



Summer Term

After the miserable weather we experienced last term this Summer term has been the hottest and driest for a number of years and has really raised our spirits although it has also been challenging for the boys to keep focussed.



Happily, the gardening club continues to flourish - especially with the help of Ms Conran and our gardening captains in charge, Aurel 9F and Frederico 8B which means club members and staff have been able to enjoy the garden and it has become a great place to have lunch in the sunshine.

Student Council News





Year 9 Debates at Camden Town Hall

Mr Glover wrote: "I know I sometimes have a tendency for hyperbolic praise but, genuinely, the presentation that our Year 9 council leaders presented yesterday was one of the most incredible displays I have ever seen from WES students. They were phenomenal. This was the 4th year I have taken a group to this event, Gill Morris, Senior Health and Wellbeing Advisor for Camden spoke to me after the event about how impressive the presentation was and how powerful it was to see young men talking so eloquently and passionately about equality. (See her email send after the event below). The Mayor of Camden also made a point of coming over to mention how impressive the students had been. I have never been more proud.



The students were: Billy, Roko, Jack, Casey, Burt, Anes, Zakiyy and Santi. This was the last event for these boys on the student council, as they have now handed over the reins to our Year 8 and 10s. Luckily, they have all said they will certainly be applying for re-election and the Captaincy roles this time next year!"

Email from Gill Morris, Senior Health and Wellbeing Advisor, Camden:

"Thank you for bringing the students to the debates today.

I wanted to say how very impressed I was with the way they presented their debate and their fantastic participation in the discussions. They are a credit to the school.

Their understanding of equalities and their enthusiasm for the topic really shone through and they are clearly very positive about the DLDs and the impact they have had. They made the morning a great success!"

Next years captains certainly have a lot to live up to:

Deputy Captains:

Burgh – Archie; Fenton – George; Keats – Aaron; Lauderdale – Chun; Willow – Daniel

House Captains:

Burgh – Omar; Fenton – Nadeem; Keats – Rob; Lauderdale – Max; Willow – Alex



Non Uniform Day Collections

This academic year the school council asked Mr White if the school could have non-uniform days at the end of every half term with a donation from each boy of £1 towards a charity of their choice. The most recent collections have raised

Easter – Cancer Research - £470



May half term – Mind £440



End of term collection - £315.



Futures Day 25 June

Futures Day in June saw a day off timetable for visitors from a range of universities, local businesses and West End and City firms to come to speak to year 12 students from William Ellis, Parliament Hill and Acland Burghley students about the various degree courses and careers choices available and to give advice on how to make the right choices for future careers.

Congratulations to Dae, Year 13

Dae applied for the Barcelona International Youth Science Challenge. They look for talented and curious students who apart from having good academic results have a genuine interest in scientific research. He was selected from hundreds of applicants across the globe to go to the Barcelona Supercomputing Center to work on a research project – New treatments for opioid addicts: a drug discovery challenge.

Prom at Dingwalls

There was live music, dancing and some impressive dressing-up at the LaSWAP prom held at Dingwalls on Camden Lock. Staff joined the Year 13s to say farewell. We look forward to hearing about their future careers.



Ellis Alumni

Mr Forrest received the following exciting message from ex-student (leaver in 2000) Alex Smith:

Hi sir,

Just a quick one to let you know that today it's been announced that I have been selected from 21,000 applicants to be one of the first 20 Obama Foundation Fellows.

This is a small cohort of civic innovators from 11 countries around the world who will come together over the coming two years to share their experiences of making community change and to amplify their ideas. More information can be found here:

<https://www.obama.org/fellowship/2018-fellows/>

Being selected for the Fellowship is the privilege and opportunity of a lifetime and I'm naturally really excited about the doors it could open. I'll continue my work at The Cares Family ([new website!](#)) of course and hope this is a chance to further expand that work and deepen its impact – and develop some of my other ideas – through the mentoring, profiling and learning from others from around the world that the fellowship affords.

