



Wimbledon College

Head Master's Letter to Parents

Thursday 22nd December 2016

Dear Parents

I would like to start by thanking all of you for your ongoing support of the College. The manner in which you support the school directly and also through your support and encouragement of your sons makes our task easier. Their commitment to all aspects of school life has been fantastic this year and this is mirrored both in their response to our Advent appeal and in the number of boys who have achieved Silver and Bronze Certificates of Achievement already this year. The full list of recipients can be found at the end of my letter. Our 125th Year has got off to flying start.

One of the highlights was the successful St Cecilia Concert at St John's Smith Square, with the Ursuline High School. The boys of the choir and the orchestra led by Mr Thomas performances were a pleasure to listen to. We are already looking forward to the joint performance of Evita in March, at the Epsom Playhouse.

Our next 125th event is our 125th rugby fixture, when our First XV take on St George's Weybridge [our longest established fixture], under floodlights at Rosslyn Park, on Friday 13th January 2017 at 7.15pm. We have invited back many of our previous First XV captains and their contemporaries to what should be an excellent evening. I hope that many of you will be able to attend and support the boys playing.

I have highlighted a number of issues and events below and I hope that this will be useful to you. There is a full calendar of events on the College website and I would encourage you to check this on a regular basis.

Report Card and set changes

Your son's report card is being sent home with him today. When comparing your son's grades with his target grade please bear in mind that the target is where he should be at the end of the academic year. At the beginning of the year, grades may be slightly below target grades but as the year progresses assessments should generally meet or exceed target grades. If you have any concerns about your son's target grades, or about his progress in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Head of Line. Any missing work is clearly shown on the report card and your support is appreciated in following up missed work with your son.

We have made a number of set changes across a number of subject areas that will come into effect after Christmas and boys affected will be informed of them at the beginning of next term.

125 Sponsored Challenges for the Jesuit Refugee Service

The spirit of Wimbledon College can be summed up in two phrases “Lord teach me to be generous” – the first line from our College prayer, and “Men for Others”. In this 125th year we are seeing these lived out to the full by the incredible response we have had to our Advent 125 themed sponsored challenges. More than 900 boys in the school have taken up challenges, from a tutor group who collectively scaled 1.25 x the height of Everest, to boys solving Rubik’s cubes in 125 seconds, swimming 1250m, or praying 125 decades of the rosary over Advent.

Thank you for your support and encouragement with your son’s engagement with this, we hope we will raise a large amount of money for the vital work of the Jesuit Refugee Service who support some of the most vulnerable and destitute refugees. We are encouraging boys to continue to complete their challenges over the holidays, and to continue to make the most of opportunities over the holidays to get as much sponsorship as possible. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Advent125Giving> . A great way for boys to get sponsorship is to send out this online giving link to as many friends and family as possible.

Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

125th Anniversary Mass

I wrote earlier this week to inform you that the whole school will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary Founders’ Day Mass at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 18th January 2017. The boys will be travelling from school either by coach [Years 7-10] or public transport [Years 11-13].

The History of the College and 125th Anniversary Merchandise

Just a reminder that the ‘Wimbledon College, the First 125 Years’ [a history of the College written by three former staff] and merchandise produced to mark the 125th Anniversary are available to purchase from the school. Further details are available on the College website.

<http://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/125>

School meals

From January there will be a number of changes to the way in which the Refectory operates.

Buying food

Boys in Lower Line should only pay for food using their SchoolGateway account via their ‘thumb’. Despite regular reminders a number have been using cash, either to top up what they have in their account or to pay for the full amount. From January they will not be

allowed to use cash at all. They will only be allowed to buy food via their account. If there is insufficient money in their account they will not be able to buy anything.

If boys in any year group do not have money then they will be able to go to their PSA for a token which will entitle them to have the meal of the day [nothing else]. Parents will be expected to pay back the cost of this meal. Boys will only be able to request a token once. It is therefore very important that both you and your son monitor their account.

Balanced diet

We have become aware that not all boys are eating sensibly in terms of what they are buying from the Refectory. There have been examples where a boy has attempted to buy nothing but a number of cakes or biscuits for their lunch. In a similar way boys have attempted to buy multiple bacon rolls or sausage rolls.

