

William Ellis School News Update

Summer Term - 3rd May 2024



Welcome to this week's newsletter which contains an important reminder about expectations surrounding how students represent the school, along with details of our breakfast club and a look at some of the educational visits students have recently made.

"Representation matters": assemblies and in the wider community

Newsletter Update for Parents

Last week's assemblies focused on the vital theme of representation. We discussed the significance of having positive role models who reflect our students' perspectives and ambitions. Moreover, we emphasised the importance of being exemplary representatives both within our school and in the broader community.

In addition to reinforcing the well-known 5Rs—**Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Reflection, and Resourcefulness**—we delved into the historical roots of these values. They trace back to the core principles of our school's founder, William Ellis, in the 19th century:

- **Reasoning and rational thinking:** “ensuring the boys reason for themselves as far as possible, as this is the basic function of their education.”
- **Moral Character:** “a good person who does good works”
- **Expectations of Conduct:** “The most important laws of conduct.....through the obedience only to which the welfare of the individual and the community can be attained.”

These assemblies serve as a reminder of our enduring commitment to the principles that have shaped our educational approach since the school opened in 1862.

Unfortunately, some students have not represented the school well in the local community recently, and we have had reports from the public of behaviour that is irresponsible and disrespectful on local buses and in shops in Kentish Town. Where we know the identities of the students we have followed up and sanctioned students for this. However, particularly in relation to behaviour away from school where staff cannot be present we must ask for your support by discussing the following with students:

Do they need to use the bus, or stop off at shops on the way home? Most students can walk home and should come straight home, especially those preparing for exams.

They must not be rude or disrespectful in what they do or say to members of the public, bus drivers or shop staff and nor should they encourage others who are doing this. They should follow the instructions of transport or shop staff.

If they are with other students who are rude or disrespectful, they need to walk away from the situation, and co-operate with any school investigations into what happened.




If you are aware of any instances of bad behaviour that you witness or are told of, please pass this information to us with as much specific detail as possible so that we can investigate and sanction students where needed. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Attendance and Punctuality Update

As always, we are highlighting the importance of all students attending school all day, every day. It is the most important factor in students doing well and supporting their wellbeing.

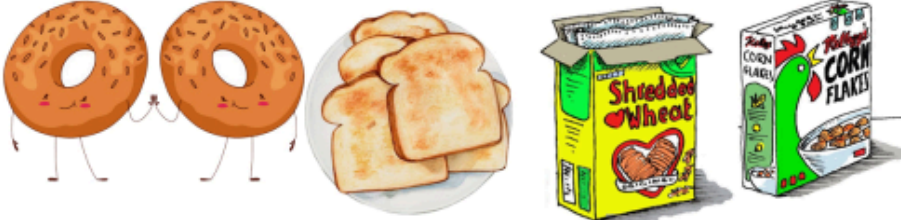
Coming into school early helps students to get into good habits, and all students are welcome in school from 8am for breakfast club - see details below. Students who attend clubs before school or come in to revise use breakfast club to re-energise themselves before lessons start. If your son is a "slow starter" in the morning or it would be helpful to you as a family, please encourage him to come along!

Magic Breakfast



Start your day the **Resilient** way at

William Ellis Breakfast Club



**8 - 8.25am every day
in the canteen.**

Completely Free!

We are delighted to be in partnership with Magic Breakfast and so able to offer a **free breakfast** for all William Ellis students, Monday to Friday.

Breakfast plays a big part in paving the way for a high achieving and happy student, and eating a nutritious meal before school begins is vital.

Research shows that the benefits of a healthy breakfast for teenagers include:

- Improved concentration
- Better behaviour
- Healthier lifestyle
- Happier student
- Readiness to learn

Additionally, Breakfast Club is a way to ensure students are in school on time and gives them the opportunity to interact with staff and their peers.

William Ellis School's free breakfast club runs daily in the canteen from 8am – 8.30am Monday to Friday and offers a choice of cereals, toasted bread, toasted bagel or crumpet. We encourage all students to take advantage of this!

Year 7 Science Fair

A Year 7 student, writes:

Last month there was a wonderful science fair at a church in Hampstead run by a school called Devonshire House. It was exclusively for Year 7 students, and in order to participate you had to create a project on an experiment, investigating a topic and detailing your results with graphs and tables. Three students (as well as me) decided to apply.

