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# Message from the President



My Dear Friends,

It is wonderful to be back on the waters of the River Thames after eight years, celebrating the summer together with fellow Wesleyites, their families, and friends.

This year marks the 34th anniversary of our Wesley OBU UK, and on behalf of the committee, I warmly welcome each and every one of you. We are truly grateful for your generosity, continued support, and commitment over the years. It is your enthusiasm and loyalty that have kept our association strong and thriving.

My sincere thanks go to our Social Secretary, Tharanga, and all our committee members for their dedication, hard work, and countless hours of planning to make this event a success.

Tonight is about friendship, fellowship, and celebrating the special bond we share as Wesleyites. I hope you all have a fantastic evening, create wonderful memories, and enjoy every moment on board.

Thank you once again for being part of this wonderful Double Blue fraternity.

Yours sincerely,

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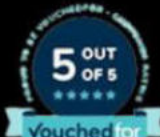


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# Message from Principal, Wesley College, Colombo



It gives me great pleasure to extend my warm greetings to the Wesley College OBU UK on the occasion of your Summer Boat Party 2026.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to send a message for this special event, which brings together Wesleyites living far from their alma mater while keeping alive the spirit, values, and traditions of Wesley College.

It is particularly encouraging to see our Old Boys actively involved in organizing such meaningful programmes that foster fellowship, strengthen lifelong friendships, and celebrate the enduring bond that unites Wesleyites across generations and continents. Your continued commitment to engaging with one another and maintaining close ties with the College is deeply appreciated.

The Wesley College OBU UK serves as a wonderful example of how distance need not diminish one's connection to the College. Through your initiatives and support, you continue to contribute to the growth, reputation, and wellbeing of Wesley College while preserving the rich heritage that we all cherish.

On behalf of the Wesley College community, I congratulate the organizers for their dedication and hard work in making this event a success. I wish all participants an enjoyable and memorable evening filled with fellowship, laughter, and renewed friendships.

May God continue to bless the Wesley College OBU UK and all Wesleyites around the world.

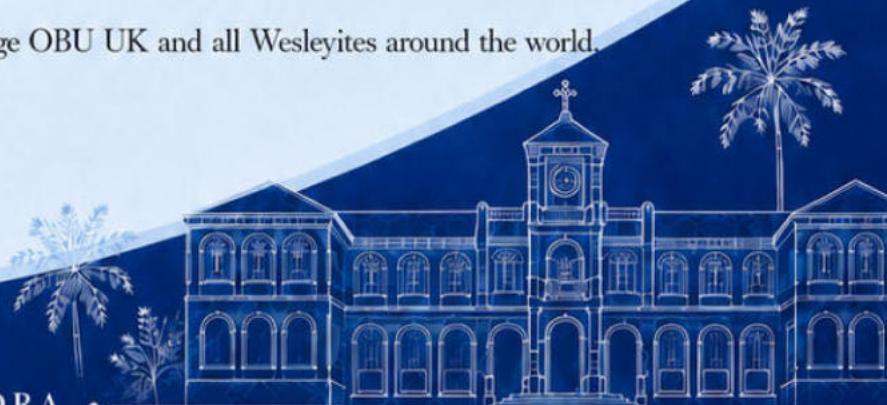


With best wishes,

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# Message from the Secretary



Dear Members, Alumni, Friends, and Guests,

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome and heartfelt best wishes to everyone attending the Wesley College OBU UK Summer Boat Party on 4th July 2026.

This special gathering provides a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect, strengthen friendships, celebrate our shared heritage, and create lasting memories together. The spirit of Wesley College has always been built upon fellowship, unity, and lifelong connections, and occasions such as this beautifully reflect those values.

As we come together to enjoy this unique summer celebration, I hope the evening will be filled with joy, laughter, meaningful conversations, and cherished moments. May this event further strengthen the bonds within our alumni community and inspire continued engagement and support for one another.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the planning and organisation of this event. Your dedication and commitment have made this occasion possible.

