



Week 2
Monday 11 September – Sunday 17 September 2022

Monday 11 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT4 Assessments begin this week for all boys • Staff Meeting in the Dining Room – 8am • U11 vs The Hall (H) – 2:30pm, return 4pm • U11 vs Garden House (H) – 2:30pm, return 4pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Morning Clubs: Y7 Advanced Football, Rock Band</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After School Clubs: Lower School Advanced Art, Cantata, Chess, Coding–Game Development, Debating, Drama, Football, Homework, Photography, Indoor Sports, Rock Climbing</p>
Tuesday 12 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U8/U9 vs St Stephen’s (H) – 2:15pm, return 4pm • U8/U9 vs Thomas’s Fulham (H) – 2:30pm, return 4pm • Senior Management Team Meeting – 2:30pm • Years 3 & 4 New Parents’ Evening – 6pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Morning Clubs: Y6 Advanced Football, Guitar Ensemble, Mental Maths, Morning Art, Rock Band, Tennis, Touch Typing, Wetherby Voices</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After School Clubs: Advanced Artists, Chess, Choir (US), Coding–Minecraft Education, Homework, Krav Maga, Mythology, Pokémon Cards, Rock Band</p>
Wednesday 13 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U12 & U13 vs St Phillip’s (H) – 2:30pm, return 4pm • U12 & U13 vs Rokeby (A) – 2:30pm, return 5pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Morning Clubs: Y3 & Y4 Advanced Football, Handwriting, Swimming, Tennis, String Ensemble</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After School Clubs: Coding–MakeCode Arcade, Cookery, Ceramics, Homework, Nimble Minds, Modern History, Reasoning, Rock Band, Rock Climbing, Table Tennis</p>
Thursday 14 September	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAPS Junior Golf Open Day at Drayton Park Golf Club • Second Hand Uniform Sale – 8:30am • U10 vs Orchard House (H) – 2:30pm, return 4pm • U10 vs KCS, Wimbledon (A) – 2:30pm, return 5pm • School Management Meeting – 4:30pm 	<p style="text-align: center;">Morning Clubs: Y8 Advanced Football, Football, Jazz Band, Mental Maths, Morning Art, Swimming</p> <p style="text-align: center;">After School Clubs: Advanced Drama, Chess, Creative Writing, Ceramics, Dodgeball, Homework, Maths Revision, Mythology, Pickleball, Science</p>
Friday 15 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: 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 16 September	Sunday 17 September
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U10A Westminster School 6-a-side Football Tournament (A) – am

Dear Parents,

Things are in full swing at Bryanston Square, even if the sweltering heat is providing confusing signs that this might in fact be the start of the Summer Term. It seems to be a feature that the weather gods save the best for the start of the school year.

We have welcomed all our new boys to the school, and it was great to see all the Year 3 and 4 boys at Wetherby Sports Ground at the inaugural Team Building on Monday.

At assembly today, I reminded the boys that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, died on 8 September 2022 – exactly one year ago today. Much has been written about her loyalty and service, which were consistent features of her reign. She was also humble in her dealings with others – self-aware of her own responsibilities to always do the right thing at the right time as well as emotionally intelligent, very conscious how others were feeling and the positive effect she had. At the start of the year, there is so much opportunity for all of us to do good to benefit the whole community. I was delighted to start awarding the Kindness Cup and Citizen of the Week once again.

We look forward to seeing Years 3 and 4 parents at the New Parents' Evening on Tuesday 12 September at 6pm where they will be a chance to ask more questions after the full first week.

I hope you have a great weekend,

With very best wishes,



Mark White

From the Deputy Head
Years 7 and 8 Public Speaking

Mr Blundell writes...

Each week in the Years 7 and 8 mid-week assembly slot, there will be a public speaking segment, whereby any boy can present a topic of their choice to their year group. This can be a PowerPoint, notes, flash cards or just simply speaking for 5 minutes. The sign-up sheet is in my office so please do put your name down.

Atom Prime

Mrs Lock writes...

