



## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM



On Thursday evening the British Museum held its Chinese New Year celebrations for 800 members. There was Peking opera, classical Chinese music and a tea ceremony with tea tasting provided by our China trip sponsor - the Tea House, in Covent Garden.

The tea ceremony was arranged by William Ellis School Mandarin Teacher, Ms Xiao Yu Shi and three LaSWAP girls assisted with the tea tasting. The school made a powerpoint to accompany the tea ceremony and included a few slides featuring last year's William Ellis School China trip.

This year's trip, led by Mr Forrest, Head of Geography and Ms Shi, will be departing on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Last year they took some early learning books and games to China which proved very popular with the Chinese Primary link school pupils and facilitated a lot of interaction between our students and theirs.

If anyone had a tidy up/spring clean over half-term and has any early learner books/games in reasonably good condition that they no longer require Mr Forrest would very much like to receive them.



## School Counsellor

The school received over 50 applications for this post, and we are pleased to announce, that Ms Emma White was appointed and will be joining the school next term.

## WESPA News

### WESPA Update and Dates for your Diary:

WESPA has a policy of being broadly guided in our grant making by the wishes of the students as expressed through their representatives on the Student Council. We have a list of short, medium and long term "wishes" from the boys and our big playground improvement project was a priority among those. Having met our fundraising target for the playground improvement/child space (which is now in the implementation stage) we are beginning fundraising for the next items on the wish list. These include funds so that the school can purchase its own supply of tents, roll mats and rucksacks for trips to the Mill and other outward bound activities (including Duke of Edinburgh Award in Year 10). Currently, William Ellis has to rely on hiring equipment from Camden and much of this gear is of poor quality and damaged. Tents often leak and roll mats are worn etc. The new equipment will benefit all the boys. We have also been asked to raise money for a new upright piano. **Please see attached document for further information about our fundraising goals and how you can donate.**

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - William Ellis School Quiz Night

Doors and bar opens 7.30pm with first question at 8pm. Finish time 10pm.

There will be a £50 cash prize and a trophy for the winning team.

Tickets £5 (pay on the door) each including food – a bargain!

It will be a great chance to meet other parents and staff, have some fun, and support the school.

**See attached flyer for contact details.**

### Tuesday 8th March - WESPA meeting

6pm in library - All parents and carers welcome.

### Fri 18 March – 'Spring Shindig'

Doors and bar opens 6.30pm, 'Shindig' starts at 7pm

£3 suggested donation on door (£1 for students) with bar and food for sale.

Fun evening for all, not just for those with sons performing. Please come along and bring friends.

If you are not already on the WESPA mailing list and would like to join please email Anna Wright, Chair, WESPA - [anna.wright@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anna.wright@blueyonder.co.uk)

## House/Sports News



**Dodgeball Inter-House Competition in the Sports hall** starts next week for Year 7s, Monday and Friday lunchtimes (Years 8, 9 and 10 in the following weeks).



## Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> February: Week B

**Monday – Thursday** – Breakfast Club: 8am, Homework Club: 3.15pm, with City Year

**Monday** – Year 13 English Trip to V & A Museum: All Day, Year 7 Inter-house Dodgeball: 1.15pm, Duke of Edinburgh Award session: 3.15pm, Year 11 Action Tutoring: 3.20pm

**Tuesday** – Year 10 Peer Mentoring: 8am, Year 9 Orchestra Project Workshop: 9am, KS3 Choir RAH Rehearsal: 12.15pm, Tree of Life Workshop: 4.30pm

**Wednesday** – WBA Project: 8.50am, Somali “Young Leaders” Workshop: 3.15pm, KS4 Basketball: 4pm, LaSWAP External Interviews at ABS: 4pm, China Trip Meeting: 6pm

**Thursday (World Book Day)** - Year 10 Peer Mentoring: 8am, KS3 Choir RAH concert rehearsal: 1.30pm, Full Governors’ Meeting: 5.30pm, WESPA Quiz night: 7.30pm

**Friday** – KS4/6<sup>th</sup> Form ‘Open mic’ gig: 1.15pm, Year 7 Inter-house Dodgeball Competition: 1.30pm

## DIARY DATES

	<b>MARCH</b>	
	Year 12 & Year 13 Mock Exams	<i>w/b 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</i>
	Year 9 Options Evening	<i>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar – 6pm</i>
	Year 7 Parents’ Information Evening	<i>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm</i>
	Year 9 Music Concert with James Redwood	<i>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – time tbc</i>
	Year 10 Parents’ Evening	<i>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – 4.30pm</i>
	‘Spring Shindig’ Concert	<i>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – 6.00pm</i>
	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY (25<sup>th</sup> March – 8<sup>th</sup> April)</b> GCSE Easter Revision Classes Ski Trip, China Trip	

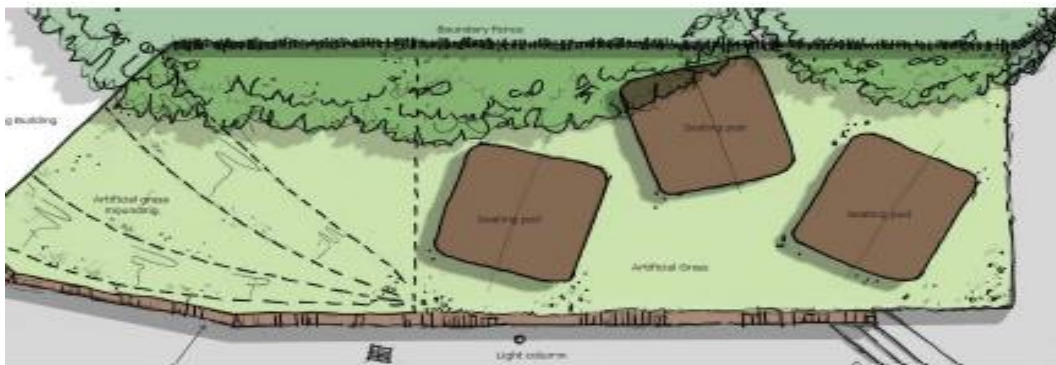


## What Wespa are doing with the money raised last term:

We are transforming this:



Into this:



With Cool Seating Pods:



And Artificial Grass:







**What WESPA are fundraising for this term:**



**1 x Upright Piano**

**£1,400**

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/WESPA-Piano>



**30 x Terrain Haven  
Tents**

**£1,850**

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/WESPA-Tents>



**20 x Trangia 25-1 GBUL  
Camping Stoves**

**£1,070**

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/WESPA-CampingStoves>



**60 x Terrain Foam Roll Mats**

**£250**

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/WESPA-RollMats>



**60 x Premium Cadet  
Rucksack 60L**

**£1,950**

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/WESPA-Rucksacks>

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WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



# KEEP CALM IT'S QUIZ NIGHT

**Quiz Night Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** Doors & bar opens 7.30pm with first question at 8pm. Finish time 10pm. **£50 cash prize** and a trophy for winners. **Tickets £5 each including bread, cheese, light bites.**

Teams of six but you don't need to come as a whole team as we'll link you up with others to form a team. A great **chance to meet other parents & staff**, have some fun, and support the school. **Payment on door** but please let us know if you are coming so that we can plan for numbers & cater accordingly. **RSVP to WESPA: [williamellispa@gmail.com](mailto:williamellispa@gmail.com)**

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