When we got there, we were put into groups with other schools and showed each other our projects. Then we did an eyes-closed vote to decide who would advance to the later rounds of the science fair. There was also an engineering contest where we had to build a bridge using cardboard and lolly sticks and gradually add weights to the top of it. In order to win you needed to put at least a kilogram of weight onto your bridge. It was very fun, and I enjoyed it greatly.

Thank you to Ms Cockcroft for organising it for us.

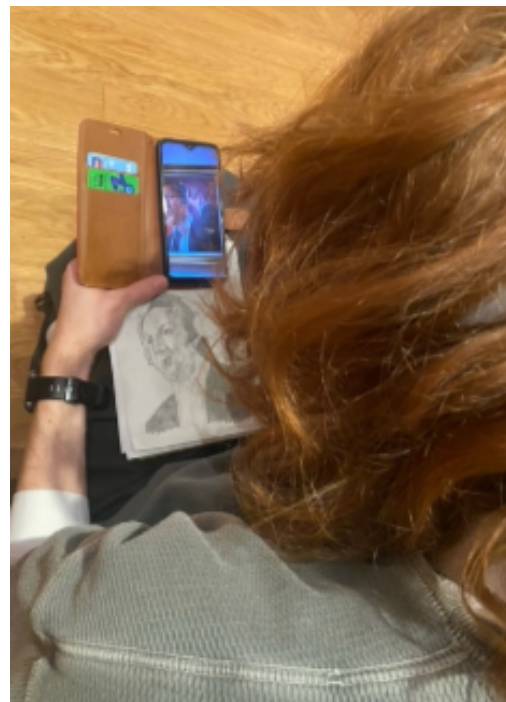
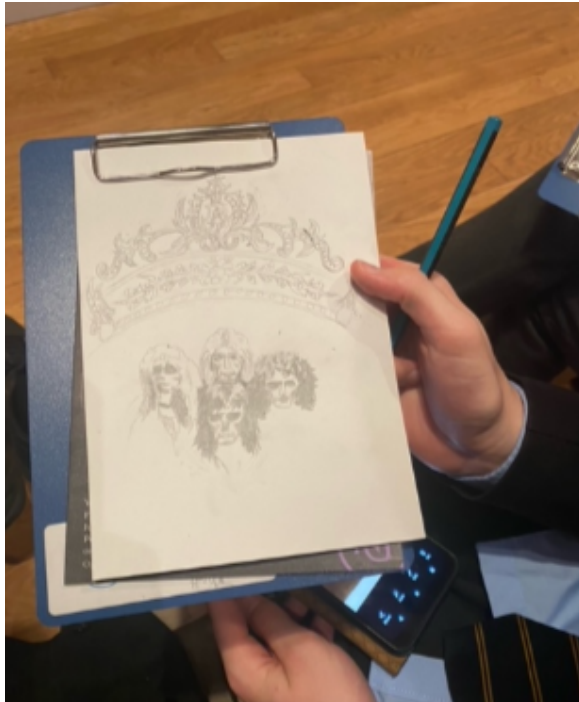
Year 11 National Portrait Gallery Visit

Mr Gunter, Head of DT writes:

As part of their exam preparations, Year 11 Art and Graphics students visited the Portrait Gallery in March to continue their research for the exam theme 'Power'.



They explored the gallery with the help of the education department and found a variety of different portraits that suited their own work. The boys had to draw and write about a specific piece of art. They all did this excellently and represented the school in a positive way.



Year 13 Graphics Trip to The Wellcome Collection

Ms Madson, Head of Art, Craft & Design, writes:

On the 27th March, Year 13 Graphic Communication students went to see the exhibition at the Wellcome collection called '*The Cult of Beauty*'. This looked at ideas of beauty from the perspectives of art and science.



Students created drawings to link into their A level exam theme of 'observe, seek, challenge'. They spent the afternoon in the Wellcome collection's beautiful reading room, working with lots of other creative people from all over London.



Job and Skills Event hosted by Good Work Camden

Good Work Camden is excited to announce their upcoming Jobs and Skills event on May 23rd, 2024!

This free event is open to all Camden residents and will feature a diverse range of employers and training providers offering a multitude of vacancies and learning opportunities.

Here's what you can expect at the event:

- Engage with multiple employers across various sectors, including admin, hospitality, health & social care and more. Network with local employers such as British Land, Proud to Care, and GLL.
- Connect with various training providers who will offer guidance and answer questions on enrolling in training programmes, including Google Career Certificates, Start Up School for Seniors, and Small Green Shoots.
- Participate in interactive workshops and employer-led insight sessions.
- Get your professional profile picture taken for LinkedIn and gain insights on navigating the platform effectively.