Wishing all attendees a safe, enjoyable, and truly memorable Summer Boat Party. May the Wesley spirit continue to flourish and bring us together for many years to come.

With warm regards and best wishes,

**Dilan Camball**

Secretary

Wesley College OBU UK



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# Message from the Membership Secretary



Dear Wesleyites, Friends, and Distinguished Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Wesley OBU UK Boat Dance 2026. This special occasion is more than just an evening of music, dancing, and celebration—it is an opportunity for us to strengthen the bonds of friendship, reconnect with old acquaintances, and warmly welcome new members into Wesley fraternity.

As Membership Secretary, I am encouraged by the continued commitment and enthusiasm of our members. Your support, participation, and dedication are the foundation of Wesley OBU UK success. Together, we continue to uphold the values and spirit of Wesley while building a vibrant and supportive community here in the UK.

I encourage everyone to make the most of this memorable event, enjoy the fellowship, and continue to invite fellow old boys to join and actively participate in the OBU. The strength of Wesley OBU UK lies in the unity and commitment of each member.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the organising committee, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone whose efforts have made this event possible.

Wishing you all a wonderful evening filled with joy, laughter, and lasting memories.

Warm regards,

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**Munir Hassen**

Membership Secretary  
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# Message from the Social Secretary



Dear Guests and Well-Wishers,

On behalf of the Wesley College Old Boys Union, I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for joining us at this special fundraising Boat Party.

Your presence and generous support have contributed to a worthy cause that is close to all our hearts – the continued development and progress of our beloved Alma Mater, Wesley College, Colombo. Every contribution made today will help strengthen the opportunities and facilities available to future generations of Wesleyites.

Having had the privilege of serving the Union in various capacities, including President, Treasurer, and now Social Secretary over the past 29 years, I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable commitment and generosity of our Old Boys and friends of Wesley. It is this enduring spirit of fellowship and loyalty that continues to make our College community strong.

This evening is not only an opportunity to raise funds but also a celebration of friendship, shared memories, and the values instilled in us by Wesley College. We are deeply grateful for your participation and support.

Thank you for helping us preserve and enhance the proud legacy of Wesley College. Together, we can ensure that our Alma Mater continues to inspire and educate generations to come.

Wishing you an enjoyable and memorable evening.

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**Tharanga Jayasinghe**

Social Secretary

Wesley College Old Boys Union



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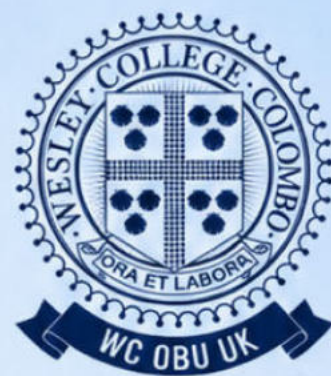
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# Message from the Sports Secretary



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Wesley College OBU UK Summer Boat Party 2026. This annual gathering is a wonderful opportunity for our alumni, families, and friends to reconnect, celebrate our shared heritage, and strengthen the bonds that unite the Wesley community.

The year 2026 has been an exceptional one for Wesley OBU UK sports. Our Annual Cricket Encounter against St. Benedict's College once again showcased the true spirit of sportsmanship and fellowship. The Senior team secured a thrilling victory, our Ladies team recorded a convincing win, and the Over-40s team displayed tremendous determination in a closely contested match. Congratulations to all the players and award winners for their outstanding performances.

Our rugby teams also enjoyed a remarkable season, capturing both the SLSTRA Shield Championship and the Festival of Rugby Bowl Championship. Wesley also proudly retained the Mr. Nihal Wettewa Challenge Trophy for the second consecutive year with an impressive victory over St. Benedict's College. These achievements are a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and commitment of our players, coaches, and supporters.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our Sports Committee, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone who has contributed to the success of our sporting events throughout the year. Your unwavering support continues to strengthen the proud sporting tradition of Wesley College.