Ms Little spied this article about a former student from the Institute of Structural Engineers website:

Young Structural Engineer of the Year 2018

Published: 07/06/2018



Congratulations to Daniel Dowek, who has been named Young Structural Engineering Professional of the Year by the Institution.

The award is presented annually to recognise outstanding talent among the Institution's global membership of engineering professionals.

Daniel, who has worked for engineering consultancy Price & Myers for the last six years, said:

"I entered the competition because I felt that some of the projects I've completed demonstrated exciting conservation engineering and might be of interest to others. I'm delighted and surprised to win the award and grateful to the people who have made my career possible.



“Growing up in London, I have been surrounded by a continually changing built environment, with many remarkable buildings that have interested me. I thought maybe I would try architecture at university, but I also enjoyed maths and physics which led me towards engineering, studying how buildings are put together.

“There have been lots of great moments in my career, but a highlight is working as Project Engineer for the design and construction of the Weston Tower at Westminster Abbey, which is the first major architectural intervention there since the time of Christopher Wren and Nicolas Hawksmoor. It has been a real privilege to work on such an iconic part of London’s structural heritage and it was a key part of my entry for the award.”

Daniel was also recognised for his work on the Coastal House project in Devon, which has won numerous prizes.

GIFT FROM THE FAMILY OF EX WES HEADMASTER



In March the Headteacher’s PA received a call from Elizabeth McGregor, a relative, of a former headmaster, Mr Edward B Cumberland Esq, Headmaster 1189 – 1919.,

Elizabeth had inherited via her great grandfather’s brother, Edward, a booklet, WES War roll book and a silver-plated salver engraved: “Presented by The Old Elysians’ Club as a token of esteem and affection on the occasion of his retirement from the occasion of his retirement from the headmastership of William Ellis School July 1919” and wanted to know if the school would like for our archive. The school was very happy to receive these items. The silver salver will now be displayed in the school’s trophy cabinet and the books will join the school’s extensive archive. We very much thank Elizabeth and her family for this kind gesture. Luckily Elizabeth lives near The Mill, so was able to take the heavy salver there for passing on.



News from Talacre Sports Centre

Talacre Sports Centre is home to many of our NVQ sixth form students.



Lee Davis, NVQ Officer, Culture and Sport, Culture and Environment, London Borough of Camden (bottom left) is proud to share that 45% of the 2017/18 cohort seen here are now employed – one example being Luke who will be a gymnastics coach for Camden Gymnastics Club. There has also been a 75% increase in female being enrolled on the course.



11 primaries, secondary and inclusive events were assisted/led by the students and over 2000 hours of voluntary work undertaken.

On 17th July, Elijah was presented with the 'Fiona Brown NVQ Achievement Award' recognition of his 200 hours' voluntary work and the energy and enthusiasm he brings to the programme.



Deep Learning Days

Our Deep Learning Days this term continued to prove both challenging days off the usual school timetable and popular with the boys. In May the focus was – Anti bullying and Diversity (“All Different, All Equal”) with sessions on a range of topics such as “banter”, “disability in media” and a film for discussion – “Boy in a dress” plus Oracy writing, performance skills and speeches for year 7.

In July it was – Keeping Safe, with sessions that included “growing against violence”, “gangs, drill and prayer”, “#knifefree”. These sessions were timed to help students keep safe over the summer holidays.

Music Department News

The Music Department has their own newsletter, which can be found on the school website. There has been the usual full programme of events with two Performance Platform concerts where instrumental music students have performed a variety of solo and small ensemble pieces informally in front of an audience of parents and staff; the LaSWAP concert and a brass concert with Gospel Oak on the Heath bandstand. One highlight for the Year 12 Music Tech students was a trip to Gearbox Records in Kings Cross.