Lower School and Year 6 will continue to use Atom Learning to support their Verbal and Non Verbal Reasoning. You will soon receive an email with a secure link to create your free Atom Prime Parent Portal, directly linked to your son's account.

This is a key part of Atom's safeguarding provision that enables your son to use Atom Prime outside school, for example, to complete a homework assignment. This portal will also allow you to stay up to date with your son's progress throughout the year.

If, for any reason, you would like to opt-out, please do let me know directly on lucy.lock@wetherbyprep.co.uk.

Citizen of the Week



This week's Citizen of the Week is **AA** in 6F.

A has certainly started the year off on the right foot and we are all so proud of him.

He was extremely polite and helpful this week and it really stood out that he was showing all the staff his very best behaviour as well as showing respect for all in school.

Keep up the excellent effort you are showing everyone, A!

Sportsman of the Week



This week's Sportsman of the Week is **MP** in 7M.

Before the start of the term 40 WPS boys met at school to embark on a very exciting football tour to Holland. M, politely, approached to check that it wasn't a mistake that he was chosen for the trip. Mr Reid said that a mistake had not been made! He went on to star in the memorable 3-3 draw with Club Harmelen as well as score a wonderful team goal in the final match of the tour. The smile on his face was priceless! Well done on a superb touring effort, M!

Kindness Cup Nominations

JC and LB – both Wetherby Prep Old Boys

It was lovely for these boys to give up their time on Monday to come in and welcome the Years 3 and 4 boys to our school. They even put on their old WPS uniforms to set a good example!

Mrs Lister-White

LG – 6G

While some people on the bus were struggling with the hot weather, Luca lent his portable fan to them, let them borrow his ice pack he needed for his hand and even shared some of his water. It was a really kind thing to do!

YS, 6G

Kindness Cup Winner

This week's Kindness Cup winner is **OP** in 4M. O was nominated for the Kindness Cup by Miss Mannall.

This week, O has been helping out another boy who is on crutches.

He has been going in the lift with him and also packing up all his things and helping him get them from classroom to classroom.

He also packed up another boy's things unprompted and brought them to our next class as the boy was in a music lesson at the time.

Such brilliant displays of kindness this week, O!



Class of the Week – 8D Lunch

Mrs Couffignals writes...

At lunch, the boys had impeccable manners with lunch staff. Saying please and thank you goes a long way and good table manners are so important.

From the Head of Wellbeing

Mrs Gourlay writes...

Dr Aric Sigman Talks

On Wednesday 27th September, Dr Aric Sigman will be delivering the following talks to your sons during the school day:

Years 3 and 4 (one hour):

Being kind and making friends. E-Safety and managing screen time (including gaming).

Years 5 and 6 (one hour):

Doing your best in exams. Body image and pressures of physical appearance.

Years 7 and 8 (one hour):

Body image and pressures of physical appearance. Leaving school and beyond.

Dr Aric Sigman lectures primarily to children and adolescents in schools on PSHE topics. He publishes peer-reviewed medical papers on PSHE topics ranging from alcohol and addictions, body image, screen time, to sex and relationships. He is the co-author of 4 recent Parliamentary Group reports on childhood mental health. Here is his website: www.aricsigman.com.

That evening at 7pm, he will deliver an online webinar to interested parents and staff. This talk will be called 'Raising Sons' and I will send a zoom link nearer the time. Aric believes that despite

the recent emphasis on gender neutrality and sexual equality, raising boys is not the same as raising girls. Everyone wants their sons to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to have good relationships. This talk will look at some of the contemporary issues and pressures boys face and how parents can support them. I hope to see you at this talk and please do let me know if you have questions.

Child in Time Parent Counselling

As many of you are aware, we are lucky enough to have a school counsellor from Child in Time come and work with our number of our boys in school each Thursday.

If you would ever like to explore this as an option for your son, please contact me on natasha.gourlay@wetherbyprep.co.uk.