As we celebrate together this evening, let us cherish the friendships we have built, honour our rich legacy, and look forward to many more years of sporting excellence and fellowship.

I wish you and your families a wonderful evening and an enjoyable Summer Boat Party.

**Imran Sallay**

Sports Secretary  
Wesley College OBU UK

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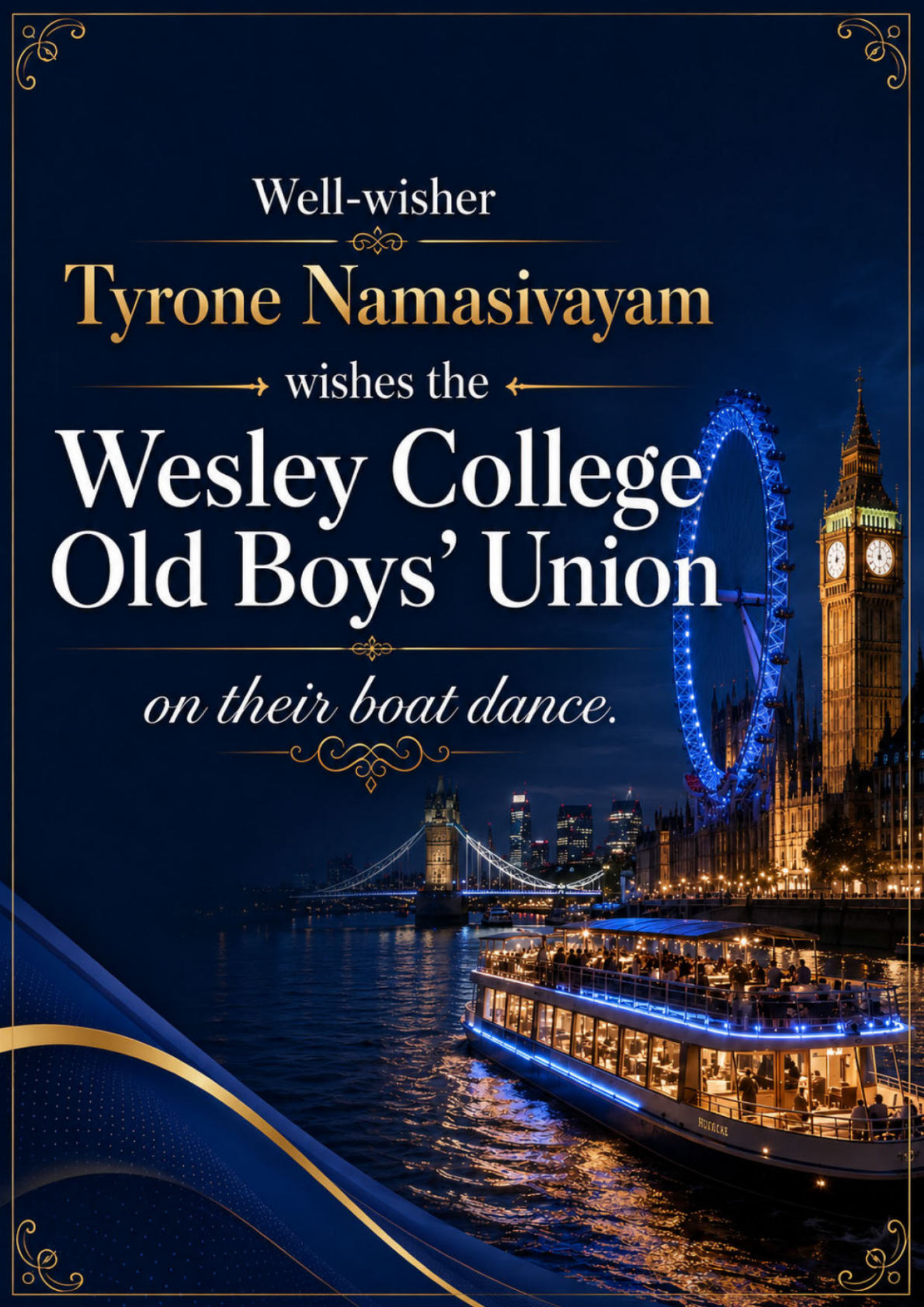
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Tyrone Namasivayam