Sixth Form Trip to Gearbox Records – Kings Cross



Sol, Year 12 AS Music Technology student wrote:

"On Tuesday 10th July, we visited GearBox Records' mastering studio in King's Cross. GearBox Records are an independent record label focused on working with artists whose genres are relatively underappreciated today - folk, soul, funk, and most of all jazz. The mastering studio we visited is also one of the only studios producing vinyl records in the UK, and have mastered many different vinyl releases for artists the likes of Mark Ronson and Travis Scott. The studio was incredible to be in; surrounded by a plethora of classic machinery - reel-to-reel tape recorders, microphones fit for Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, even a machine that cut music into vinyl - we were shown through the process of producing a vinyl record, and given the chance to play around with all this amazing tech. It was a fascinating experience, especially considering just how rare the process and the equipment is today; who else can say they've wound tape reels into a tape recorder, or spoken to a producer as he's mastered a record, or listened to the faint playback of Cuban jazz as a vinyl-cutter carves the song into the surface of a disc? It was truly a one-of-a-kind experience. Thanks to the William Ellis Music Department and GearBox Records for providing us with such an experience! "

LaSWAP Concert

June saw another successful LaSWAP concert at St. Martin's Church. Peter West, Head of Camden Music Service wrote to Sam White, "The range of music performed was impressive and challenging and the standard of musicianship and performance outstanding. The Big Band and Vocal Group demonstrated the high quality of music at William Ellis and the joint item with Parliament Hill jazz musicians was an exciting development, which I hope may continue. The ease with which staff and tutors from each school worked together throughout the evening has become a remarkable feature of these concerts. Ensuring the smooth running of a concert featuring fifteen diverse groups is no mean feat."

The Mill needs you!

On 29th July Su Jones, warden at The Mill, will be pedalling for a fair few hours to complete the Prudential London/Surrey 100-mile bike ride. She is fundraising for The Mill's latest project.

Su writes: The Mill, Forest Green www.themillforestgreen.co.uk is a perfect venue for school, group and family gatherings and residential stays but lacks a large meeting hall/barn. Our latest project is to create this building. Plans are being drawn and fundraising has begun. Please help us to get this project off the ground."

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SusanJones8>

Please do consider sponsoring Su for this great cause that will benefit the school.

Working Weekends

There are usually 3 working weekends at The Mill, when friends of the school can spend a couple of days enjoying good food and company as well as working outside in the Surrey countryside keeping The Mill in good order and making sure it is ready for our various camps. Parents are encouraged to consider joining the next camp which will be in the Autumn. An email will be sent out with details.



In June volunteers erected 35 tents for year 7 boys, as well as other maintenance tasks such as strimming of vegetation and clearing branches from watercourses. Peter Woodman, volunteer, sent through the following photo of the lovely new steps he has made leading to “Sheila’s bench”. He last camped at the Mill in 1951, so as you can imagine the volunteers would really appreciate some young blood!



This year has seen camps at The Mill for Years 8 and 9 as well as the annual Year 7 Camp.

Year 8 Camp 2018 (4th-8th June)

Year 8 camp went off with a real splash this year! Boys took part in a days' worth of water sports at South Water Park which included raft building and kayaking. Back at the Mill on day two the boys enjoyed lots of team building games and outdoor geometry in which they got to use their creative and problem solving skills!



Year 9 camp (14th – 18th May)

The whole year group carries out a Duke of Edinburgh practice together for the first time!





Year 7 Camp 2018:



Team photo

This year the Full Governing Body joined the Year 7 camp at The Mill for their last meeting of the year.

Building Works at the School

As can be seen from Highgate Road the new LaSWAP centre is taking shape at great speed and it should be ready for staff and students to move into in September. Over the summer Camden are going to put up some hoardings around the site. The William Ellis extension with new food technology, dance and music facilities is gradually being revealed and is expected to be completed at the end of the Autumn term.



