

William Ellis School News Update

Summer Term - 28th June 2024



Welcome to this week's newsletter, which contains the first of many reports about trips and visits between now and the end of summer term, and celebrates sporting achievements in Year 8 and 10!

Attendance Update

We write about attendance and punctuality every week, because it is important every week - and every day, and every lesson. At last night's Year 11 leavers' event, we congratulated two students, Lucas and Noah, for 100% attendance since they began at the school in Year 7. This is an enormous achievement. While it's not possible for a few students who have ongoing medical issues, it should provide an inspiration and target for students in younger year groups to improve and then maintain their attendance.

Congratulations this week to 10B, 9L, 8F and 7L for the highest attendance in their year groups this week.

Attendance remains compulsory for all students up to and including 24th July - this includes during events such as sports day and at the end of term. This is a legal requirement and the same in all schools across the country.

Uniform: looking ahead to September

This half term students have not had to wear blazers to school and some have worn shorts, but this is an early reminder that all students must have correct and appropriate uniform that fits for the first day back in September. A full list of required items can be found at: [William Ellis School - Uniform](#)

In particular:

- You must make sure that blazers are ordered in good time - some from SWI are already on pre-order and you should order before the end of July to guarantee delivery. Please ensure that they will fit for September.
- Students can wear shorts or trousers throughout the year, but in either case they must not be tracksuit material or have any visible logos. We know that some students have outgrown the trousers that they have in the length or the waist. They must have trousers that can do up securely.

We have made an adjustment for warm weather for students not to have to tuck their shirts in for the rest of this summer term.

Year 10 Earthfest Trip

Mr Pomeyie, Head of Geography, writes:

The Camden Clean Air Initiative is a non-profit action group aiming to improve air quality across the Borough of Camden. They have run the *Earthfest* event at King's Cross over the last two years to promote many aspects of sustainability. *Earthfest's* Schools' Programme invited over 900 students from schools across London to attend this educational day to experience interactive demonstrations and thought-provoking talks.

A group of Year 10 Geography students were taken to the event to probe some of the industry representatives with questions to find out what they were doing to promote sustainability. They also enjoyed getting active whilst trying out some of the electric generator bikes.



Year 8 Student's Sporting Achievement

Mr Levitt, Head of PE, writes:

A huge congratulations to Rowan in 8K. He won a gold medal in the 800m at the London Youth Games this week making him the fastest runner over that distance in London. Well done Rowan!



This weeks' WESPA Round-Up

WESPA Round Up | Date updates, lost property and some summer swimming

Dear families,

Hello sunshine! It has been great to see so much going on in the WESPA camp. Hot on the heels of International Evening, last Saturday saw an intrepid bunch of parents zipping round the Heath on 5 and 10k runs. Thank you to everybody who overcame the hills, the sun and social anxiety to run for the school - we raised £330 for the Staff Room fund and WESPA Awards. And it was a lot of fun too - if you want to join the next one, please get in touch.

<https://www.givey.com/wespa510krun2024>

Thank you also to all the parents who volunteered for the Y11 Leavers' BBQ last night and especially to Vicky for organising the event. What a fun evening it was - such a lovely way to round off the year.

WESPA Meeting and Social - DATE CHANGES!

The WESPA Social will now be from 7pm on 9th July. The last WESPA Choir rehearsal of the term is beforehand so perhaps we might even get a song! This time we'll be holding it at the Duke of St Albans (one of very kind sponsors at the International Evening) on Highgate Road.

The WESPA Meeting has also changed and will now be at 7pm on 15th July. It will be online and the agenda and link is below. If any parents would like to discuss anything, please email williamellispa@gmail.com

Lost property and uniform giveaways

This has been mentioned lots on the groups and WESPA will be coming in on **Thursday 4th July** to lay out all the lost property before the end of term. This will be during the school day and we'll send out a heads up on the WhatsApp groups in advance so you can remind your son to look out for anything that may be missing. There is a lot of stuff - mostly unnamed - and anything remaining will be donated to charity or recycled.

Summer swimming...

For those planning ahead for the summer, Elly from the Lido got in touch and she will be running swimming classes through the summer. She is also running a fundraiser to make sure all children in the area are able to participate.

There is lots more information here: <https://www.lidosummerswimschool.com/>

Have a great weekend all!

Best wishes,

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Chair WESPA

William Ellis School Parents Association (WESPA)

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday 15th July 2024, 7pm

Online: meet.google.com/rjx-pqsh-wco

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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Coming Up...

<p>Year 10 Work Experience</p> <p>ALL DAY From 01 Jul until 12 Jul</p>	01 July
<p>LaSWAP Futures Day</p> <p>ALL DAY</p>	01 July
<p>Year 9 'Cracking Crick' Science Trip</p> <p>1:00PM – 3:15PM</p>	01 July
<p>Year 8 Camp week 1</p> <p>ALL DAY From 02 Jul until 05 Jul</p>	02 July
<p>Year 9 Teenage Booster Vaccinations</p> <p>9:00AM – 1:00PM</p>	02 July
<p>Induction Day for New Year 7</p> <p>9:00AM – 3:00PM</p>	03 July
<p>Year 8 Careers Carousel</p> <p>ALL DAY</p>	08 July
<p>Welcome & Information Event for New Year 7 families</p> <p>5:00PM – 6:30PM</p>	08 July
<p>Year 8 Camp week 2</p> <p>ALL DAY From 09 Jul until 12 Jul</p>	09 July
<p>Year 9 Drama Theatre Trip - 'Skeleton Crew'</p> <p>5:00PM – 9:30PM</p>	11 July
<p>Sports Day</p> <p>ALL DAY</p>	15 July
<p>Year 13 DofE Expedition</p> <p>ALL DAY From 18 Jul until 21 Jul</p>	18 July