wishes the

Wesley College  
Old Boys' Union

*on their boat dance.*





## Message from the President, Wesley College OBU Australia



It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the President, Committee, and the entire Wesley College OBU United Kingdom fraternity on the joyful occasion of your Summer Boat Party and the publication of your commemorative souvenir. We were delighted to receive your gracious invitation and are honoured to contribute this message to mark such a special event in your calendar.

Although we are separated by distance, the ties that bind Wesleyites across the world remain strong, enduring, and deeply meaningful. The spirit of 'Ora et Labora' continues to unite us, reminding us that wherever we may live, we remain part of one Wesley family shaped by shared values, cherished memories, and a proud heritage.

The OBU United Kingdom has long been a valued and respected branch of our global fraternity. Your commitment to fellowship, service, and the strengthening of community is evident in the vibrant activities you organise and the support you extend to Wesley College and its present students. The Summer Boat Party is yet another example of your dedication to nurturing camaraderie and celebrating the bonds that connect us.

On behalf of the Wesley College OBU Australia, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your continued friendship and collaboration. We remain committed to working together to uphold the traditions of our alma mater and to support the next generation of Wesleyites, both in Colombo and around the world.

As you gather for this memorable celebration, may the event be filled with joy, unity, and the unmistakable spirit of the Double Blue. We wish you every success and look forward to strengthening our ties in the years ahead.

*Ora et Labora.*

**Major (Retired) Duminda NISSANKA**

*President*

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# Message from the President

## Wesley College (Colombo) Old Boys Association (NSW, Australia) Inc.



It is with great pleasure, as President of the Wesley College (Colombo) Old Boys Association (NSW, Australia) Inc., that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the President and Committee of the Wesley College (Colombo) Old Boys Union in the United Kingdom, on the occasion of the Summer Boat Party to be held on 4th July 2026. This event is a wonderful tradition that brings together old boys, families, and friends in a true celebration of our shared history and values.

As proud Wesleyites, we are bound by a fellowship that transcends geography and time. Whether in Colombo, Melbourne, Sydney, London or across the globe, we remain connected by the principles instilled during our school years – discipline, camaraderie, integrity, and service. Such occasions remind us of the enduring spirit of brotherhood and provide an opportunity to strengthen the bonds that make our community so special.

These initiatives not only sustain the proud traditions of Wesley College but also ensure that current and future generations of Wesleyites are empowered with opportunities that prepare them for lives of leadership and service. In doing so, we honour the institution that shaped us and continue its legacy of excellence.

On behalf of the Australia (NSW) OBA, I wish the United Kingdom OBU every success in hosting this memorable party. May it be filled with joy, laughter, and friendship, and may it further strengthen the proud legacy of our alma mater.

With best wishes for a memorable event and continued success.

**Shreedharen (Shree) Dharmalingam**  
*President*  
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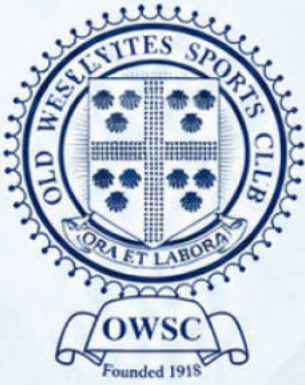
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# Message from the President

Old Wesleyites Sports Club

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings and best wishes on behalf of the Old Wesleyites Sports Club to the Wesley College Old Boys' Union UK on the occasion of your Summer Boat Party 2026.

The Wesley spirit transcends geographical boundaries, bringing together generations of Wesleyites through a shared heritage of friendship, loyalty, and service. Events such as this not only strengthen the bonds among our alumni overseas but also serve as a reminder of the enduring values instilled in us by our alma mater.

