



13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been particularly successful at Wexham with improvements in many areas of the school's work. I would like to thank all parents and students for their continued cooperation. As you will have seen our new building is coming along nicely and has started to somewhat tower over the rest of the school.

As I am sure you will be aware the school was recently inspected by Ofsted. The last time Ofsted inspected the school was in 2013 and they had been due to visit us since September 2016, therefore I was very pleased to welcome them to our school. When their report has passed through all its checking stages and becomes official I will inform you and place it on our school website. It will also be published on Ofsted's website. This normally takes approximately three weeks from the time the school was inspected but due to the holiday period may take a little longer. The Lead Inspector asked me to thank all the students of Wexham for the exceptionally warm and pleasant welcome they gave and for their cooperation and willingness to share all their opinions on the school when asked, I have done this through assemblies, but thought it would also be nice to share this with you.

## Upcoming Important Dates and End of Term Notification

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Last Day of School Term. The School will operate a compact day and students will depart for the holidays at 1.00pm.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – First Day of Spring Term. All students should arrive at school at 8.35am for 8.40am start and report to registration as normal.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Year 11 Parents' Evening with subject teachers between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening with subject teachers between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 8 Parents' Evening Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - Year 8 Parents Evening – With subject teachers between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 8 Pathways Evening – Parental Appointments will be provided with Senior Staff between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – End of Half Term 3 at 3.10pm.

## Parent Governor Vacancies

Our current Parent Governors' Term of Office concluded in October and therefore we have two vacancies for governors directly elected by parents. Please see letter and information on our website. Governors have requested to advertise again due to a lack of response previously and we would really like parents represented on the Board of Governors.

## Uniform

The overall standard of uniform is very good and thank you for ensuring this. Should parents whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals require financial assistance for School Uniform please contact your child's Leader of Year to discuss this. In certain circumstances the School may be able to assist.



## Staff Leavers

We will be saying goodbye to a number of staff at the end of the term. Mrs Faulkner and Ms Edmiston are both retiring. Together they have served Wexham for nearly forty years and I sincerely thank them both for their commitment and success for the many generations of Wexham students they have seen and I hope they both have a very well earned retirement. Mr Stocker is also leaving Wexham after 16 years in charge of our Autistic Resource Base, which he set up in 2001. I thank him for all his hard work and wish him well in his new role closer to home.

Mr Birch is also departing us after 5 years at Wexham where he has worked tirelessly to develop humanities and is leaving it in excellent shape. Mr Birch has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher in a large school in London and I wish him every success for the future.

## Mufti Day

The school will be holding a mufti day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Many students and staff have also asked if they can wear Christmas jumpers. As a reward there will be no charge for students wearing mufti but the school will donate £1 for every student and member of staff wearing a Christmas themed jumper or t-shirt to 'Save the Children'. Students can of course attend in full school uniform as normal if they wish.

## Emergency Closure

- A reminder of our emergency closure procedure.
- The decision to close the school outside of core hours will be taken by 7.30am after an assessment of poor weather conditions or on the advice of Slough Borough Council or the emergency services. We will always aim to contact parents by text message as early as possible; normally this would be by 7.45am, before students leave for school. Messages will also be displayed on the school website.
- Should the school be forced to close during the day, or your child has arrived on school premises in the morning, you will be contacted before we send students home.
- Further text messages and our website will update parents of our situation. For this reason it is always vital that the school has up to date contact details.

## The new Wexham School Twitter Feed

To follow us on Twitter please go to [@Wexham\\_School](https://twitter.com/Wexham_School)

Alongside our new website this really does give you an amazing insight into daily life at Wexham.

Thank you for your continuing support and I wish all parents and students a Happy Christmas Holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr Lawrence Smith**  
Headteacher