LaSWAP Building takes shape

Attendance Raffle

Attendance at William Ellis has become a concern this year. As part of a drive to help improve attendance Camden agreed to fund some rewards for good attendance. We ran a raffle system for years 7 – 10 for six weeks from mid-April to late May. Students received 1 raffle ticket for each week of full attendance. All tickets went into a draw with prizes of 2 x £20 vouchers, 2 x £10 vouchers for each year group with 1, with a special prize of an i-pad. Congratulations to Jamie, 9L for winning the i-pad and to Lewis, 10K, Oliver 9L, Amar 9B, Nazmul 8W, Kyle 8W, Robert 7K and Adrian 7W who won vouchers.

A reminder to parents that boys should not be kept off school for minor reasons such as “tiredness” and should certainly not be taking time off in term time for holidays. When boys miss school they not only find it hard to catch up in lessons but often find that their friends have found some new ones to hang out with in their absence.



Healthwatch - Camden

Below are three links to videos which were designed and made by William Ellis and LaSWAP students following discussions between students and Healthwatch Camden about issues that worry young people in Camden around health and social care. The finished films are the culmination of several months of discussion, planning, practical film-making and general hard-work from students in Year 9 at William Ellis and Years 12 & 13 in LaSWAP.

In April, Healthwatch launched a social media campaign to raise awareness of the issues raised in the films. We have already incorporated one of the films into the next PSHE module for Year 9).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=For059PifuE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdSQ8qYzLNU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJUKTGa5Tcg>

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

The school gym has been busy after school this term hosting basketball matches between the various Camden secondary schools and then hosting the finals. WES played Maria Fidelis School in the U12 finals and UCLA vs Hampstead in the U14 final.

The finale of the sporting calendar was Sports Day for KS3 on the Heath on a very hot and sunny day.

This year the boys competed in track and field events only. Year 10 were sad to miss out, so they will have a special afternoon in the last week of term.



They're off!



High jump



Long jump





Shot put - Year 7s



Year 9 shot put winners on the podiums





Drama



Boys from years 7, 8 and 9 take part in a Tavaziva workshop at the Place in May

Mr Pratt, Drama Teacher and Lead Practitioner for Art, Music and Performing Arts has had another busy term with celebrations of dance and music, Shakespeare Festival workshops, a Year 9 Fatherland Workshop/performance at the Lyric and a performance the end of term Awards Evening. He is busy planning some World War 1 commemorations in the Autumn term.

National Gallery Project with the help of City Year

National Gallery Celebration Day – 25th April

A group of 12 students from years 7 and 8 took part this year in a project with the National Gallery.

The project involved going to several workshops and visits to the Gallery and a workshop here at school facilitated by the artist, Nick Pace. The boys produced their own artwork on the theme of 'Dark and Light' inspired by a selection of paintings in the gallery.

The project culminated in a special celebration day at the Gallery where students gave a presentation in the gallery in front of a painting they had been inspired by to an audience of parents and carers and staff from The Bank of America who helped to fund the cost of the project. The students work was also exhibited for everyone to see!





Wiki workshop March 21st at the Wellcome Collection

As part of our partnership with the Wellcome Collection 30, year 9 students attended a work shop about Wikipedia.

The students were able to do their own research and upload facts to the Wellcome wiki page.

During the workshop the boys learned the importance of critical thinking skills and how to collate research from more than one source to verify information or 'facts' that they read on line.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Report from Mr J Meharg, MFL Teacher and lead for Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme:

Bronze DofE award

This year 19, year 10 pupils have been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. The boys have learned how to navigate using a map; plan, carry and cook their own food on a camp stove; how to set up a tent and what to do when you get lost in the wildernesses of Essex and Kent. The practice expedition took place in Epping Forest where all the groups managed to direct themselves through the maze of paths that make up the forest, sometimes the staff even found it difficult to keep up! The qualifying expedition was in Ashdown Forest and the boys had to find their way out of East Grinstead and through the countryside, across golf courses and up into Broadstone Warren campsite – which as the name suggests, makes it a bit of a challenge to find the tents! All boys passed the qualifying expedition with flying colours, but some of their hide-and-seek skills might need improvement!