We are not going to limit what is available but we are going to limit how much of each type of food your son can eat as part of the College's promotion of a healthy lifestyle.

House points and competitions

The House points system rewarding positive attitudes to work, positive behaviour and contributions to the life of the school both in terms of House events and representing the school (e.g. sport) continues to thrive and as you can see below the race for top spot is as tight as always. Well done to all of the boys for their efforts and to Southwell House who top the list at Christmas.

The end of term the House totals are as follows:

HOUSE	TOTAL
Southwell	12570
Xavier	12434
More	12284
Owen	12139
Hurtado	11871
Fisher	11865
Campion	11661
Loyola	11126

Other key results are:

Top three tutor group totals

TUTOR GROUP	HOUSE POINTS
Figures Southwell	3935
Rudiments More	3439
Figures Owen	3421

Top three tutor groups for attendance

TUTOR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Figures More	98.6%
Figures Southwell	98.3%
Figures Hurtado	98.0%

Rugby

The season has now come to an end and it has been a fantastic one with a huge amount of pupils participating. The 1stXV reached the quarter finals of the National NatWest Plate competition, narrowly losing to Solihull school 19-17. The U15s managed to reach the 4th round finally losing 22-17 to Dulwich.

Overall there were 191 fixtures played, 120 won, 12 drawn & 59 lost. Giving us a win percentage of 63%. Note that I left the performance of the U14 teams until last. The A team were unbeaten throughout the whole season and the B team pipped them finished the year with a 100% win ratio.

Congratulations to all those who were involved & we hope to see many of you helping us celebrate the College's Rugby history on the 13th January for our 125 celebration at Rosslyn Park.

Uniform and haircuts

It is pleasing to see that the vast majority of boys are wearing their uniform correctly however I would like to remind you of the school's clear expectations on uniform requirements and on outer clothing that boys will be wearing as the temperature drops over the coming months. These requirements are listed in the uniform section of the boys' handbooks. Boys in Lower Line must only wear the College reversible coat. Boys in Higher Line are allowed to wear the College coat or a plain black coat, with sleeves, that does not have a logo or a hood [including hoods that roll up into the coat]. Any **other items of clothing** (hats, gloves, scarves) are to plain [i.e. no pattern, with the exception of the school scarf] and to conform in colour (dark green, dark maroon, grey, dark blue or black) and style so as to be compatible with and not detract from the school uniform. Prominent logos or wording are not permitted. Hats must not have a peak.

I would also like to remind you that boys' hairstyles should be in keeping with the formality of school life. Extreme styles as listed in the Homework Diary are not acceptable. There has been a number of incidents this year where boys have had lines cut into their hair. This is not an acceptable style at the College.

Finally shoes should be in line with College expectations which can be found in the boys' diaries and which are available on the College website.

Wimbledon College Twitter accounts

The College now has a number of twitter accounts that are regularly updated sharing news about what is happening at the College. Please do follow us and also if you are happy to do so please retweet messages. The account are:

@Wimb_Coll

@Wimb_Coll_Rugby

@Wimb_Coll_Music

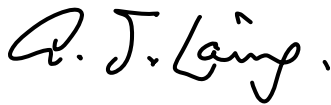
@Wimb_Coll_Chap (Chaplaincy)

@Wimb_Coll_Art

Next term starts on Monday 9th January.

On behalf of all of the staff at Wimbledon College I would like to wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Adrian Laing

Head Master

Silver Certificate of Achievement

(reaching 250 House Points)

Delashan Antony Powl (LGF)
Joseph Apeni (FF)
Adam Lasrado (RS)
Pedro Santos (GX)

Lenin Sebaratnam (RM)
Ignas Styszko (LGX)
Maddox Van Niekerk (FS)

Bronze Certificate of Achievement

(reaching 150 House Points)

