



Wimbledon College

Head Master's End of Year Letter to Parents

Thursday 19th July 2018

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of a very successful year with outstanding achievements across many different areas of school life. I am always grateful to the commitment of pupils and staff, coupled with your support, which makes this success possible.

The report from our Ofsted visit, back in December, reflects our strengths both in the classroom and in our extra-curricular offer. They also identified our strong ethos and Jesuit identity.

Fr General has called on Jesuit schools worldwide to look again at their purpose and how this is being fulfilled. Working together with the UK Jesuit schools we will be looking at six key areas over the next five years with the intention of improving what we already offer to your sons. We are looking forward to it.

The year will be one that will be remembered also for extremes of temperature although currently it is hard to imagine the freezing days in January. The cold and the heat have brought their challenges and the boys have responded really well to them. I hope that the good weather [although we need the rain] will continue over the holidays.

Staff leaving

We say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of the year. Sadly Ms Freeman, Mr Smith, Mr Daniels and Ms D'Mello are all leaving us. They are going on to new positions and new stages in their careers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their commitment and hard work in supporting your sons over the time that they have been part of the College community and to wish them all well in the future.

House Championship

As you will see below the contribution of all boys to the House Championship has been very impressive. There has been a significant rise in totals compared to last year along with a lot of movement amongst the Houses. Congratulations go to Southwell House who have retained the House Championship for a second year.

House Championships Totals

Southwell	38 147
More	37 006
Loyola	35 732
Fisher	35 343
Xavier	35 240
Campion	34 879
Owen	33 977
Hurtado	33 207

While I am unable to provide a full report of the two sports days they have been a resounding success with very high levels of participation. A great way to finish the year.

Reports [Pupils in Years 7-10]

You should have received your son's full report for the end of the year. A copy of your son's report is also being sent electronically via Schoolgateway. If there are issues arising from the report that you wish to discuss, please contact your son's Head of Line in September – this is a good time to raise issues when there can be new resolutions and a focussed effort at the start of a new school year.

Set changes

We will be undertaking a review of present setting based on boys' examination results and their progress throughout the year. Any changes will be implemented in September. A key aspect of this is that from September we are moving from seven to eight teaching groups in English and RE at KS4. This has necessitated a renaming of teaching groups, which we will explain fully at the Parents' Information Evenings in September.

Parent Information Evenings – September 2018

The briefings are scheduled as follows:

Figures	Monday 10 th September –	7.00pm
Rudiments	Tuesday 11 th September –	7.00pm
Lower Grammar	Wednesday 12 th September –	7.00pm
Grammar	Tuesday 11 th September –	7.00pm
Syntax	Monday 10 th September –	7.30pm
Poetry	Wednesday 12 th September –	7.30pm
Rhetoric	Thursday 13 th September –	7.00pm

Examination results days and Sixth Form Enrolment

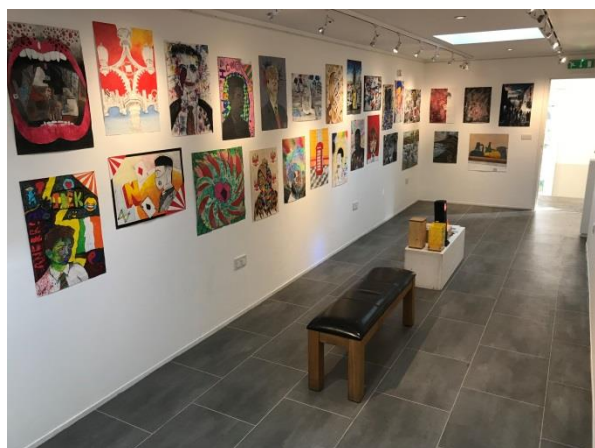
Key dates:

- A/AS Level results are available from school on Thursday 16th August from 9.00am until 10.00am in the Sixth Form Study Hall
- GCSE results are available from school on Thursday 23rd August from 9.00am until 10.00am in the main hall.
- Boys should collect their own results. Prior notice is required if another family member needs to pick up results for a pupil [Please email either Mr Murphy (philip.murphy@wimbledoncollege.org.uk) or the Examinations Officer (exams@wimbledoncollege.org.uk). The family member will also need to provide identification.
- Enrolment into Sixth Form at the College takes place on Tuesday 28th August for boys going into Poetry

Details of arrangements are available on the College Website.