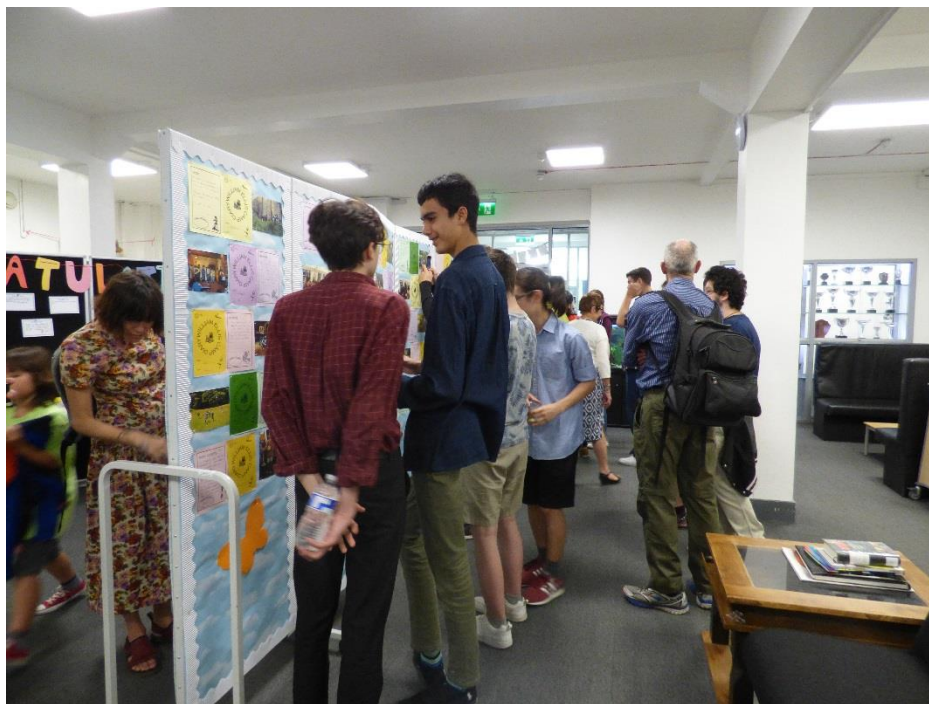
Silver DofE award

A small cohort of Year 11s embarked on their DofE Silver journey this year with the practice expedition taking place at the end of April in the South Down's National Park and along the Seven Sisters with the finishing line at the infamous Beachy Head. The weather was stunning which brings with it another set of challenges but the boys were superb. They handled the navigation with ease and kept good humour throughout and engaged eagerly with their surroundings – something that is always great to see amongst children brought up in the city!



Year 11 Achievement Evening

Students and families in Memory Lane



At the end of the stressful GCSE season of exams the boys in Year 11 and their families gathered at the school to celebrate the end of Year 11 and recognise the boys' achievements. Ms Ozkaya gathered together lots of pictures and memories of events over their 5 years at WES and pinned them up on boards for families to reminisce. Boys then received their certificates of achievement watched over by their teachers in the hall.

As usual the boys made an effort to look their best for this event:

Smart boys arriving





Cameron, Year 13, receiving the Citizenship Scholarship



WILLIAM ELLIS CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

The last award to be presented was the **“William Ellis Citizenship Scholarship”**. This year it was presented by Conor Gearty. It is of much higher value than the other awards (£500). Quote from Diane Wales’ will (Conor’s late wife and mother of Owen an ex WES student): “I would like the scholarship to be called the William Ellis Citizenship Scholarship and to be awarded annually to a year 11 boy, who throughout all of his years at William Ellis, has consistently embodied not only the values of the school but displayed qualities of leadership and thoughtfulness for his fellow students and wider community. I would like the school authorities and teachers to nominate candidate and the final decision to be made by a panel composed of my husband Conor Gearty, the headteacher, one teacher (selected by the headteacher, - Head of Year) and two school governors. I would like my husband (Conor Gearty) or my son (Owen Gearty) to present the award at the year 11 awards ceremony at the end of the year.”

