

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

The penultimate week of this half term comes almost to fruition (there is the rugby tomorrow!) and what a week it has been. We have seen success on the rugby pitch, Year 1 have been out on a trip to the Lookout Centre (pictured) and Year 2 have been to the Science Museum (pictured). Year 4 parents have attended their reporting evening where staff have given their feedback and the Music Department has hosted a vast number of guests who attended our Willington Voices Outreach Programme (pictured) (I am sure it had nothing to do with the wine at all!). My thanks, as ever, go to all the staff involved in such activities. Looking ahead to next week, we will see yet more activity on an almost industrial scale, with the House Rugby Tournament spread out like a feast of sport before us. Can Lancelot make it three wins in a row?

Mr Strudwick will surely be championing at the bit for Galahad to reclaim the trophy they last won in 2014 following a run of eight wins out of the nine years since 2006. This time next week we shall know! Of course, before we get to that great moment in the annual calendar of school life, we must negotiate our way past tomorrow's challenge as we once again host Tower House School for our annual block fixture for the Willington Shield. As well as bragging rights on the pitch, there are the bragging rights at Headmaster's conferences at stake, so I hope and trust the boys will take us to victory at Drax tomorrow and I look forward to seeing many of you there for that. Aside from the House Rugby next week, we are also hosting an Online Safety talk for parents here on Monday evening and the boys are participating in the Strings Day Concert at Epsom College, following their performance last week in the St. John's Orchestral Play Day. There is Choral Evensong at St. Paul's Church in Augustus Road just the other side of the Village from the school on Thursday. I do hope you will come and join us for Evensong. The Choristers are singing to such a high standard and St. Paul's is a magnificent venue for this. It probably has not escaped your notice that education in the state sector has featured quite prominently in the news this week, with talks of funding cuts, Governors refusing to sign off budgets, not enough money for staff training, manipulation of pupil populations to give better results figures, and so on. As ever, we find ourselves in a fortunate position in the independent sector of not being at the mercy of Government policy (by and large). I feel heartened to be working in such a supportive environment, where our efforts are valued by you as parents and by our Governing Body. That is not to say that the efforts of teaching staff in state schools are not valued by parents or Governors, but that the politicisation of education saddens me. I am sure that others could expound upon this topic with greater eloquence, but I feel moved to say that our focus remains on being the best school we can be and on providing the best school experience we can for all our boys and not worrying about league tables, not trying to stage-manage results and not finding ourselves beset on all sides by those who would use us to advance their own agenda. Here's to the value of being independent, something we can cherish and prize. Have a wonderful weekend and I do hope to see you at the rugby tomorrow.



AFTER SCHOOL EVENT FIXTURE AMENDMENT

WEEK SIX

Monday 6th February Digital Awareness Day

8.40am Assembly : Michael Chanter/News & Achievements

11.30am Years 4 & 5 Rugby House Matches

12.00pm Years 1 & 2 Trip to Royal Festival Hall

2.15pm U11 B Contact 8 Aside v Garden House (Home)

2.15pm Years 6 & 7 Tag 8 Aside v Garden House (Home)

6.00pm Online Safety Parents' Evening

Tuesday 7th February

8.40am Assembly - Class 7C

10.00am Strings Day, Epsom College

4.15pm Strings Day Concert, Epsom College

5.30pm Educational & Pastoral Committee Meeting

Wednesday 8th February

8.40am Form Time

11.30am Years 2 & 3 Rugby House Matches

2.45pm U11 A&B v Claremont Fan Court (Home)

2.50pm Junior Assembly

Thursday 9th February

8.40am Assembly : Hymn Practice

8.40am Year 6 Mindfulness with Alpa Joshi

6.00pm Choral Evensong, St. Paul's Church, Augustus Road

Friday 10th February

8.40am Assembly : Ruth Henson

11.30am Year 1 Rugby House Matches

1.30-3.30pm Rugby House Matches (Yrs 6-8 in Games Kit)

2.00pm KCJS Maths Challenge (4 Boys from Year 5)

Normal Collection Time/Half Term starts (Reception-Year 3)

4.00pm Half Term starts (Years 4-8)

4.15-6.15pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!

Sunday 19th February

12.00-5.00pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!

