



Wimbledon College

Head Master's End of Year Letter to Parents

Monday 22nd July 2019

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of a very successful year with outstanding achievements across many different areas of school life right up to and in fact beyond the last day of term. It was fantastic to see our U17 relay team come third in the 2019 Muller Anniversary Games Borough Connect Relays Final at the Olympic Stadium on Saturday. Our U15 team came 7th in their Final. This epitomises the commitment of boys and staff for which I am always grateful. This combined with your support, helps us to be the school we are.

Staff leaving

As always we say goodbye to a number of staff at the end of the year. Sadly Mr Ashton, Mr Benjamin, Ms Bischoff, Mr Herbert, Mr McIntyre and Mr Michael are all leaving us from the teaching staff. They are going on to new positions and new stages in their careers. We also wish a happy retirement to Mrs Hope who has been a member of the SEN Department for the last nineteen years. In addition we wish Mr T Murphy and Mr Mundy all the very best as they commence their teacher training courses in September. Mrs May, one of our Front Office team is leaving as is Mr Martin, our DT and Music Technician. 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

House Championships Totals

1	SOUTHWELL	37,498
2	FISHER	37,404
3	OWEN	36,972
4	HURTADO	36,018
5	MORE	36,136
6	XAVIER	35,038
7	CAMPION	35,015
8	LOYOLA	32,936

For the third year in a row Southwell House are House Champions with an impressive total of House points. They were pushed hard by Fisher who were a mere 94 points behind. Congratulations to the members of Southwell and indeed to all of the boys for their efforts throughout the year in accumulating so many points.

In the face of poor weather the boys' commitment continued at our sports days with Xavier winning the Figures competition; Hurtado the Rudiments competition and More both the Lower Grammar and Grammar competitions. Congratulations to all who participated.

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 focused 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. We have reorganised the Year 8 Maths groups for next year into two separate populations (similar to English, Humanities and Languages). This has necessitated a renaming of teaching groups, which we will explain fully at the Parents' Information Evenings in September.

Parent Information Evenings – September 2019

The briefings are scheduled as follows:

Figures	Monday 9 th September –	7.00pm
Rudiments	Tuesday 10 th September –	7.00pm
Lower Grammar	Wednesday 11 th September –	7.00pm
Grammar	Thursday 12 th September –	7.00pm
Syntax	Monday 9 th September –	7.30pm
Poetry	Wednesday 11 th September –	7.30pm
Rhetoric	Tuesday 10 th September –	7.30pm

Examination results days and Sixth Form Enrolment

Key dates:

- A Level and Vocational results are available from school on Thursday 15th August from 9.00am until 10.00am in the Sixth Form Study Hall. Staff will be available to support boys during the morning.
- GCSE results are available from school on Thursday 22nd 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 from 1.00pm on Thursday 22nd August for boys going into Poetry (Further timing details can be found on the Syntax page of the College website)

Details of arrangements are available on the College Website.

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.

Drama Productions

There has been a wealth of productions both big and small to be involved in this year, which included *Bugsy Malone*, *Crazy For You*, *The Mysteries*, and *The Tempest*. We are planning more exciting performances for next year, and auditions will be held within the first few weeks of the term for our Christmas and Easter productions. Please encourage your son to take part in these fantastic opportunities, and we look forward to welcoming you as audience!

Rugby pre-season training

Mr Hallett has asked me to remind parents of all boys who involved in rugby next year that pre-season training will be running for all current year groups during the last week of the summer holidays (Tuesday 27th – Saturday 31st August). Please see the table below for the training schedule.

As we have our first block fixture on the 7th September, these sessions are extremely important for your son's new coach(es) to prepare the teams ready for the fixture as well as familiarising themselves with the boys. Please can your son(s) make every possible effort to attend the sessions.

If you are unable to attend, please inform Mr Hallett so that he can pass it onto your son's coach (neil.hallett@wimbledoncollege.org.uk).

	Tue 27th	Wed 28th	Thu 29th	Fri 30th	Sat 31st	Notes
1st & 2nd XV	10.00-14.00 WC & CL	10.00-14.00 CL	9.00-13.00 Cranleigh school	10.00-14.00 CL		WC = Wimbledon College CL = Coombe Lane Meet at Main hall on Tuesday
U16s	13.00-15.00 CL		10.00-12.00 CL		11.00-13.00 St. Paul's School	Meet at WC @ 10.00am on Saturday. Minibuses Squad of 25-30
U15s		13.00-15.00 CL		13.00-15.00 CL		Use far side changing areas
U14s	10.00-12.00 CL			10.00-12.00 CL		Use far side changing areas
U13s		10.00-12.00 CL	13.00-15.00 CL			Use far side changing areas

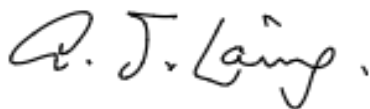
Next Year

Please note that school reopens on Wednesday 4th 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 and safe 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