It could be stated as: To be awarded to the boy who makes the greatest overall contribution the overall ethos of the school while he is here.

Congratulations to Cameron who was chosen to win this coveted award.

Visitors on the evening were also invited to the End of Year Art Show – A Private View and Fiona Brown memorial to celebrate the work made by this year’s GCSE, BTEC, A Level Graphics and Film Studies students and to share fond memories of Fiona Brown.



CHICK HATCHING PROJECT



On a Monday in June a special delivery arrived at William Ellis. Ms Cooper, Admin Officer, took charge and kept us abreast of developments with some “tweets”.

- The school is currently in possession of a clutch of chicken eggs which are incubating in the ‘meeting room’ next to the Head’s office.
- The hatchlings will be looked after by a KS3 group students.
When the project finishes next Thursday the chicks will be taken back to Bowland Farm in Yorkshire, where they will be reared to produce more eggs for the programme or given to local chicken-keepers.
- No chicks so far, but we believe tomorrow may be the big day...
- You’ve probably heard by now – the chicks are hatching and the project has begun.



- We have 6 chicks so far – 4 hatched overnight and 2 came out this morning just before morning registration, watched over by Ms Lawson, Mr Vettiankal and Mr Pomeyie. There are still 3 eggs in the incubator, so it’s possible we may have a slightly bigger brood, but the farmer said a 60-70% success rate is expected.
- We have a grand total of 7 chicks, all hatched Tuesday night/Wednesday and doing well.
- In Ms Ward’s absence Mr Glover and Ms Ozkaya and I will be running the project. The boys involved in the project are:

Year 7: Jayden, YegnVi, Zak, Jamal, Allan, Mario, William, Jack, Isiah and Kyle

Year 8: David, Craig, Michael and Daniel





- 'Chick Club' have named them this afternoon – we have Coco, Tom, Nugget, Yolk, Kentucky, Pichu and William. The trick now is being able to recognise which is which. The project continues until next Thursday, when they will return to their home farm.



- And before everyone emails at once to ask 'But what happens to them over the weekend?' – Fear not! Mr Scott won the chick custody battle and will be taking them home ("for his children", allegedly).
- Today is our last full day with the chicks.
- Since they hatched last Wednesday, Chick Club has watched them grow from cute little fluffballs into the equivalent of slightly rowdy teenagers (it's been a bit like WES Y7-11 in microcosm).
- Their wing feathers are coming along nicely, tail feathers are starting to develop, legs are getting longer and they're strutting like proper little chickens. The occasional fight breaks out...again, it's a bit like WES.
- We're not sure what time the farmer is coming to collect them tomorrow, but anybody who would like to say their goodbyes is advised to do so (in a quiet, orderly and dignified fashion) today. Chick Club will hopefully get their chance in the morning.
- The farmer has just been and taken them away. He has assured me they are a breed specially reared for their egg-laying and will be going back into the programme or to local small holdings. The males (yes Mr Scott, you were right) will be kept going for fertilisation duties – absolutely no chickens will be battered and fried in the making of this hatching project. We were the third school on his round today and both the previous schools had also had 7 successes. And the number of chicks he expects to collect from schools today will be worth around £3000 to the farm. (Did we give them away too readily?)



