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The newsletter for Wexham School

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## Wexham to celebrate 70 years of the NHS

As part of the celebrations on the birthday of the NHS Lawrence Smith (Headteacher) and Maxine McVey (Deputy Director of Nursing, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust) officially unveiled the canvasses that were produced by nine of our students and three members of staff as listed below.

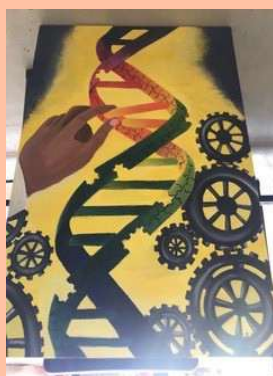
The collaboration was to mark the 70 year anniversary of the National Health Service.

The students and staff were:  
Afshaan, David, Favour, Jaflenur, Joanna, Melchiot, Afra, Sana, Hasan, Mrs Sloan, Mr Haverley and Mrs Lee.

The official birthday of the NHS is Thursday 5th July, and Patrick O'Hagan from BBC went to Wexham Park Hospital to interview Allison Lee, Nadya Sloan, Sana Ahmed and Melchiot Souza about the project - this was on air at 7:45am

If you have time and you would

like to see the pictures produced pop down to Wexham Park Hospital and you will find the work displayed on the wall of corridor 2 on entering the hospital via the front main reception towards radiology.



## YR 7 Big Bang Project Brunel University Enhanced Partner School

During one lunchtime, year 7 students were able to take part in the Big Bang project, and this was presented to the panel which was made up of teaching staff and A-Level students.

This project was designed to motivate and engage our students in their Science learning and it certainly did that. The project involved our students having to choose one of the Science specialisms from:

**Design and Build a Rocket - Physics**

**Complete a Cells Project - Biology**

**How to best purify water - Chemistry**

The top 4 students from each year 7 Science class were selected and had the opportunity to attend a Big Bang Science Event as a part of our continued collaboration with the University of Reading.



University of Reading **chemistryforall**  
ENGAGING AND ENTHUSIASM PUPILS IN SCIENCE

Wexham School are an enhanced partnership school with the University of Brunel. This is testament to all of the fantastic work which is taking place in collaboration. More recently Mr. Clark visited the secondary PGCE cohort at Brunel and lead a lecture on 'Leadership Pathways'. As you can see from the photograph the University students enjoyed their 'Looking Ahead to the Future' session which was interactive and engaging.







# Wexham School

OPEN EVENING  
TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER  
2018  
5.30PM - 7.30PM



Wexham is a good school where many integrated elements of the curriculum contribute to our excellent work to prepare pupils for their lives beyond school and our work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding. (OFSTED, Nov. 2107)



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## Staff spotlight\*\*Staff spotlight\*\*Staff spotlight

*"Be yourself; everyone else is taken" Oscar Wilde*

My name is Tom Shephard and I am in my 7th year of teaching at Wexham School.

I completed my PGCE at Bristol University and taught in Shanghai and Basingstoke before I joined Wexham School.

I first started teaching in China and enjoyed the challenge of learning a new culture and teaching English in a completely different environment. It was during this time that I decided to return to England and become a secondary school teacher.

I love teaching Humanities at Wexham, giving students an insight into the world around them, both past and present, and helping them see important events from different perspectives is really rewarding.

I have been a Leader of Year at

Wexham School for five years and am grateful to have had the opportunity to see my Year group all the way from Year 7 to Year 11.

Watching them mature, develop and approach their GCSE's



### FACT FILE:

- Favourite Colour: Blue
- Favourite Season: Winter
- -Christmas!
- Favourite Number: 14
- Favourite TV series: The Wire
- Fun fact: A life-long Oxford United supporter

with such dedication and determination was a real honour.

I am looking forward to starting the process again with the next cohort of Year 7s and am confident we will surpass the excellent achievements of previous years.

In my spare time I enjoy cooking, playing football, going to see Oxford Utd, reading and watching films.

I look forward to teaching at Wexham for a long time to come.



# Inspiring workshop with Rambert

Twenty students recently took part in a dance workshop run by the professional Dance Company Rambert.

The workshop looked particularly at the set work 'A Linha Curva', which is studied within the GCSE Dance specification.

In the four hours, the students were put through the paces of completing a technical warm up; including difficult

and complex exercises, as well as learning repertoire from the work, and creating their own version of the piece.

The students really valued the experience and had an enjoyable day. It engaged the students positively, and enhanced their knowledge through practical dance.

It also gave them an insight into the day in the life of a professional dancer.



## Horticulture team 'worthy runners-up'

During the summer term some students from Wexham School went to Wexham Court Primary School to help the pupils with their gardening.

