



News Update (16th June 2023)

Dear families,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter. I'm writing the morning after our superbly successful WESPA International Evening, attended by many students and families. A fuller writeup and photos will follow in the next newsletter and I'm sure in WESPA communications, but I'd like to thank the WESPA team, staff at school and everyone who attended for making it such a vibrant, popular and successful evening. It really celebrated our sense of community and the diversity of the school – a reminder that William Ellis is a very special place.

Sports Days 2023

This year, Sports Days will take place for different year groups at different times – we had hoped to have a day to celebrate the year's sporting successes at Hampstead Heath track but unfortunately it was not available.

The Sports Day dates are:

- Monday 19th June P4&5 (Year 9) - all students will have lunch at 12:15
- Friday 23rd June P1&2 (Year 10) - all students will have break at 10:50
- Wednesday 28th June P1&2 (Year 8) - all students will have break at 10:50
- Wednesday 28th June P4&5 (Year 7) - all students will have lunch at 12:15

On the day of their sports day, students need to come into school in their PE kit if their sports day is period 1 and 2 (years 10 and 8). They must come in in their normal uniforms if it is period 4 and 5 (years 9 and 7).

Exams and internal assessments

We would like to congratulate the Year 11 and 13 students who have worked so hard in their public exams, some of whom are now finishing. Students have shown consistently strong resilience and a sense of personal responsibility and we are very proud of them for doing so.

Year 10 exams begin next week, and Year 7 and 8 assessments continue into next week in normal lesson time. Individual arrangements have been communicated to each year group.

Year 11 Presentation Evening and LaSWAP Taster Day

The date for Year 11 Presentation Evening has been changed to accommodate Eid. This event will now take place on **Tuesday 27th June**. In a very busy half-term it has been a challenge to find an alternative date for this event and this is the only option available to us for rescheduling presentation evening.

Year 11 students are all invited to attend the LaSWAP Taster Day on **Friday, 30th June**. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience a range of KS5 lessons, as part of the guidance they receive to make informed choices at enrolment into the sixth form on Thursday, 24th August (GCSE Results Day). Students should come to the Sixth Form Centre (between PHS and WES) for 11.45am on 30th June. They do not need to wear uniform but should come prepared for a day of learning.



WESPA Awards evening

WESPA Awards Evening celebrating outstanding contributions and achievements in the student community will be held on **Wednesday 19th July**. The previous evening, 18th July, the LaSWAP Summer Concert will take place at Lauderdale House. Further detail about these events will be distributed in due course.

Transport arrangements

This is a reminder that Kentish Town underground station will be closed for a year from Monday 26th June. Any students who travel by tube will need to make other arrangements. Thameslink services will run but are likely to be busy and students need to plan for this.

Magic Breakfast

A reminder that our Breakfast Club, run in partnership with Magic Breakfast, is open to all students between 8.00-8.25am in the canteen. Please

Magic Breakfast provides William Ellis with nutritious breakfast food to ensure children start their school day in the best possible way. Breakfast gives children the energy needed for the busy school morning, enabling them to focus on their lessons.

Finally, the weather forecast for next week remains hot so uniform arrangements for this week will continue. However, students must not wear non uniform items or PE kit other than for sports day.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Izzy Jones', written in a cursive style.

Izzy Jones, Headteacher



Year 10 Mock Job Interviews Horace Parry, Careers Lead

For the second year running, each Year 10 student has had an appointment to go through a mock interview with a volunteer from an outside industry. On Monday June 12, appointment slip in hand, students took part in a friendly but revealing 15-minute discussion with one of 12 enterprise business partners, mainly taken from SCR Railways, responsible for delivering the HR2 trainline into London.

Although all students were a credit to themselves and the school, the following students were highlighted as being particularly outstanding, confident and interviewed very well.

10B: Bashir, Hadi, Yoseph, Tanbir, Noah, Riaz, Andi B, Ridwaan, Daniel, Mario, Dylan

10F: Waleed, Shae, Monty, Ahmed, Munyaradzi

10K: Felix, Ashton, Lohan,

10L: Ayaz, David, Bailey, Rron, Adam, Sonny, Gordon, Damario 10L – ‘the stand out student’ (Quote from the interviewer).

Well done to all the boys.





Josh Levitt, Head of PE

Key Stage 3 Athletics Achievements:

Our athletes were back in action this week representing Camden in the second round of the London Athletics Championships. Corey in 8L set a new Year 8 school record, running the 100m in 12.3 seconds. A truly remarkable achievement!

Idriss in 7K came home a double medal winner, claiming gold and throwing a new Year 7 school record of 28.6m in the javelin, as well as claiming bronze in the 80m hurdles. Well done to all the boys who took part in the event. The year 9 and 10's will have their event on the 10th June. Good luck boys.



