*As mentioned last week, we have been heartened to receive some positive comments from parents on the home learning timetables that we have been running over the last three weeks. With half term now approaching, and the prospect of at least two more weeks of remote teaching thereafter, the Section Leaders will be reviewing their programmes and would appreciate feedback.*

*This very simple survey will give us some useful data and will allow you to comment more fully if you wish to do so. Constructive criticism is always welcome.*

*Pre-School - Year 2:* [*click here*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZYKe7hQzzEGSvaWIUAdjus1rC2ijz69Ko-s3PPZ6zC9URUdHUURFR1VTSDk5MDVHWVc1QzFJSlNNSi4u)

*Years 3 – 8:* [*click here*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZYKe7hQzzEGSvaWIUAdjus1rC2ijz69Ko-s3PPZ6zC9UOEtCNlhCVE80N1NEUlNaSkRSQ0tPRUhFNC4u)

**High Five 4 OSCAR Foundation**

21 children (majority from Year 2) will be walking 120 km between them to help raise funds for the [OSCAR High Five 4 OSCAR](https://www.hallgrove.co.uk/docs/Newsletter_Attachments/SPR_2021/image002.jpg) campaign during half term.

The campaign is for all ages, individuals, families, classes, boarding houses, whole schools or communities to get together to keep mind & body fit and active, whilst raising funds for boys and girls living in the Indian slums.

Please visit the [fund raising page](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?campaignId=15959&charityId=1015920) to show your support.

**Music**

**Virtual Informal Concerts**

Next week Years 7 & 8 will have the opportunity to film themselves performing a piece at home and send it in to school to form a virtual concert. The link to the folder where parents can upload the video will be sent out on Monday morning, and the folder will be accessible from Monday – Friday next week. It would be fantastic to see and hear as many of our senior musicians as possible – the more the merrier!

The following week (**commencing 8th Feb) will be Year 5’s** Informal Concert week.

**ABRSM Exams**

Bookings have now been made for music exams taking place at school on March 20th. At this stage we hope the exams will go ahead and will be sending out a timetable over the next fortnight.

**Choirs**

A reminder of choir rehearsals times

Monday

0745-0815 Lower Juniors Choir

1330-1400 Seniors Choir

Wednesday

1500 Upper Juniors Choir

To find the Zoom link go to Frog, search for the ‘Music & Performing Arts Hub’, then click on the ‘Zoom Links’ tab, then click on ‘Choir Rehearsals’. **Don’t click on ‘Lower Juniors’ or ‘Upper Juniors’** for example (that is where resources are stored not where the zoom link is).

**Sport**

Well done to all those who have been exercising and gaining precious kilometres for their Houses. The race is very close and a difficult one to predict. Currently the Falcons are currently leading but after a weekend of activities we are sure this will change. Check the House Competition page on Frog to see how your house is doing. It will be updated Monday after the weekends data is collected. A special mention must go to the House Captains who are doing a fantastic job of collecting the data for the sports department. It is not too late to start, details are below on how to get going if you have not already done so.

# **Join the House Race from Big Ben in London to Times Square in New York (5567 km)!**

# This special challenge for Years 3 – 8 begun on Monday 25th January to see which House can make it across the Atlantic first. There are further details and messages from the House Captains on the House Competition page on Frog.

**How does it work?**

* Each day you run, walk, cycle, row or swim (if you have your own pool) and record the distance you have achieved in **KILOMETRES**
* **Indoor bicycles, rowing machines, cross trainers and treadmills all count**
* When you have completed your chosen exercise, you will need to post a message on your House page with your name, year group and the distance you have travelled. The Captains will submit the results which will then be posted on the race chart for all to see
* Don't forget every metre counts so make sure you submit your distance
* When we return to school there will be a prize for the winning House and special mentions for those individuals who excelled at the challenge
* There will be a staff team competing against the Houses. **Beat the teachers if you can!**

**This week's** [**Wellington College Virtual Fireside Talk**](https://www.hallgrove.co.uk/docs/Newsletter_Attachments/SPR_2021/Fireside_Talks_Poster_Lent_2021_at_Wellington_College.pdf)

Monday 1st February - 5pm: [*Fireside Talk with Annabel Croft*](https://u9153159.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=JrbkozLSaRzLjjEdiQhyRXNXJAe0FV6sO-2B-2FZ8d7N6R25IdB2IAByVWkqZugDgZjyv8mp90ZSnun4JViseDXWi3nlFqmgaEIZYqxcEpgellQ4mMN-2FShSxtlMJ8Bhp0IZ92grAYFEbx9ZTk5Bp7XlmNExSGxMnik87NvHN6vR-2BiQfFyfL1iTltrYbQ5CHT3NPnkMZhzRpzeRo1dS3E0Kd0zCxHfUEuhwQvKl59cKtkYIK1mCtWXDEXioxck1tGRrqTxNn6CVY9-2FYCRNAy1X9dR32BdmNB2QiieJ7wMFmqsQmhmamuMHN0eV9Gqy2q4hqrTBr2wnmYIEadPnhmaPLDVhg-3D-3DW01S_LosTVay1jAHjK-2Bnh-2FjJKLiwAQGPajj-2B7BT1KVYGjSp9l3YY0lAZjJ1u88BZbzgcVkMBxsO9MlNNV7FYo9Wj-2FS5YdG7t8f2o7MKL0TujkpzONaF3qISiZvNQlr9tQJe8-2Bo-2F4MSqIlv4WeAdAiNoFfw-2FBHR2fisvSx5yJohCvgvFrslaNXnGkvxvtRontsdqA11ZymYYagfTP0vgc7ULHOtJibfZdkWb-2B5xU6VvE0A1VQ-3D)

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The following documents can be found on the school website, under the parent information tab:

* Senior Schools Open Mornings Information