Mrs Anglim) on 5 August and for Mr Luke Wilson on 22 July; and Mrs Natasha Gourlay and Mrs Elizabeth Campbell are both expecting babies in the new year. Congratulations to them all.

With best wishes for the weekend,



Mark White

School Uniform

Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	Swimming (Games Kit)	Games Kit	Games Kit	Uniform	Uniform
4	Swimming (Games Kit)	Games Kit	Games Kit	Uniform	Uniform
5	Swimming (Games Kit) [5B] Uniform [5C, 5M & 5S]	Swimming (Games Kit) [5C, 5M & 5S] Uniform [5B]	Uniform	Games Kit	Games Kit
6	Games Kit	Games Kit	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
7	Games Kit	Uniform	Games Kit	Uniform	Uniform
8	Uniform	Uniform	Games Kit	Games Kit	Uniform

New Staff for 2023–2024

We welcome a number of new members of staff to Wetherby this term: **Katie Balgarnie** (Geography/ICT/Maths), **Christina Galazoula** (Classics), **Olivia Mannall** (Maths/Science/TPR), **Katie Smith** (Art Technician), **Claudia Thomas** (English) and **David Woodward** (Music). We also have one Junior Mistress (Gap Year Student): **Pollyanna Paterson** and one Junior Master: **Luke Walton**. You will meet them all in due course but, as an initial introduction, they are as follows:



Miss Balgarnie



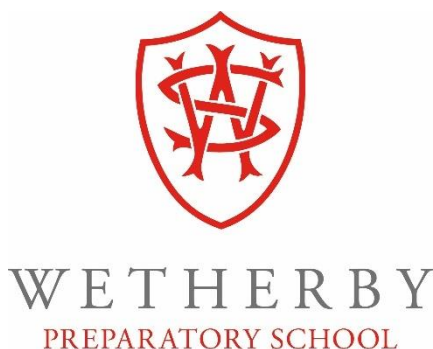
Miss Galazoula



Miss Mannall



Miss Paterson



Miss Smith



Miss Thomas



Mr Walton



Mr Woodward

Years 3 and 4 New Parents' Welcome Evening Tuesday 12 September

We are very much looking forward to meeting all the new boys and parents over the coming term. We would be delighted if all Years 3 and 4 parents could attend the Welcome Evening on Tuesday 12 September at 6pm.

Mr White will give a brief talk about what we will be teaching this year and how the boys organise themselves at the school. We will then have an opportunity to chat and meet one another over a glass of wine, together with the Lower School staff. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

From the Assistant Head

Attendance, Appointments and School Logistics

Mr Metherell writes...

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.

Registers:

Form starts punctually at 8:30am and lasts until 9am.

School registers are saved by form tutors at 8:45am so boys arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late. This late code registers to your son's profile and it is our duty to follow up persistent lateness. Please ensure you son is in school by 8:30am.

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 Miss Fekete (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) at least one day before the appointment requesting for Mr White to approve the absence. 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 Miss Fekete (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk), your son's form tutor and your son's Head of Year at least one day before the interview.

Head of Years 3 and 4: Mr Throne (chris.thorne@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

Head of Years 5 and 6: Mr Trencher (gregory.trencher@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

Head of Years 7 and 8: Miss Bidie (cecilia.bidie@wetherbyprep.co.uk)

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

Please email Miss Fekete (jude.fekete@wetherbyprep.co.uk) in advance requesting an authorised absence for a particular date. Please note approval for authorised absences can only be given by Mr White, not your son's form tutor. If Mr White 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 White 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.

From the Director of Sport

Mr Reid writes...

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed a wonderful Summer.

I just wanted to touch base with regards to sports kit and the sports website.

As per the email from Perry's, the WPS uniform supplier, the launch of the new sports uniform will take place in the Spring Term 2024. For this term, sports uniform will continue to be the black and red top, WPS short, WPS socks, in addition to the WPS hoodie. The boys will require football boots, shin pads and water bottle for every Games session. If your son wishes to wear base layers, both tops and leggings must be black.

For swimming in Years 3, 4 and 5, the boys must wear black trunks, swimming goggles and their Wetherby House Swim Cap.

Finally, for those who are familiar with it, I hope you have enjoyed using our sports website: www.wetherbyprepsport.co.uk. For those who are not familiar it, please follow the link to find out all the information you need for next week's fixtures, in what will be another jam packed week. We will go through the website with the boys to show them how it works. As with all these things, the boys are so much better at accessing technology, so I really want them to take as much ownership as possible so they can direct you, as parents, to where they are playing, and on what day etc.

A quick tip is to go directly to the website and then 'Sports Calendar'. Click on 'Today's Teams' and this will give a full list of all the boys who are playing that day with the location, pick up time and other important information.

The password for the site is '**REDACTED FOR WEBSITE VERSION**' and all team sheets will go 'live' on Friday in line with the Wetherbuzz. I hope this helps to make the transition easier and as always, please contact me with any questions.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

From the Head of Years 7 and 8

WIRE and Curiosity Projects

Miss Bidie writes...

Remember to hand in your projects to me before Friday 29th September! This can be done either via Teams, email, or in person to my desk in the Heads of Year's office.

Finalists will have their entries displayed in the Pioneer Hall for a presentation evening with parents and guest judges on Tuesday 10th October. Best of luck!

From the English Department

WETHERBY READING

**A love of reading is the biggest indicator
of future academic success.**

OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development)

Welcome back to Wetherby!

The English department are so excited to hear about all the wonderful books the boys have read this summer.

Reading is an essential aspect of learning and enables children to access all areas of the curriculum. We are a school that champions reading, and to support this, we have created a Reading Log, which will be found in the new Homework Diary.

Boys should record what they have read (daily) and parents will be required to sign this off. English teachers will then counter-sign in lessons.

Thank you in advance for your support in your son's reading development. We wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week!

The Great Wetherby Photographic Competition Autumn 2023

As advertised last term, there is a photographic competition for photographs taken BY boys during the Summer holiday.

Print out a photograph, write a short paragraph about what it is and write your name on the writing and the photograph and deliver it to Dr Lee as soon as possible at the start of the term.

This competition follows on from last year's successful climate change photography competition last year. This competition is not focused on climate change, but about the places to which boys have travelled and what they have seen.

Highlight your photographic talents — images will be displayed around the school and published in the Wetherbuzz.



Photography Club

Dr Lee is also running a photographic club this term for keen photographers in Years 6-7.

Please email him if you would like to have your son join this club. Numbers are limited, and the focus is on boys who have a keen interest. Monday afternoon.

andrew.lee@wetherbyprep.co.uk



WANTED TROMBONISTS



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN THE TROMBONE? PLAY IN A BAND?
BE A FABULOUS MUSICIAN?
THEN CONTACT MRS TOMSETT-ROWE!
WE HAVE 4 PBONES THAT CAN BE BORROWED FROM SCHOOL
READY TO START YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEY.



CLAIRE.TOMSETT-ROWE@WETHERBYPREP.CO.UK



A reminder of the Wetherby Art Initiative!



An opportunity for the boys to create a piece of artwork to be displayed in school.

It can be any type of artwork- sculpture, drawing, painting, textile piece, print etc.

The focus is our WPS Values- your interpretation of one/some/all of them.

In terms of size- around A3/A2 ish (or equivalent in 3D form).

Bring to me in school and send me a message if you need further details.

I cannot wait to see what you come up with!

Mrs Lister-White

Football Tour to Holland



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