WEEK SEVEN

Monday 20th February

8.30am School restarts

8.40am Assembly : Michael Chanter/News & Achievements

8.45am Year 3 Trip to British Museum

3.00pm U11 Colts A&B v Aberdour (Home)

Tuesday 21st February

8.40am Assembly : Ed Drew, Dundonald Church

9.45am Year 6 Arrive Alive Workshop

3.00pm U8 A&B v Aberdour (Away)

3.00pm U9 A/B/C v Aberdour (Away)

4.30-7.30pm Year 5 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22nd February

8.40am Form Time/Nurture Groups

2.30pm 1st XV, U11 Colts & U10 v Priory (Away)

2.50pm Junior Assembly

Thursday 23rd February

8.40am Assembly : Hymn Practice

8.40am Year 6 Mindfulness with Alpa Joshi

Friday 24th February

8.40am Assembly : Ruth Henson

2.00-6.00pm Play Rehearsal Dream On!

Sunday 26th February

10.00am-4.00pm Dress & Tech Rehearsal 1 Dream On!

READING CERTIFICATES

Ethan French (6F) Achievement

Harry Overend (5J) Bronze

MUSICIANS OF THE WEEK

Junior Music William Fuertes-Shepherd (RW)

Harry Whittaker (3L) Enrico Berchicci (4S)

Ernie Basic (5J) Callum Hunter (6S)

Edward Northover (7C) Monty Peltenburg (8S)

Orchestra Timmy Knighton (7P)

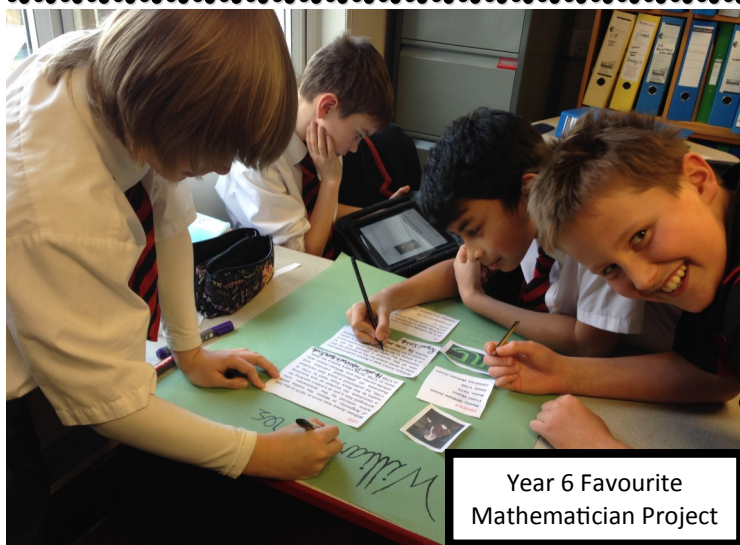
Hawk Choir Charlie Higginson (6F)

Chorister Seun Itayemi (5J)

Chorister Arun Chapman-Dawe (5C)

Hymn Singer George Willis (5C)

Sparrow Jonty Dryer (2S)



Year 6 Favourite Mathematician Project

HOUSE POINT BADGES

Sam Gale (6S) Lancelot 1,000/875/750

Oscar Winson (6S) Lancelot 750/625

Jacobi Glass (4S) Merlin 250

Geno Bonning-Pitorri (6F) Lancelot 125

Eason Ha (4T) Lancelot 125

RUGBY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Daniel Ortiz (8S) Andrew Yi (8S) Oscar Buckingham (7C)

Timmy Knighton (7P) Merlin Lewis (7P) Festus Balogun (6S)

Geno Bonning-Pitorri (6F) Yaqub Furniss (6F) Sam Gale (6S)

Cameron Omonua (6S) Toby Fry (5C) Jack Mortlock (5J)

Eason Ha (4T) Freddie Johnson (4S) Ollie Robinson (4T)

WEEK 5 JUNIOR HOUSE POINTS

2nd Excalibur

4th Galahad

3rd Lancelot

1st Merlin

JUNIOR OVERALL HOUSE TOTAL

1st Excalibur

4th Galahad

3rd Lancelot

2nd Merlin

WEEK 5 SENIOR HOUSE POINTS

1st Excalibur

3rd Galahad

2nd Lancelot

4th Merlin

SENIOR OVERALL HOUSE TOTAL

1st Excalibur

2nd Galahad

4th Lancelot

3rd Merlin