The Old Wesleyites Sports Club takes pride in fostering fellowship and camaraderie among Wesleyites through sport, recreation, and community engagement. We are encouraged by the continued efforts of the OBU UK in keeping the Wesley flag flying high and in creating opportunities for old boys and their families to reconnect and celebrate their common identity in the UK.

As you gather for this special occasion, I wish all participants an enjoyable and memorable evening filled with friendship, laughter, and cherished memories. May the bonds that unite us as Wesleyites continue to grow stronger, and may our collective efforts contribute towards the continued progress and success of Wesley College and its global community.

On behalf of the Old Wesleyites Sports Club, I congratulate the Organizing Committee and wish the Wesley College OBU UK every success in this event and its future endeavours.

*“Ora Et Labora”*

**Senaka Amaratunga**

*President*

Old Wesleyites Sports Club

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# Message from the President

Wesley College OBU in the UAE



Dear President and Members of Wesley College OBU UK,

It is with heartfelt warmth that I extend my sincere greetings to you on behalf of Wesley College OBU in the UAE. Your upcoming Summer Boat Party on the 4th of July is a wonderful celebration of fellowship, tradition, and unity. Even across borders, moments like these remind us how deeply connected we remain as Wesleyites, bound by shared memories, values, and the enduring spirit of our alma mater.

As Wesleyites, we carry within us a legacy shaped by compassion, discipline, and brotherhood. These qualities continue to shine through the work of our Old Boys' Unions worldwide, each nurturing the bonds that began within the walls of Wesley College. The dedication shown by the OBU UK in fostering unity among your members is inspiring, and your Summer Boat Party reflects the joy and pride we all share in being part of this remarkable community. Though we may be separated by distance, our hearts remain closely aligned in purpose and affection.

Here in the UAE, our members remain deeply committed to preserving the traditions and values that shaped us. Every gathering, initiative, and act of service reminds us of the global family we belong to—one that celebrates each other's milestones and stands together in friendship. Your invitation is a touching reminder of this unity, and we cherish the bond we share with your chapter.

As you celebrate this special occasion, please accept our warmest wishes for a joyful, memorable, and meaningful event.

*With Warmest Wishes*

**Ajith Kamalanathan**

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# Message from the President

Wesley College OBU Canada

Greetings - Wesley OBU UK mates,

A few lines from your mates across the pond.

Some journeys begin in classrooms, but the friendships they create last a lifetime.

As you come together for the Wesley OBU-UK Boat Party — a special occasion to reconnect with old friends, relive cherished memories, and celebrate the enduring bond that unites us as OBU alumni.

As you sail together, let's remember the laughter that echoed through our school days, the lessons that shaped our lives, and the friendships that have stood the test of time. Whether you left recently or many years ago, you are an important part of the OBU story.

This reunion is more than a gathering—it's a celebration of our shared heritage, our lifelong friendships, and the generations that continue to carry the OBU spirit forward.

As you come aboard for an evening filled with laughter, friendship, great conversations, delicious food, and spectacular views. Whether it's been a few years or several decades since we last met, this is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the bond we all share.

Enjoy the evening,

Ora et Labora,

On behalf of the members of Wesley College OBU Canada

*With Warmest Wishes*

**Yogi Rajasingam**  
*President*

# CLASS OF 99 – THE LAST CLASS OF THE 90s

Though the years have flown by, the memories of our school days remain as vivid as ever—the laughter shared in classrooms and corridors, the friendships forged on the field, and the countless moments that shaped our journey together.

More than 27 years later, the spirit of brotherhood that united us at Wesley continues to connect us across time and distance.

We also take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our teachers, whose patience, wisdom, dedication, and encouragement helped shape not only our education but also the people we have become.

A special word of thanks to Mr. M.A.P. Fernando Sir, our Vice Principal at the time, whose leadership, guidance, and unwavering support left a lasting impression on our lives and school memories.