Four students Crystal, Rimsha, Eduard and Abhejit submitted the project to the Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer Horticultural Society's Annual Show in July for the newly donated cup for 16 to 30-year-olds involved in horticulture.

They explained in photographs and script what they had done and what they had gained from it.

The judge and Edward Guinness

CVO, who had donated the cup, were most impressed. The Wexham School team were very worthy runners-up.

One of our Governor's Ruth Rooley was involved in the project and found the students to be eager to learn and very mannerly.

A visit to Cherry Orchard allotments gave them an insight to the wide variety of vegetables, fruit and flowers that can be grown, also to the diversity of people sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening.





# Learning from the experts

The year 10 construction group attended the Dulux Academy to complete the painting and decorating module of the BTEC construction course.

The Dulux Academy kindly offered this experience to 20 students, therefore we were able to take along a group of year 9 students who potentially would become the next cohort of BTEC Construction students as well.



## Visit to Stratford, Shakespeare's birthplace

A group of Yr 9 and Yr 10 EAL students and four staff visited Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust in Stratford Upon Avon.

The group saw the house where Shakespeare lived and learnt about his lifestyle and diet. The students showed a particular interest into toys that Shakespeare's children had played with at the time and even tried out some games themselves.

After a lovely picnic lunch in the gardens, everyone moved to see the Croft's Hall, where Shakespeare's daughter lived with her husband.

The day concluded with students buying souvenirs in the gift shop and having a lovely stroll down town. It was an enjoyable learning experience and students commented that they found it very useful for their GCSE Literature studies.



## Real Madrid CF Coaching Day

A few weeks ago, two of our Key Stage 3 students, Ibrahim (Year 7) and Sian (Year 8), attended a football coaching workshop in Leatherhead, delivered by coaches from Real Madrid.

They had travelled from Spain to promote the coaching programmes and techniques that they use with junior players at Real Madrid CF.

Both students found the event extremely valuable and were so delighted that they had been given the opportunity to work with such high calibre coaches.



## Sports Leaders lead the way at Wexham Court Sports Day

Our sports leaders were recently invited to plan and lead the Wexham Court Sports Day event.

They were fantastic on the day and demonstrated valuable skills including both effective communication and organisation. The students were a great asset for the Wexham school community and this expertise was also demonstrated on our annual sports day.





## Year 7 QuadKids Athletics Competition

A few weeks ago a team of Year 7 boys and girls competed in the annual QuadKids athletics competition.

Each athlete participates in four events and their points scores (based on finishing places) are added together for an overall team total.



Our team finished 6th out of 11 schools but a special mention is due for two individuals:

**Maddie** (in year 7) was ranked 7th out of the 50 girls and **Daniel** was ranked 11th out of 45 boys.

These finishing places are excellent achievements for both to be proud of.



## Year 10 Osmington Bay

Our Year 10 Geography students took part in a residential visit to complete their fieldwork as part of the GCSE Geography course.

They stayed at the PGL Osmington Bay centre. While at the centre the students were able to experience a range of outdoor activities which included zip lining, a giant swing and rock climbing.

They were also able to spend a day at Lulworth Cove and Durdle Door which enabled them to be able to measure sediment size and complete a beach profile.

On the visit to Weymouth they were able to complete pedestrian counts, land use maps and environmental quality surveys.

Throughout the visit the students were well behaved and represented the school excellently while having fun.

This visit provided the students with a forum to develop their use of field work techniques which they will call upon during their final examination.



## Visit to the Noel Coward Theatre to watch new play "Quiz"

GCSE Drama students were provided with the opportunity to watch the new and exciting play Quiz in the West End.

April 2003, Army Major Charles Ingram, his wife and coughing accomplice are convicted for cheating on 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' The evidence is damning. The nation is gripped by the sheer audacity of the plot to snatch the £1,000,000 Jackpot. But was he really guilty?

The play was interactive and our students helped to decide whether they thought the Ingram's were guilty or not guilty.. This was a key component for their GCSE Drama course.





## Bronze award from scratch

Year 9 GCSE Music have successfully completed their DJ workshop for the Arts Mark Bronze Award.

They have spent the last 10 weeks learning how to DJ, using vinyl records and a mixing desk. The pupils have now all produced their own mix CD, which was recorded live with them mixing their chosen vinyl records.

The pupils learned how to scratch, speed up and slow down tracks, cross fade and use the needle.

Under the new GCSE syllabus, they are permitted to DJ as part of their Year 11 GCSE which is something that they are engaged by.



## Sports Day 2018

Our annual Sports Day took place on Friday 29th June, hosted at the Thames Valley Athletics Centre in Eton.