Reserve your spot now at <https://GWC-JSE.eventbrite.com>

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, May 23rd
- Time:
 - 10:00 am – 10:45 am: Quiet session for neuro-divergent and disabled residents
 - 11:00 am – 4:00 pm: General Admission
- Location: Crowndale Centre, 59 Crowndale Road, NW1 1TN

Please see the flyer below for more information.



Camden Jobs and Skills Event 2024

Good Work Camden Job Hubs are proud to present our Camden Jobs and Skills Event.

The event will host various employers and training providers from a diverse range of sectors, with many vacancies on offer.

On the day you will be able to:

- Speak to employers and training providers face to face
- Find local jobs and training opportunities
- Network with dozens of professionals that will help you build your career
- Participate in pop-up workshops, to support with CVs and interviews
- Attend employer information sessions, to see if jobs are right for you
- Have your professional profile picture taken at our LinkedIn photobooth

All Camden residents welcome!



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11am – 4pm General Admissions

Limited early bird spaces available!

Location:
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Signup: Scan the QR code or visit [GWC-JSE.eventbrite.com](https://www.gwc-jse.eventbrite.com)

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This weeks' WESPA Round-Up

WESPA Round Up | Next meeting, new pond plants and may the Force be with you

Dear families,

As National Gardening Week draws to a close, we celebrated our own green spaces this week with delivery of aquatic plants for the pond. These, along with some others kindly donated by WESPA Gran, Netia, were planted by Eco Club on Tuesday. If any parents would like to get more involved in this side of our work, please do join the WESPA Eco Group - the more hands we have, the more we can help.

Next WESPA General Meeting

Our next WESPA Meeting will be at 6.30pm on 20th May and will be in the school library. As always, all parents and carers are welcome and the agenda is below. So whether there are things you want to discuss with fellow parents, hang out and make new friends or just eat biscuits, this is where the action is at.

Upcoming Events

Thank you to the parents who emailed last week about helping with the International Eve. This is greatly appreciated. We will be having our first group meeting on Monday and we will send out a more detailed plan after. Like last year, we would love to involve as many families as possible.

Thank you also to the parents who have donated to this year's Leavers' Celebration. If any other Y11 families would like to contribute, here is the [link](#) to the fundraising page. Any funds raised over the target will go into other initiatives to support our boys. Please do let Vicky know if anybody can lay their hands on 11K's year 7 photo so we can complete the set.

Have a great weekend. And whether you are reading this on Adobe Wan Kenobe or crossing the road to get to the Dark Side, for all those celebrating on Saturday at home or in a galaxy far, far away, May the Fourth be with you.

Best wishes,

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Chair WESPA

William Ellis School Parents Association (WESPA)

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday 20th May 2024, 6.30pm

WES Library

WESPA welcomes all parents, carers and staff at the school. For any questions, please email:

williamellispa@gmail.com

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Approval of last minutes

3. Matters arising

4. Chairs' reports

5. Finance report

6. Events and initiatives

a. Events and initiatives in planning or booked: <https://sites.google.com/view/williamellispa/calendar>

b. Donations in kind: <https://sites.google.com/view/williamellispa/how-to-help>

c. Fundraising and grants

7. Date of Next Meeting

8. AOB

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Chair WESPA

Coming Up...

<p>May Day Bank Holiday</p> <p>ALL DAY</p>	<p>06 May</p>
<p>Year 11 GCSE Exams</p> <p>ALL DAY From 07 May until 21 Jun</p>	<p>07 May</p>
<p>GCSE Art & Graphics Exam</p> <p>ALL DAY From 07 May until 08 May</p>	<p>07 May</p>
<p>Admission meetings for New Year 7 families (siblings)</p> <p>4:00PM – 6:00PM</p>	<p>08 May</p>
<p>Year 13 Graphics Exam</p> <p>ALL DAY From 09 May until 13 May</p>	<p>09 May</p>
<p>Admission meetings for New Year 7 families</p> <p>9:00AM – 3:30PM</p>	<p>11 May</p>
<p>Year 9 Exam Week</p> <p>ALL DAY From 13 May until 17 May</p>	<p>13 May</p>
<p>Year 13 Exams</p> <p>ALL DAY From 13 May until 21 Jun</p>	<p>13 May</p>