Language Department – Cinema Trips to the British Film Institute

Cinema trips to the British Film Institute

This year there were 6 trips to the BFI on the South Bank for language themed film days. During the days the boys spend the morning learning different vocabulary to describe cinema and engaging with short clips in the target language and the afternoon they are shown a full screening of a current film in the target language. All the days were a success and Mr Meharg, Languages teacher was filled with pride when he accompanied the Year 10 French and German and was quickly made aware of the strengths of our boys language skills – not only did they far exceed the ability of the rest of the audience, but also their confidence in speaking in public was impressive. Mr Meharg also received emails from the public about the behaviour of our pupils on public transport and the general feeling from our pupils were that the days were a great success.

English Department Events

Oracy – Camden Learning Hub and Voice 21

Ms Strike, Lead Practitioner for English has been working with a small group of primary schools throughout the year as part of the Camden Learning Hub for Oracy to embed oracy into the whole school culture here at WES and the other participating Camden schools. In July two of the participants at WES – Robert and Sami in Year 7 joined Ms Strike to speak at a special Voice 21 Conference at Regent High School. There was also a special session in the afternoon of Deep Learning Day for the boys in Year 7 to deliver end of term speeches to their peers and school staff in the hall.

Theatre Trip to Hackney Empire

Year 13 students (some of whom are pictured here with Mr Yurchesyn) and a Year 12 English literature class were lucky enough to see an RSC production of 'Hamlet' at Hackney Empire. The production, led by the actor Paapa Essiedu, had a loosely West African setting, with ceremonial drumming seemingly summoning up the Ghost of Old Hamlet and setting the mood for a vibrant, remarkably swift paced production of the text.





Maths Department – Race to the Line Rocket Competition

Race for the Line is a national competition intended to inspire tomorrow's engineers and scientists. Over the past few months, all of our year 7 pupils set about designing, building and perfecting their very own model rocket cars. This stage of the competition came to a close on the 20th March where visiting Rocketeer teams from the competition's Navy, Army, RAF and Academic partners came to our school and set up a race track on our top playground.

Within this competition, one WES team managed to reach the fastest speed which means they were awarded a place at the next round of the competition at RAF Henlow. Harley, Numair, Zubin (7K) Anthony, Samuel, Younus (7F) won the heat at WES to compete in the semi-finals at RAF Henlow in Bedfordshire and travelled there with Ms Lawson, Maths Teacher.



Waiting for their turn in a RAF life raft





Ready for take off....

Year 10 “Mentoring Works” Programme for Year 10

In November some of the Year 10 boys were chosen to take part in a mentoring programme with East London Big Alliance (ELBA). The programme launched at The Guardian offices, Kings Place and ran for 10 months. Each week the boys travelled to Kings Cross to meet their mentors.

Last month there was a celebration at the Expedia offices in the City for participating students and mentors watched over by Mr White and Ms Mercier-Peart with a programme of speeches, photographs and refreshments and a presentation of certificates.



City Year – Goodbye

We say “goodbye” to our City Year team at the end of this year. The team who work for City Year on a voluntary basis has been a great support running a breakfast club, homework club, lunchtime clubs and playground duties and helped out on numerous trips and at our Year 7 camp. One of the boys’ favourite trips was a visit to the Bank of America Merrill Lynch offices in the city. We wish them every success in their future careers.

WESPA (William Ellis Parents’ Association)

The school thanks WESPA for the many occasions over this term they have helped out at a range of evening events, as well as their excellent fundraising achievements at the William Ellis Car Boot Sale.

Details of the how this extra money for the school is being spent will be shared next term.

Donations of books have also been gratefully received from many parents for the school library.



Clubs

The school runs a number of clubs during lunchtime and a few after school. One of the most popular has been Police Cadets. Police Cadets is run by our Safer School Officer, PC Jack Ray and his colleague at Parliament Hill School. Students at both school come together to find out more about the work of the police force. This is one of the cadets trying on riot gear.



WES Police Cadet tries out riot gear in WES car park



Year 7 History Trip to the Museum of London

To help bring their study of medieval life – particularly in London to life this term, Ms Conway organised a trip for the whole of Year 7 to visit the Museum of London. It was of great value in supporting their investigation and proved to be a very interesting trip.



