



## **News Update (18<sup>th</sup> June 2021)**

Dear families

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, with updates from the PE department about inter-school fixtures, and the Library about our new Scholastic Book Club. There are also some brief updates that I would like to share with you.

### **Reminder: applications to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) close on 30 June**

For families with EU citizens, there are only a few weeks left before the deadline for [EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\)](#) applications, which ends on 30 June 2021. All EU citizens who do not have UK citizenship need to apply, however long they have lived in the UK for. We do not want to worry families unnecessarily but feel that it is important to pass on information about applications.

The information about how to apply is here: [EUSS resources](#). A [list of organisations providing additional EUSS guidance and information](#) is also available.

It is important to note that EU citizens submitting an application by the 30 June deadline will have their existing rights protected until the application is decided. From 1 July 2021, EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members granted status under the EU Settlement Scheme will need to evidence their rights in the UK with their digital immigration status, rather than their passport or ID card.

The Home Office has published a new [guide for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens on viewing and proving their immigration status](#) (eVisa). The guide explains how people can view and prove their immigration status, update their details, what they should expect when crossing the UK border and how to get help accessing their immigration status.

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online on [GOV.UK](#). Successful applicants get either [settled status or pre-settled status](#).

For questions about applications, call 0300 123 7379 or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010 from outside the UK (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and Saturday to Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm).

### **Coronavirus school operations in response to delayed re-opening**

Parents will have received separate communication about masks in school: please ensure that students have a reusable mask that they bring to school every day. Having reviewed our risk assessment we will continue with current operations around break and lunchtime and uniform until the end of the year.

It is important that students continue to use the lateral flow testing kits that are distributed in school. We have had some disappointing reports about kits being thrown away close to school: when you receive a notification that they are being sent home, please check that students have collected them safely.

# WILLIAM ELLIS SCHOOL



Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus or who has been told to self-isolate must follow that guidance and also inform the school straight away. We are supporting our local Public Health team to monitor case numbers closely.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Izzy Jones".

Izzy Jones,  
Headteacher



### Archie Szymanski, PE Teacher

The PE Department organised a few Football and Basketball fixtures last half term against Acland Burghley School students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10.

Students were very happy to be able to take part in a proper competition against another school again after such a long period of remote learning, uncertainty and lockdown. It gave them also the sense of a feeling that “things are beginning to get back to normal.” The competitions were very even, and we were very pleased with all students taking part.

More pleasing is the fact that our Y7 students won their Basketball competition (16:9) based only on what they learned in PE lessons, not having had a great deal of opportunity to practice Basketball after school because of the pandemic.

This half term we are looking forward to a few more fixtures, Y7 Basketball interhouse competition and the Sports Day on 16<sup>th</sup> of July!

### Nariece Sanderson, Librarian

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/william-ellis/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.



For **every £1 you spend** on this month’s Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by **June 28th, 2021**.



## WES Alumni

The photo below shows Adam Rowbrey-Evans - in the foreground with the Countess of Wessex - representing the Royal Air Force in the 2014 Countess of Wessex Cup.

The RAF won that year, beating teams from the Royal Navy and Army in a series of physical challenges.

Adam, who was at William Ellis in 2002-08, is now a corporal in the RAF Regiment.

