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YEAR 11 LEAVERS' ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

Last Friday saw a special farewell event for the boys and their families in Year 11. There was a great turn out and a very good atmosphere.

The Guest of Honour was an "old boy of 30" from William Ellis:

Awale Olad, Senior Consultant for Deloitte.

- Student at William Ellis and LaSWAP 1996-2002
- o Master's Degree from King's College, University of London
- o Worked for the Justice Minister and Parliamentary Advisor
- Local Councillor

The school was extremely pleased that Awale could come along to show the boys what can be achieved if they work hard.

All the boys were awarded a certificate to mark the end of their compulsory education at WES and 15 were presented with Trustee Awards. A very special award went to Yedidiah who was presented with the William Ellis Citizenship Scholarship – an award bequeathed by Diane Gearty, the mother of a former pupil and wife to our current Vice Chair of Governors, in her will.

The weather was good and parents were able to get some fresh air, chat and take refreshments supplied by WESPA from a specially erected gazebo in front of the school.

One of the school governors who had never been to such an event sent this message to the Mr White after the event: "I have been to many such things in my life but it hard to remember one that was so uplifting and moving. It was my first at WES and I was blown away by the teachers and the boys and the music! If only OFSTED could capture and rate such events. Please thank all those involved in organising".

Camden Summer University – course bookings open 15 June 2016

<u>Camden Summer University</u>, which runs from 25 July to 26 August 2016, offers young people aged 13 to 19 fantastic free courses hosted by some of London's biggest names. Courses are FREE to all young people aged 13 to 19 (up to 25 with disabilities) who live in Camden, attend a local secondary school or Council youth project. You can <u>view course details online</u> from 1 June 2016 and bookings open on **15 June 2016**.

- view courses from 1 June and book from 15 June 2016
- download: <u>Camden Summer University 2016 leaflet and consent form (PDF)</u> see also attached
- watch: our CSU promotional film on Youtube

Students can find further details on the poster displayed in the Learning Resources Centre.



Singing for the Queen at The Tower!



On Saturday 12th June, William Ellis boys took part in Water City Music Festival, a one week festival of music at the Tower of London in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. They sang a selection of songs from old to new, jointly with the choir from Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy.

Books Sought!

Ms Rushbrook in the Learning Resources Centre would like to remind all students and their parents that any books borrowed from the library need to be returned by the end of term. Please have a look round to make sure they aren't lurking in murky bedrooms!



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Livery Education Conference at Staples Inn

Mr White met the Lord Mayor at a special event for headteachers of secondary schools run by the Livery Companies of the City of London. The theme was "How can Livery Companies help secondary schools in preparing students for the workforce?".

It is hoped that links can be forged with William Ellis and some of the Livery Companies in the City to give students an insight of a variety of career opportunities in London.

Defribrillator Update

The Headteacher's PA, Ms McWilliam, represented William Ellis at the Hand on Heart fundraising dinner organised by Rosh Keegan on Saturday 13th June at Camden School for Girls. There was delicious Indian food, a busy bar, pledges made for donated food/services etc from local business and a very exciting auction of art which included a specially produced artwork for the event by Ralph Steadman. Lots of money was raised and William Ellis will be getting their defribrillator soon. (Ms McWilliam also has a rather large quantity of salmon to collect after a successful pledge!)

Pods in Playground



These are the fabulous new seating pods that arrived in the playground over the half term break thanks to WESPA. The boys have very much enjoyed sitting in them since (along with visitors to the farmers market!).

WESPA has also fundraised for a new piano for the Music Department to be delivered soon.

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Reminder to order Uniform now for September

Blazers and PE Kit: Please be aware that you will need to order any new blazers/PE kit your son requires for next year by the end of term to guarantee delivery for September. (There will be no deliveries to the school over the summer holiday). Orders can be made on our uniform supplier's website: www.swi.co.uk

Ties: Boys in years 7, 8 and 9 will need new ties for September as each year group has a different design. These are available from the school office, priced £4.00. It would be helpful if you purchased a tie before the end of term to avoid a long queue on the first day of term.

Dates for your diary:

Year 12 Progression and Higher Education Day Monday 20th June WESPA Working Weekend at the Mill Friday 17th- Sunday 19th June Year 10 Exam Week w/c 20th June Cologne Trip Meeting for Parents Tuesday 21st June: 6pmYear 7 Camp

w/c 27th June: 6pm**Year / Camp** w/c 27th June: 7L, 7W, 7F w/c 8th July: 7B, 7K **Year 10 Work Experience**

w/c 27th June

Year 8 trip to National Enterprise Challenge Finals in Doncaster

Wednesday 29th June

New Year 7 for September 2016 Taster Day/Parents' Welcome Evening

Wednesday 29th June

Year 13 LaSWAP Leavers' Prom
Monday 30th June: 7 - 11pm
6th Form Trip to Uganda
w/c 4th July and w/c 11th July
WESPA Awards Evening/Year 11 Art Exhibition
Tuesday 12th July

Performance Dates

Monday 20th June, 6pm LaSWAP summer concert St Martins Church, Gospel Oak

Wednesday 13th July, 6pm

Soloists' Concert with Parliament Hill at William Ellis

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School Events next week

(week beginning 20.06.16)

All Week:

- GCSE Exams/A2 Exams
- Year 8 Exam Week (2)
- Year 10 Exam Week

Monday - Thursday

Breakfast Club: 8am

• Homework Club: 3.15pm with City Year

Monday

- Year 12 Progression and Higher Education Day: All Day
- Year 10 Oxford University Outreach Programme: All Day
- Careers Interviews: All Day
- Duke of Edinburgh Award session: 3.15pm
- Drawing Club in LRC: 3.15pm
- New PHS/WES Building Planning Drop In/Exhibition, PHS: 5pm
- LaSWAP Concert, St Martin's Church, Gospel Oak: 6.30pm

Tuesday

- Year 10 Oxford University Outreach Programme: All Day
- House Spelling Bee Competition: 1.20pm
- Ex WES, Professional Footballers visiting: 2.10pm
- House Leaders' Meeting: 3.30pm
- Cologne Trip Parents' Meeting: 6pm

Wednesday

- Year 7 Drama Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop: 11.15am
- Somali "Young Leaders" Workshop: 3.15pm
- Camden Under 13 Cricket fixture, Regents Park: 4pm

Thursday

- Camden Council Debates, Camden Town Hall: All Day
- Careers Interviews: All Day
- Year 10 Peer Mentoring Programme: 8am

Friday

- Careers Interviews
- Dogs' Trust Workshop: 11.15am
- Year 11 Meningitis Vaccinations: 10am
- Ethical Finance Volunteering Day Event: 11.30am