



WELCOME BACK!

School started back on Monday 4th January at 8.35am – a time of day not seen by many of the boys and staff for a couple of weeks! We trust that all the boys, their families and our staff had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are ready for an intense but short first half of the spring term, which ends on 12th February.

Some members of the school community were busy during the break.....

Congratulations to Ms Pearce, Head of Art

Our very best wishes to Ms Pearce and her husband on the birth of their twins, Bertie and Alfie, who arrived on Sunday, 20th December weighing in at 5lb each.



We welcome Ms Shaikh, who will be Acting Head of Art during Ms Pearce's maternity leave.

On Christmas Day, our parent governor, Ms Imogen Sharp, and her husband, Mr Lewy, made local news by bravely dipping into the Hampstead Men's Pond for a traditional Christmas day swimming race. See the Camden New Journal 31/12/15 for more details! Their son Owen (9F) and his sister joined them on New Year's Day for a dip in the sea in Devon too.

School Canteen

We have been making some changes in the school canteen and this week trailed some new refrigerated self service areas to make it easier and quicker for the boys to get their lunch. The school will shortly be organising a meeting for interested parents to come and see the canteen in operation and the food on offer to help encourage the boys' to make healthy eating choices.

WESPA (William Ellis School Parents' Association)

Following the success of the WESPA raffle drawn at the hugely enjoyable Winter Entertainment Concert held at the end of last term there are a number of raffle prizes in the school office still to be collected. All prize winners have been contacted by telephone, so please come to collect your prize if you have been contacted. Well done to all the boys for raising £1,200 – beating last year - it will help to improve facilities in the school for all students.



Next week

All extra-curricular music lessons start, and regular after school sessions for boys continue:

- Monday – Thursday: Breakfast Club with City Year - 8am in Canteen
- Monday – Thursday: Homework Club with City Year – 3.15pm in Library
- Monday - Year 11 Action Tutoring/Tree of Life Workshops – 3.15pm
- Wednesday – Somali “Young Leaders” Workshop – 3.15pm

Other Events:

- Monday – Year 11 Travel & Tourism Exam – Period 1
- Tuesday – House Leaders’ Meeting – 3.30pm
- Wednesday – Model UN Training Session at the American School -1.15pm
- Wednesday - Year 9 Rugby Fixture, St Aloysius - 1.30pm
- Wednesday – KS3 Basketball Fixture with UCS, Haverstock and Maria Fidelis visiting WES – 4pm
- Thursday – Year 8 Parents’ Evening – 4.30pm**

[Please make sure your son arranges appointment times with their teachers for you, in advance, using the appointment sheet they have been given]

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM	JANUARY	
	Year 8 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 14 th Jan – 4.30pm
	Early Closure for Staff Training	Wednesday 27 th January from 1.10pm
	FEBRUARY	
	Year 11 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 4 th Feb -4.30pm
	Year 13 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 11 th Feb – 6.00pm (ABS)
	Year 8 and 9 French/History Trip	23 rd -26 th February
	Half-term break (15th -19th Feb)	
	MARCH	
	LaSWAP admissions interviews	Various dates
	Year 12 & Year 13 Mock Exams	w/b 7 th Mar
	Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 9 th Mar – 4.30pm
	Spring Concert	Wednesday 16 th Mar – 6.00pm
Year 10 Parents’ Evening	Thursday 17 th Mar – 4.30pm	
EASTER HOLIDAY (25th March – 8th April)		
GCSE Easter Revision Classes		
Ski Trip, China Trip		