To all Wesleyites, may the cherished memories of our alma mater continue to inspire us, and may the bonds we formed endure for generations to come.

*With warmest wishes from the*  
**WESLEY COLLEGE CLASS OF 1999 UK BATCH.**

*Shirash, Imran, Sampath, Saabir, Muznie, Muneer and Fahiq*



# *Message from the President*

## **Wesley College Old Boys' Union, Colombo**

Dear Wesleyites,

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to the Wesley College OBU UK on the occasion of your Summer Boat Party 2026.

As fellow Wesleyites, we are delighted to witness the vibrant and active role played by the UK branch in bringing together old boys from across generations. The commitment shown by your team in fostering friendships, strengthening the bonds of our Wesley family, and creating opportunities for meaningful engagement is truly inspiring.

The Wesley spirit transcends geographical boundaries, and your efforts serve as a wonderful example of how our global alumni community continues to remain connected through fellowship, shared values, and a common love for our alma mater. Such initiatives not only rekindle cherished memories but also contribute towards supporting the future development and aspirations of Wesley College.

On behalf of the Wesley College Old Boys' Union, Colombo, I commend the dedication and enthusiasm of the OBU UK committee and all those who have worked tirelessly to make this event a success.

I wish all participants a memorable evening filled with camaraderie, laughter, and the enduring spirit of Wesley.

With warm regards and best wishes,

*Divakar Ratnadurai*

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President

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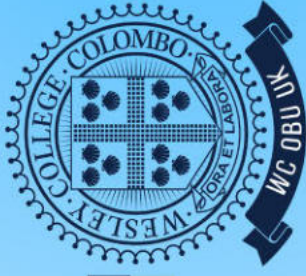
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# Wesley OBU UK Annual Cricket Encounter

## Sports Secretary's Report

WESLEY COLLEGE vs ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE



The much-anticipated Annual Wesley OBU UK Cricket Encounter between Wesley College and St. Benedict's College was once again played in a spirit of friendship, camaraderie, and healthy competition. The day featured three exciting matches – the Over-40s game, the Senior match, and the Ladies match – providing entertaining cricket for players and supporters alike.



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WESLEY SENIOR TEAM

### 1 OVER-40s TWENTY20 MATCH

St. Benedict's won the toss and batted first, posting a competitive **158 for 8** from their allotted 20 overs. **Jerome Adams** led the innings with an impressive **66**, while **Duminda S.** added a valuable **37**. Wesley's standout bowler was **Ruki**, who produced an excellent spell of **3 wickets for 12 runs** in just **2 overs**.



In reply, Wesley finished on **141 for 9**, falling **18 runs** short of the target. **Ruki** completed an outstanding all-round performance with a brilliant **66**, while **Ramanan** contributed **26**.

#### AWARDS

- ★ Best Batsman (St. Benedict's): **Jerome Adams**
- ★ Best Batsman (Wesley): **Ruki**
- ★ Best Fielder (Wesley): **Suresh**

### 2 SENIOR MATCH

Wesley batted first and compiled an impressive **192 for 8**. **Ryan Kern** anchored the innings superbly with **81**, supported by **Avishka Liyanage (36)** and **Shamoth (24)**. **Prasana** was the pick of the St. Benedict's bowlers, claiming **3 wickets for 23 runs** in **2 overs**.



St. Benedict's responded strongly, reaching **185 for 7**. **Nuwantha** top-scored with **83**, while **Collin** added **34**. Wesley's **Britto** delivered a match-winning spell, taking **5 wickets for 20 runs** in his **4 overs**.

Wesley secured a thrilling **7-run victory**.

#### RESULT & AWARDS

- ★ Man of the Match: **Ryan Kern** (Wesley)
- ★ Best Bowler: **Brito**





# Wesley OBU UK Annual Cricket Encounter

## Sports Secretary's Report

WESLEY COLLEGE vs ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE



### 3 LADIES 8-OVER MATCH

The Wesley ladies produced an excellent batting display, scoring **104 for 4** in their **8 overs**. **Surar** led the way with **32**, while **Angelina** contributed a fine **29**.



