



Academic excellence in a nurturing community

From the Principal...

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope that 2022 brings many moments of joy for you and your families. I appreciate that the start of this year has brought challenges. I want to reassure students and parents that our intention is to continue to provide as close to a normal college experience as is possible.

Subject tutorials

A reminder that subject tutorials will take place on the 13th of January, the 27th of January and the 10th of February. An email with further details will be sent in due course.

Lower Sixth Exams

A reminder that exams will take place from Tuesday 11th January to Friday 14th January. Students should refer to the email sent by Peter Thompson for further details. I would ask that U6 students are mindful of the fact that L6 students will be sitting exams across the College site and to support them by observing any signs that ask for students to be quiet where required.

The start of a new year brings an opportunity to reflect and plan. I would encourage our students to think about the vision they set themselves at the start of the academic year. What were the goals set? What milestones have been put in place to track progress? What systems are in place to assist with meeting these goals?

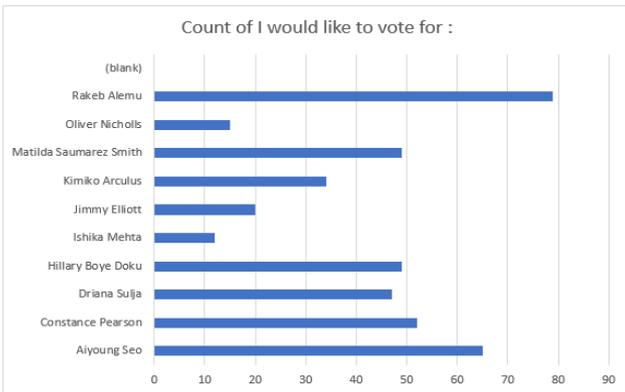
I wish you a great week ahead!

KEY DATES	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lower 6th</u> 10th January 2021: Exam week 9th May 2021: Summer exam week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upper 6th</u> February: Mock Examinations</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>All students</u> 1st March 2022: INSET day 23rd & 24th June 2022: INSET day</p>	

Sugra Alibhai
Principal

Messages From Staff

Student Governors



Congratulations to Rakeb Alemu and Aiyoung Seo who are elected to serve as Student Governors from January 2021-December 2021. Almost 1000 WH students voted in the student governor elections. Thanks to all students who put themselves forward.

Kevin Lawrence
Head of Year

Quiet Room

As a secular college we are committed to ensuring students and staff can access space to pray, reflect and do this with a multi faith and non-faith approach. We want any shared space to accommodate private prayer and reflection. It should also encourage interaction between students of different faiths and beliefs. Our multi-faith space will not be used exclusively by one faith group, but we must note where a religious requirement for specific prayers and times exist it can't always be shared.

Our pragmatic, broad approach to religion is largely followed by colleges and universities. Most have expanded facilities and services: building more shared multi-faith spaces for private reflection and for interaction between faith groups. However, we are small with limited space, and have many competing demands for space. We are therefore able to offer the following:

Prayer space

Monday to Thursday both lunchtimes
Room 112

Quiet reflection space

Monday to Friday both lunchtimes
Room 113

Jummah (Friday Islamic Prayers)

12.15-1.15 large dance studio
1.15 to 2.15 main hall

ALS quiet room

Opposite Dance studio in Hockman building, ground floor
Individual prayer or reflection outside of these times after 2.15pm but must be closed by 4.15pm

- These rooms can be used by all students and staff for quiet reflection, contemplation and prayer during the advertised times.
- It is important that students use these spaces for these purposes only and not for more general social gatherings.



Lubna Hussain
AP Student Services

Woodhouse Arts & Culture

Poem of the week

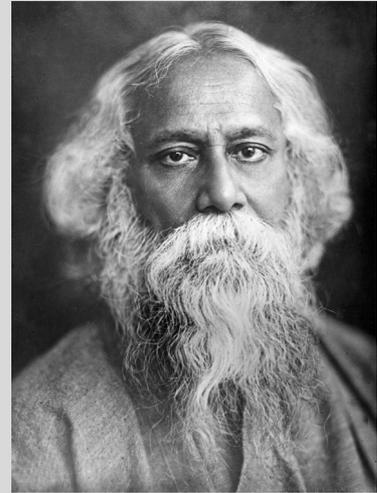
The Last Bargain by Rabindranath Tagore

"Come and hire me," I cried, while in the morning I was walking on the stone-paved road.
Sword in hand, the King came in his chariot.
He held my hand and said, "I will hire you with my power."
But his power counted for nought, and he went away in his chariot.

In the heat of the midday the houses stood with shut doors.
I wandered along the crooked lane.
An old man came out with his bag of gold.
He pondered and said, "I will hire you with my money."
He weighed his coins one by one, but I turned away.

It was evening. The garden hedge was all aflower.
The fair maid came out and said, "I will hire you with a smile."
Her smile paled and melted into tears, and she went back alone into the dark.

The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly.
A child sat playing with shells.
He raised his head and seemed to know me, and said, "I hire you with nothing."
From thenceforward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man.



Rabindranath Tagore, born Rabindranath Thakur, 7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941, was an Indian polymath - poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter. He reshaped Bengali literature and music as well as Indian art with Contextual Modernism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Author of the "profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful" poetry, he became in 1913 the first non-European and the first lyricist to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. He is sometimes referred to as "the Bard of Bengal".

Article of the week

[How Xi Jinping became the world's most powerful man](#)

The president of China, Xi Jinping, holds the fate of the world in his hands. Michael Sheridan reports on how this child of communist elites climbed the most perilous pyramid in politics.



Woodhouse Wellbeing

Your feelings are valid

If you're struggling with your feelings, you're not alone. Young Minds have loads of practical tips and advice from young people just like you, as well as information on getting the support you need.

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For more information about feelings, coping with life, mental health conditions, supporting a friend, real stories from young people, or a guide to accessing support visit the Young Minds [website here](#).