On a very hot summer's day with temperatures close to 30 degrees, over 200 children across Years 7 - 10 competed in a full range of track and field events, ably assisted by a team of twenty hard working, enthusiastic Year 10 Sports Leaders who really excelled and made a huge contribution to the success of the competition.

Sports Day, as always, was an extremely positive whole school event to end the academic year and a great example of how sport and physical activity can play a very important role in young people's development. Congratulations to every student who competed and to all the winners of our annual team and individual awards:

Year 7 Sportswoman of the Year: Maddie

Year 7 Sportsman of the Year: Kamo

Year 7 Sports Day Winners: **MANDELA**

Year 8 Sportswoman of the Year: Sian

Year 8 Sportsman of the Year: Feroz

Year 8 Sports Day Winners: **BRUNEL**

Year 9 Sportswoman of the Year: Wiktorina

Year 9 Sportsman of the Year: Kacper

Year 9 Sports Day Winners: **DEACON**

Year 10 Sportswoman of the Year: Iqra

Year 10 Sportsman of the Year: Awab

Year 10 Sports Day Winners: **BRUNEL**

Female Sports Leader of the Year: Iqra

Male Sports Leader of the Year: Scott

Overall Sports Day Winners 2018: **BRUNEL**





# Activity builds self-confidence

12 students went to Slough and Eton for a Girls Active event.

The purpose of this event was to influence more girls to be active and the girls were selected who don't tend to take part in PE clubs within school but do well within lessons.

They got to experience cricket, badminton, seated volleyball, golf, archery and golf.

The girls worked incredibly well and didn't want to leave, their confidence built throughout the day.



## Laser Run at Berkshire School Games

We took two teams to compete in a brand new event at the Berkshire School Games, hosted at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.

The event was called Laser Run which involves intervals of running cross country laps followed by shooting a laser gun at a target from distance.

The following students represented the school very well:

- Year 7/8 Team:

Maddie, Sian, Ibrahim, and Kamo

- Year 9/10 Team: Wiktor, Dominika, Awab, and Callum
- Congratulations to Callum (Year 10) who won his event.



During the summer term a group of Year 10 GCSE PE students began a programme of rowing coaching at Dorney Lake to support their GCSE practical assessment. After a short session in the Eton College High Performance gym which was led by a

team of three coaches the boys were out on the water, starting to develop their confidence and skills. The boys listed below all represented the school and were a credit: Ashton, Ronnie, Ciaran, Josh, Scott, Jaheim, Hamza, Ibraheem, Rizan.

## Rowing their way to success

## WEXHAM SCHOOL TWITTER



If you are keen to see the great work which takes place at Wexham on a weekly basis, why don't you follow us on twitter?



Our twitter account is:

@Wexham\_School

Governors rightly describe the school as aspirational, rapidly improving and socially cohesive. (Ofsted, November 2017)





## Great time and pizza for reward winners

The Year 10 reward visit winners had a fantastic time in London. They enjoyed the sites, sounds and the treat pizza they had for lunch!

Congratulations must be given to all the students who qualified for the school visit, for their achievements this year and for making the 'day out' a thoroughly enjoyable one.

## Year 11 Football Street League

Year 11 Street League winners enjoyed their reward trip to WWFC Adams Park. They had an all access tour including the changing rooms on match day, executive boxes and the press room. The students were inspired to see behind the scenes and this was a real treat for our keen football enthusiasts.



## Year 8 Tennis Leaders

Even in the final week of term a group of our Year 8 sports leaders have been busy, helping to deliver a Slough School Sport Network (SSSN) infant tennis event at Salt Hill Park on Monday 16th July, working with Year 1&2 children from five different Slough primary schools.



## Year 10 students build and programme an O2 Robot

12 year 10 students visited the O2 Telefonica building in July alongside students from various schools within the borough. Students were working in groups alongside students from other schools competing against one another.

They were asked to build and then programme a robot to follow a set path and then race against one another. It was a very enjoyable morning, and students definitely built on their teamwork, confidence and programming skills.



## Year 12 in Wales

The year 12s went on an external visit to Pembroke to conduct their A-level fieldwork! The students were able to collect a lot of data towards their coursework and develop their own research questions.

They learned a lot about coasts and conducting fieldwork while having a wonderful time with some amazing weather!

They represented the school exceptionally well and worked incredibly hard throughout the week.



## 2017-18 School Games Mark Success

We have again achieved the annual National School Games Mark Bronze Award for 2017-18.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of sporting opportunities and competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our efforts.

This is great news to end the school year with. Congratulations and thanks go to all our PE staff for making this possible, providing lots of varied opportunities for our students