St. Benedict's Ladies were restricted to **61 for 9**, giving Wesley a convincing **43-run** victory.

#### MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



- ☆ Wesley Ladies: **104 for 4**
- ☆ St. Benedict's Ladies: **61 for 9**
- ☆ Wesley won by **43 runs**
- ☆ Top scores: **Surar 32, Angelina 29**



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WESLEY vs ST. BENEDICT'S

### 4 CLOSING REMARKS

On behalf of the Wesley OBU UK Committee, I extend my sincere appreciation to all players, officials, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to another successful annual encounter. The matches were played in excellent spirit, strengthening the long-standing friendship between Wesley College and St. Benedict's College.



Congratulations to all the award winners and both teams for making the event a memorable celebration of cricket and fellowship.

**Sports Secretary  
Wesley OBU UK**

### 5 ENCOUNTER SUMMARY



**Over-40s Match:**  
St. Benedict's won by **18 runs**



**Senior Match:**  
Wesley won by **7 runs**



**Ladies Match:**  
Wesley won by **43 runs**

# WESLEY RUGBY ACHIEVEMENTS – 2026

## SPORTS SECRETARY REPORT

As the Sports Secretary for 2026, I am proud to present the remarkable achievements of the Wesley Rugby team during the year. Our players delivered an outstanding performance throughout the season, securing championship titles in both major rugby tournaments we participated in, making 2026 a truly memorable year for Wesley Rugby.



### SLSTRA RUGBY TOURNAMENT – 3 MAY 2026

Wesley Rugby emerged as the Shield Champions at the SLSTRA Rugby Tournament, held on 3 May 2026. In a closely contested final, we overcame a strong DS side to lift the Shield Championship, showcasing the team's determination, discipline, and resilience.



### FESTIVAL OF RUGBY TOURNAMENT – 24 MAY 2026

The Festival of Rugby Tournament, held on 24 May 2026, was another successful campaign for Wesley Rugby, with the club fielding two competitive teams.

#### • WESLEY B TEAM

Consisting primarily of the sons of our Old Boys, representing the next generation of Wesley Rugby, by Sarith Fernando. They produced an impressive performance to reach the Plate Semi-Finals, gaining valuable experience and demonstrating great promise for the future.

#### • WESLEY A TEAM

The A Team enjoyed an outstanding tournament, emerging as the Bowl Champions after defeating Royal A in an exciting final.

Both tournament-winning campaigns were led by our captain, Fazlan Faiz, whose exceptional leadership and commitment played a vital role in the team's success.



### WESLEY VS. ST. BENEDICT'S RUGBY ENCOUNTER – MR. NIHAL WETTEWA CHALLENGE TROPHY – 25 MAY 2026

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FESTIVAL OF RUGBY – WESLEY B TEAM



FESTIVAL OF RUGBY – WESLEY A TEAM (BOWL CHAMPIONS)