Science Department News

Once exams were over, the Science Department (Physics, Biology and Chemistry) were able to run some really interesting trips and events:

A St Georges Medicine trip for KS4 students to experience clinical skills, 6th form trip to Diamond Light Source Ltd to discover more about particle physics and careers, a Biotechnology Day and for KS3 students trips to The Royal Observatory, Crick Institute and London Zoo.

Welcome to new Year 7s and summer school

The start of this term saw our new year 7s and their families for September come in for meetings with senior staff and a taster day. We are pleased that the year group is full, with a waiting list so the school is continuing to be popular. Most boys have signed up for summer school, which will run from Friday 27th July for one week. Mr Altmann has organised some great activities for the boys to get to know each other and some of the staff before they start in September.



Summer Leavers and Staffing for 2018

A few long term staff at William Ellis have sadly decided to leave us. Travel appears to be the greatest “pull” from WES. Please join us in sending our very best wishes to all our leavers. We trust they will keep in touch and let us know how their futures progress.

Leaver	
John Forrest	Joined the school in 1990 as a Geography teacher and subsequently became Head of Geography. Retiring to work with Cambridge University on an international project to test water quality.
Sharon White	Joined in 2001 as an Art Teacher, was promoted to Head of Sixth and more recently Sixth Form Director. Taking a sabbatical and travelling with her family around the world.
Laura Concannon	Joined in 2006 as a MFL teacher to cover a maternity leave and then was promoted to Head of Modern Foreign Languages. More recently she has serviced as a staff governor. Taking a sabbatical to travel around the world.
Peter Newman	Joined in 2001. Came to WES as an NQT and was promoted to Head of Business & Economics. Taking a sabbatical and travelling with his family around the world.
Kam Cheung	Student at WES who came back to teach mathematics. Taking a sabbatical and travelling.
Geoff Rouse	Came to London from Australia three years’ ago to teach Maths and swiftly stepped up to assist Mr Altmann as Head of Years 7/8. Moving to Canada.
Chamile Marshall	Business and Economics teacher and Head of Lauderdale House– taking up promotion at another North London school.
Sabine Vaughan-Rees	Stepped in to help teach French in our MFL Department in January and her contract has come to an end.
Sue Elfons Tawafig	Joined the Science Department as a teacher at the start of term. Her contract has come to an end.
Elizabeth Tully	English Teacher at WES since 2013, joining from a small country town. Has embraced North London culture and is moving on to join another WES English teacher at St Aloysius.



Rama Jagessar	Technician with DT Department working at the school for 11 years. As an ex DT teacher he has been able to give great support to the department.
Lucy Rushbrook	Learning Resources Manager. Hoping to take an architecture course in Arizona.
Lucy Corr	Admin Assistant 6 th Form. The new LaSWAP building has meant that there has been a restructure of the WES/PHS 6 th form admin.
Laura Harris	Teaching & Learning Assistant.
Shan Black Matherau	Teaching & Learning Assistant. Starting an PGCE course at UCL to become a Biology Teacher.
Leon Riley	Teaching & Learning Assistant.
Ayden Kazsas	Teaching & Learning Assistant.
Misha Haynes-Delaney	City Year
Gordon Irikefe	City Year
Rhys Johns	City Year
Syed Haider	City Year
Joseph Hua	City Year
Paul Elliott	City Year Team Leader

We have successfully recruited for the Autumn Term and look forward to welcoming the following new staff.

Lee Harris	Head of Business & Economics
Sherine Douglas	Business & Economics Teacher
Amy Burns	Maths Teacher
Katherine MacLennan	Maths Teacher
Jennifer Meechan	Head of Modern Foreign Languages
Ayub Farah	Science Teacher
Aurelia Hutu	Science Teacher
Laura Madsen	Head of Art