Child in Time also provide 1:1 parent consultations online to explore specific concerns at a place and time that suits you. Their team are all qualified therapists working with families, equipped to give practical, evidence-informed advice as well as emotional support. Child in Time is an established schools counselling service, employing experienced and vetted child and adolescent clinicians. Please see the attached PDF for more information.



Dawson

Westbourne

Pembridge

Chepstow



Mr Gascoine



Mr Bayes



Miss Bidie



Mrs Tomsett-Rowe

Well done to the new House Captains and Head of Houses on the first House Competition of this academic year!

Here are the results:

1st place 200 Housepoint Tokens- **Chepstow**

Joint 2nd place 100 Housepoint Tokens- **Pembridge** and **Westbourne**

3rd place 50 Housepoint Tokens- **Dawson**

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to you all! We hope you've had an excellent summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

The PTA is currently involved in planning several events and initiatives, and you will soon be informed about them through your class reps. We are still in the process of confirming reps for a few classes, and we appreciate your patience as we work diligently to ensure all are in place. Class Reps will create class WhatsApp groups where you will receive essential PTA messages containing important dates, volunteer requests, and other relevant information.

Our aim is to help support our school by helping to create and build a vibrant, connected, happy, and inclusive community. Please do get in touch with your class reps, or us directly, with any ideas you may have. We'd love to hear from you!

We look forward to seeing you all soon and very best wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

With thanks,

WPS PTA

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We need

YOU!



To be your form
Charity Representative

Do you have a passion for charity?

Do you want to raise awareness and drive change?

Then **you** should be your Form **Charity Rep.**

We work with amazing charities at this school and being a class Charity Rep will give you a fantastic opportunity to be more involved in raising money for causes you care about.

More information will be shared during form time next week. Keep your eyes peeled!

Wetherby Boys' Choice: Charity

YOU GET TO CHOOSE!

Do you have a favourite charity?

Would you like the school to support it?

Then you need to complete the Charity Project form!

What do you need to do?

1. Research a charity you would like to support.
2. Complete the form explaining **which charity you think Wetherby should support** and **why**.

This is a brilliant opportunity to make a difference.

FAQs

Do you have to complete this form?

No. But this is a great opportunity for you to get involved!

When is the deadline for entry?

The deadline is Monday 18th September 2023.

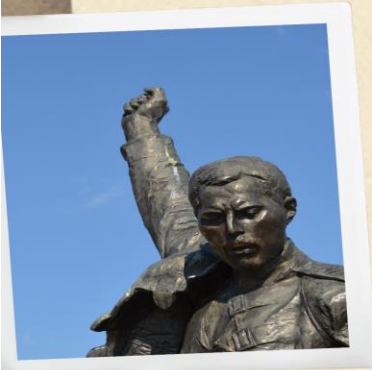
What happens next?

We will review your entry and then put the most passionate and persuasive charity choices up for a whole school vote. The top charity will then be chosen, and we will raise money throughout the year for that charity, and for our other charities, which include The Felix Project and Rwanda Action.

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This week in History



4th September:

1781 - Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers

1944 - WWII British troops liberated Antwerp, Belgium

2006 - 'Crocodile Hunter' Steve Irwin died

5th September:

1977 - Voyager 1 probe is launched

1946 - Freddie Mercury is born

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 - Desmond Bishop Tutu becomes the first Black Archbishop of Cape Town

8th September:

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

2001 - Venus and Serena Williams meet at the US Open Final 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 (hence the term bug)

1976 - Chairman Mao Zedong of China dies

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



Headmaster's Good Shows

Gold
10 Housepoints

Silver
5 Housepoints

Bronze
3 Housepoints

RA

Geography

RA

History

HW

History

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

14th September, 2023

Time: 8:15am-9:30am



This sale will be in-person AND online

For all online orders, please email
houseofwetherby@wetherbyprep.co.uk

All donations of WPS uniform
are welcome and appreciated!



Photos of the Week
Visit from Wetherby Prep Old Boys JC and LB



Visits to Nancy



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