Year 7 & 8 Football:

It's been a near perfect season for the Year 7 football team who won the Camden League this year, winning every game and only conceding 2 goals. A team built on a strong defence and intelligent movement in attack have overcome some strong opponents and managed to clinch the title thanks to a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Acland Burghley late in the season. This victory avenged the 1-0 defeat to them in the Camden and Islington Cup quarter final. Our team's maturity shone through after a 1-0 defeat in the quarter final of the London FA Cup to eventual winners Riverside School, the result only spurring them on to achieve even more next year.

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Ranking
ELLIS	6	5	0	1	19	3	16	15	8
ABS	5	3	2	0	14	6	8	11	7
MF	5	3	1	1	13	8	5	10	6
UCL	4	3	0	1	10	11	-1	9	5
HAV	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	7	4
RHS	6	1	0	5	11	17	-6	3	3
HAM	6	0	0	6	3	23	-20	0	2

The Year 8 team rounded off the season with an emphatic 9-0 victory over UCL, with our goalkeeper Barry (8F), amazingly scoring 2 goals! This result was the icing on the cake of a very tough season. This team have shown so much grit this year, with their 'never give up' attitude grinding out results late in games, and even playing games with fewer players than the opposition. They've worked hard on keeping positive and pulling in the same direction for a unified goal. The hard work has paid off. Congratulations boys!



	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Ranking
ELLIS	6	6	0	0	20	2	18	18	8
ABS	6	5	0	1	27	6	21	15	7
MF	6	2	2	2	6	9	-3	8	6
HAV	6	2	1	3	7	11	-4	7	5
HAM	6	2	0	4	9	15	-6	6	4
UCL	6	1	1	4	6	12	-6	4	3
RHS	6	0	2	4	6	26	-20	2	2



KS3 Basketball

Ed Bossinga, Basketball Coach

What a super season our Year 7 basketball team has had! After a season of sheer dominance, not having lost a single game, the brilliant team took home the hardware as they won the Camden Basketball League with flying colours. This was a brilliant team effort from the boys. They were tried and tested a few times by other very talented boys in the borough, but in the Face of adversity, our boys didn't give up. They were very determined and allowed for their hard work and resilience to see them through. An outstanding effort from the boys, led to victory by the Team Captain, Rowan. Very well done.



Eduardo (7B), Deon (7W), Edward (7B), Jaeden(7B), Rowan (7W), Fadil(7W), Zeph(7K), Lije (7K)

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Ranking
ELLIS	6	4	2	0	60	19	41	14	8
MF	6	4	1	1	66	28	38	13	7
ABS	6	4	1	1	51	36	15	13	6
RHS	6	3	0	3	43	44	-1	9	5
HAM	6	2	0	4	48	53	-5	6	4
UCL	6	1	0	5	33	72	-39	3	3
HAV	6	1	0	5	10	59	-49	3	2



Our Year 8 team have also made us proud this season, finishing top of the league table and finishing in style! Their only defeat was the in the first game they played against UCL. After reflecting on that game, they came back with a vengeance, with their biggest victory being more than a 25-point differential. They made us proud and continue to do so with their amazing determination to be the best versions of themselves. Their lights continue to shine bright!

Raemann (8B), Indie (8K), Yans (8L), Noah (8L), Luke (8W),Ruphy (8L) Yahya (8F)

Our amazing Year 9 team came in at 3rd place. They showed extreme resilience as they faced adversity from many different angles throughout the season, but they still managed to persevere to do as well as they did. We are extremely proud of them.

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	Ranking
UCL	5	5	0	0	147	72	75	15	8
HAM	5	4	0	1	163	89	74	12	7
ELLIS	5	3	0	2	85	97	-12	9	6
MF	3	2	0	1	49	30	19	6	5
ABS	4	2	0	2	77	77	0	6	4
RHS	6	1	0	5	48	142	-94	3	3
HAV	6	0	0	6	11	73	-62	0	2



Michael Gunter, Head of DT & Graphics

We would like to congratulate the Year 11 Graphics class on the completion of their coursework and how well prepared they were for the external exam. It was the first external exam we have had since before the pandemic, but the boys handled the pressure very well. We are very proud of the quality of their exam sketchbooks and hope that the rest of the school will take the opportunity to come and see the work during the end of year exhibition next month.



Well done boys.

Drama Workshops with the Institute of Education
Anna Hughes, Head of Drama

On Thursday 15th June a group of Year 8 students visited UCL's Institute of Education to take part in two performances. These performances were put on by student teachers at the university, and allowed the students to get involved in the texts *Antigone* and *Kensuke's Kingdom*.

Students not only sat and watched - they helped characters by exploring their actions, created freeze frames to create the world and took part in writing activities. The teachers and staff at the university were so impressed with our boys' enthusiasm and thoughtfulness - Logan, Zubair and Isa were particularly commended!