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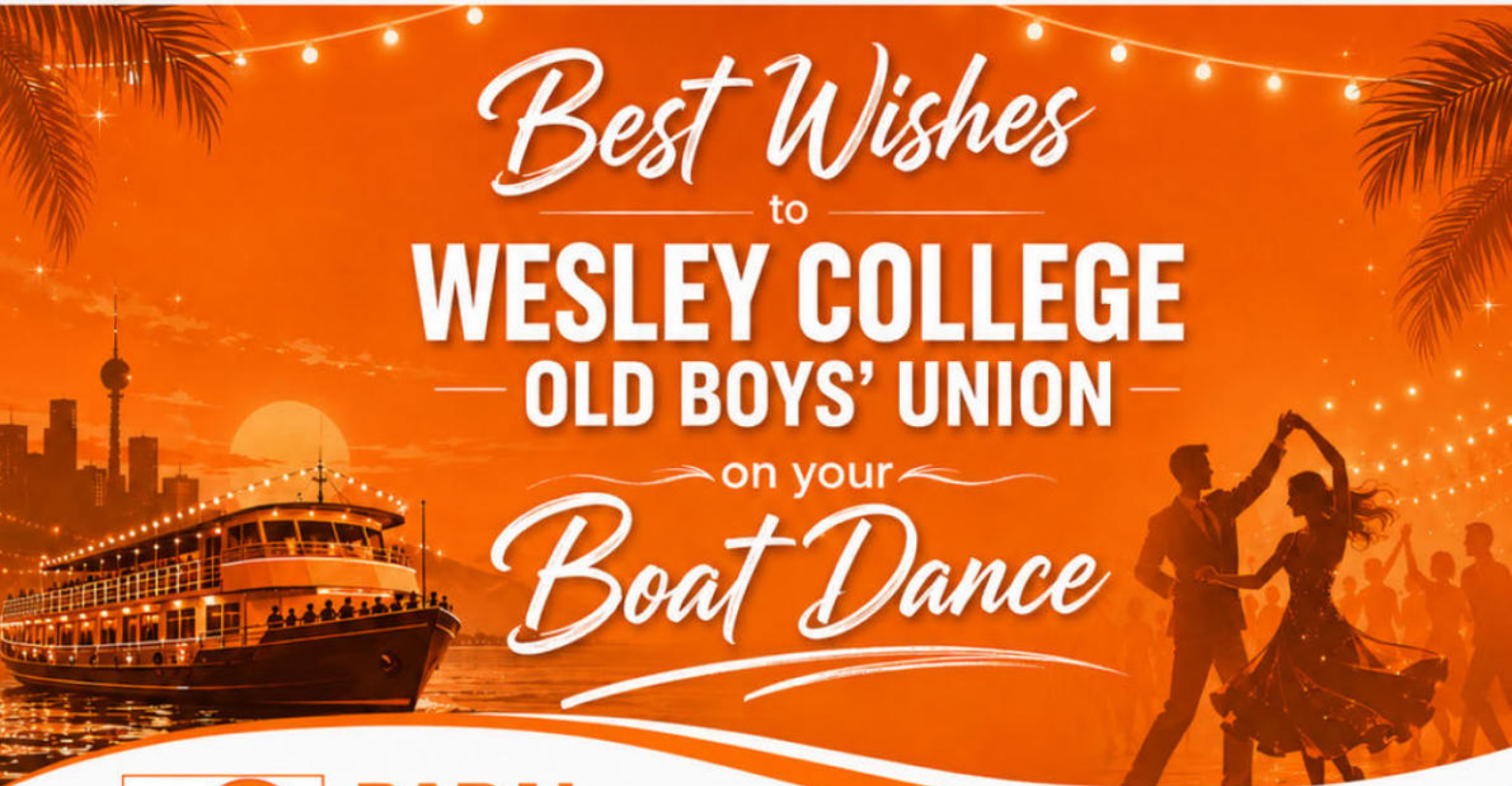


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*Forever in our hearts, we fondly remember our beloved brothers from the Class of '93 who have anchored in calmer seas. Your spirit sails with us tonight.*

*Always Connected,  
The Class of '93*





# College Song

Boys of Wesley through the land  
Wesley Boys together stand  
Bound by one fraternal band  
Band of double blue

Wave our colours high and free  
Wesley forward steadily  
From victory to victory  
Wesley to the fore

Past and present kindly meet  
Each the other proudly greet  
Hearts ne'er cool that once have beat  
Neath the double blue

And when Wesleys call shall sound  
Ready aye shall all be found  
In duty and in honour bound  
Wesley to the fore

We'll do our best in mart or hall  
We'll do our best with bat or ball  
Taking cool what e'er befall  
Pray and labour on

And for our dear land we'd be  
Men of grit and industry  
Honour bright and loyalty  
Wesley to the fore

