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Friday 5th November

Dear families

Student Council elections

Our new Student Council for 2021/22 was elected the week before half term, with two representatives from each form:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
7B Joseph, Kyron	8B Felix, Faisal	9B Hennock, Charlie
7F Alex, Max	8F Hugo, Elijah	9F Ahmed, John
7K Camillo, D'Angelo	8K Junayd, Drin	9K Adam
7L Sam, Kurosh	8L Chris, Samir	9L Georgie, Eaden
7W Jack O, Theo	8W Hassan, Teddie	9W Freddie, Thiago

Year 10	Year 11
10B Luka, Daniel	11B George, Emaiel
10F Teddie, Marvin	11F Nathan, Ryan
10K Ben, Zeki	11K Oscar, Fabian
10L Neo, Tahmid	11L Jamie, Jack
10W Felix, Maceo	11W Muhtaseem, Luis

I would like to start by congratulating these students on their election and say how much I'm looking forward to working with them to develop the school in the next year. The Year 11 House Captains will play an important role in leading the main Council discussions, especially Nathan and Emaiel who have been elected as Lead and Deputy Lead of the Council. Other students from this large group will form a range of subcommittees on particular issues that they want to focus on and take on the role of Equalities and Diversity Champions. Separately, forms also elected their Sports Captains.

The Student Council will also be reviewing the pledges made by the school community two years ago, to consider possible amendments to them. Currently, these pledges are:

- To take better care of the environment
- To take part in at least one house event and one activity outside lessons time
- To take part in fund-raising activities
- To contribute to the school community by taking on some responsibility
- To challenge prejudice and hate

I look forward to writing to you shortly to give you an update on these for 2022.

LaSWAP Open Evening

On Thursday 25th November we will be hosting the LaSWAP Open Evening for Year 11 students and external applicants. Although we initially had very high demand for tickets, we have worked to make sure there are spaces for all William Ellis students to attend. Families will receive an additional letter from Ms Wilson with details of how Year 11s can attend the event with an adult accompanying them and also a virtual Q&A event that they can attend.

Students will be dismissed early on this day to allow for preparations for the event. Years 7-9 will finish at 2:05pm and years 10-13 at 1:10pm. The following day, Friday 26th November is designated as a Professional Development Day for staff. The school will be closed on this day.

Appropriate winter clothing

As the weather has become colder, it is important that students are correctly dressed for school including warmer clothing for break and lunch and their journeys. This includes a coat, a v necked jumper and the warmer parts of PE kit. Full uniform information is available on our website. Hoodies or sweatshirts of any colour instead of or underneath blazers are not allowed.

Events this week

This week we have hosted the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge for Year 10 students, and the years 7-10 cross country teams have participated in Camden & Islington races on Hampstead Heath. There were medals in each year group, with a clean sweep of the top three places for the Year 8 team. More details of all these will be in next week's newsletter.

Yours faithfully,

Izzy Jones, Headteacher