Art & Design Exhibition

This year, the Art & Design Department has been keen to build links with the local community. As part of this we held our first, annual Wimbledon College Art & Design Exhibition at the Norman Plastow Gallery supported by Young Wimbledon Artists. The exhibition was a celebration of all the hard work and commitment the GCSE and A-Level pupils have shown this year in Art and Design Technology. The variety of inspirational and thought provoking pieces of beautiful art looked amazing in the gallery space and the pupils should be rightly proud of their achievement.



Many thanks to all who attended the Private View and congratulations to all the pupils and staff who contributed to making the exhibition such a resounding success.

Sport

Athletics

This year boys have been involved in numerous athletics competitions, ranging from Cross Country through to Track & Field. At each competition the boys have strived to do their best, and to produce great performances. Overall it has been a very enjoyable year, with many boys going on to gain representative honours for the Borough and County teams.

The year began with us entering the Merton Schools Cross Country Championships. A number of boys were selected to compete for Merton at the Surrey Schools Cross Country Championships. Later in the winter our Year 7 team came third in the Merton Schools Sports hall Athletics Championships, and our Year 8 team came second.

In the summer we won the Merton Schools Track & Field Championships, and 15 boys were selected to compete for Merton at the Surrey Schools Track & Field Championships.

We also sent a team to The London Schools Athletic Associations' Combined Events Championship. Two boys performed exceptionally well, and were later selected to compete for Surrey Schools at the 'South East England Schools Combined Events Championship'.

Our Junior Boys (Years 8 & 9) English Schools Track & Field Cup Team made the second round of the national schools competition, and scored the most points they have for a number of years. We are looking forward to greater success next year and hopefully a place in the national final.

Cricket

Wimbledon College Cricket has enjoyed its most successful season in years. We have managed to triple the number of wins from last season and this is testament to the large numbers of boys who have been coming to training and making themselves available for matches.

Special mention goes to William Harbottle (Figures) who led the bowling statistics with 18 wickets in 10 games and Charlie Topley (Lower Grammar) who topped the runs scored chart with 243 runs, averaging 40.

Congratulations to all involved.

Rugby pre-season training

Mr Hallett has asked me to remind all parents that pre-season rugby training will be taking place from 28 August to the 1 September. He will be sending out a schedule of sessions separately.

Ball Boys

Once again Wimbledon College has been extremely well represented at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships this year, with 20 College pupils acting as Ball Boys. Congratulations to all of the boys involved. They are outstanding examples of so many of the core values that we encourage all students to embody and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Each student represented the College with distinction and will have memories from the whole experience that will stay with them forever.

Uniform

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for ensuring that your sons come to school with the correct uniform and with an appropriate hair style.

I am aware that many of you will be buying new shoes for your sons over the summer and I direct you to the uniform and suitable shoe pages on our website [The Policies and Procedures page of the Parents section] for the relevant information about what shoes are acceptable. I would like to emphasise that we insist on *black, leather, plain, formal and polished shoes*. I must also point out that our list of unacceptable brands is not exhaustive. They are simply given as examples. I must emphasise that shoes that have the appearance of trainers are not acceptable.

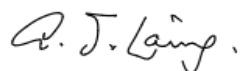
Next Year

Please note that school reopens on Wednesday 5th September, for **all pupils**.

Boys in Figures and Poetry are to be in school for 8.25am. Boys in Rudiments to Syntax and Rhetoric are to be in school for 10.55am.

Finally may I wish you an enjoyable summer holiday and I hope that the boys have a good rest so that they are ready to come back in September fully refreshed.

Yours sincerely



Adrian Laing