Anthony Akinlolu (RC)
Edward Allen (RS)
Felix Ameyaw (FF)
Allan Anan (RM)
Tonny Andino Munoz (FS)
Steve Anton Selvarasa (RO)
Jude Antonrajah (GC)
David Appiah (FC)
Joel Arthur (FH)
Jason Asante (FO)
Gilbert Bahumuza (GC)
Jakob Baines (LGH)
Kai Baker (GX)
Rio Baker (RX)
Mateusz Bartoszek (LGO)
Michael Bhagwatsingh (GC)
Szymon Bielecki (LGF)
George Bishop (FC)
Josh Bowman (FO)
Cameron Brown (FH)
Jack Burke (GC)
Joshua-Kai Cabigas (RF)
Jose Cenedeze (RH)
Callum Charles (GH)
Liam Coyle (RO)
Thomas Cubitt (RX)
Patrick Curtis (GX)
Clive Da Rocha (FM)
Mateus Da Silva (FO)
William Dadds (RL)
Lorenzo de Michelis (RL)
Luigi De Stefano (FC)
Aurel Decaj (FX)

Jemal Dennis (GH)
Alex Dimitrov (FO)
George Dixon (FS)
Gideon Dmello (GO)
Ryan D'Souza (FO)
Liam Dunne (LGC)
Ben Dymek (FS)
Dinushan Edmond Camilus (RF)
Stefan Edulag (FX)
Zuriel Elumeze-Smith (LGH)
Leeroy Emelike (RM)
Kishanan Emmanuvel Bernadeen (RO)
Tochi Enyi-Ugorji (RS)
Destine Erhuero (FF)
Jean Evarrette (FO)
Thomas Farina (RM)
Ben Fenocchi (RL)
Ronan Fernandes (FC)
Miguel Fernandez-Longoria (RX)
Jericho Gamboa (GC)
Sean Gilbride (FX)
Conor Given (GL)
Jacob Godfrey (RF)
Joel Gomes Barros (RH)
Joel Gyamfi (LGO)
Aidan Hallett (RM)
Petros Hamid (FS)
Ben Hattersley (FC)
Jack Hattersley (LGC)
Aidan Healy (RX)
Dmytro Kashyk (FH)
Aiden Kenny (RC)
Chris Kleczkowski (GS)

Wojtus Kopel (GO)
Isaiah Lindo (FO)
Enrikas Luckauskas (FO)
Erv Luckauskas (RO)
Philip Magdael (FH)
Karl Markey-Lee (LGX)
Ben Marus (GM)
Andruis Masalis (GO)
Nicholson Matthews (RF)
Raphael Maurin (RH)
Timothee Maurin (FH)
Finn McGarry (RS)
Khari Mendez Stephenson (LGC)
Joshua Mensah (FS)
Alfie Meredith (LGL)
Daniel Mezynski (RH)
Ernest Mfor Mpecassah (LGH)
Asher Miller (RL)
Liam Miller (RM)
Killian Moore (FM)
Diogo Moreira (GS)
Borja Morrow (RX)
Aaron Murphy (FM)
Vince Napa (FL)
Milan Nikli (FH)
Dylan Noble Guachamin (FC)
Robbie Obille (GO)
Luke O'Boyle (GH)
Brendan O'Connor (FM)
Kane O'Hagan (RF)
Stanley Okonkwo (FH)
Redor Omar-Anintah (RX)
Christopher Oraa (RH)
Tom O'Toole (FF)
Alejandro Perez Fadon (RF)
Vincent Pham (RL)
Dominik Plaga (FS)
Rowan Powell (FX)
James Pratt (RM)
Manny Pyle (LGL)
Alistair Quintal (RF)
Szymon Reingruber (FC)
Brandon Roda (RM)
Jakub Rogalinski (GL)
Ciaran Rough (FM)
Tom Ryan (FX)
William Ryan (FM)
Isaiah Salami (FL)
Ivan Sarmiento (FL)
Ethan Scott Cree (RH)
Igor Seta (LGX)
Nathan Sheehy (RO)
Roland Siameh (FS)
Paulo Silva (FS)
Joseph Sinnott (GF)
Charlie Sisarello (RX)
Edward Skehan (LGH)
Shanthos Srikumar (RC)
Toby Stahel (FH)
Michael Sutton (LGM)
Joshua Tedla (FO)
Charlie Topley (RM)
Matthew Tummings (GX)
Gabriel Tyburski (RC)
Ethan Umusu (RC)
Ryan Ward (RS)
Don Sebastian Willatgamuwa (GS)
Chris Wyatt (FC)
Oliver Xavier Creak (FX)
Alex Yip (GC)
Blake Young (FL)
Brian Ziliddamu (RS)