



First class teaching environment

Lawrence Smith, headteacher at Wexham School, said: "We couldn't be happier with our school's new facilities. Feedback from students and teaching staff now using the Woodside Building has been extremely positive.

"Our new state-of-the-art teaching spaces will be instrumental in helping us build on this year's 'Good' Ofsted report, which stated the school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding."

Councillor Shabnum Sadiq, cabinet member for education and children, added: "The Woodside Building at Wexham School is a first-class teaching environment that is



already benefiting both pupils and staff.

"The outstanding learning environments we've built at Wexham School will serve to help our young people get the best start in life and we couldn't be more pleased to see them in use."

The Wexham School expansion project is being undertaken by Slough

Urban Renewal (SUR), a partnership between Slough Borough Council and Morgan Sindall Investments Ltd which is driving regeneration across the town including in leisure, housing, community and school buildings.

Andy Howell, SUR general manager, said: "This is a major addition to the school and we are delighted to have been able to deliver this new space to create a 21st century learning environment.

"It has been a pleasure working with the school on the construction project and creating wider educational benefits such as the BTEC Level 1 course."



Health and well-being at Wexham

A few of our students were selected to attend a specialist training session which had a fantastic turn out of Young Health Champions.



Our students were provided with an opportunity to learn new skills to build understanding and help others with mental health issues.

Important issues in workshop

A group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students were fortunate enough to take part in the Child Sex Exploitation workshop with the charity 'unblurred lines'.

They covered important issues such as Consent, appropriate use of Social Media and the importance of being assertive.

The activities were engaging and interactive, culminating in an exciting group work session where the students presented their own ideas.



Year 7 Horrible Histories Theatre Trip A Collective Review by Wexham Students

A lucky group of Year 7's went on an exciting trip to the Wycombe Swan Theatre to watch the show "Terrible Tudors". We really enjoyed the trip as it was a new experience and the theatre production included excellent acting and 3D special effects.



The show consisted of many parts linking to the Tudors such as King Henry VII, Tudor Crime and Punishment, Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. The first part of the show was mainly about the forming of the Tudors. We particularly enjoyed the song about Henry VIII's wives "Divorced, beheaded, died" some of us are still singing it!

The second part of the production was mostly in 3D, we had to wear 3D glasses which made it feel fully immersive and more realistic. Our favourite part was when Queen Elizabeth's image changed into skulls, scary faces and bloody images. To top it all off there was eerie music in the background which really got to us.

It all ended when "King James got his crown on" as he ended the Tudor Times and was King of the next generation. The performance taught us lots of things such as why Mary I became known as "Bloody Mary" and we also learnt the gory punishments for crimes in Tudor times.

Overall it was a really enjoyable experience and we would love to come back and hear the "Divorce, beheaded, died song" as it was so catchy!



Street League

A group of year 11 students travelled with Mr Iftekhar and Mr Shelton to Wycombe Wanderers Football Club where they received a tour of the ground and also watched a match against local rivals Oxford United.

This was part of their reward for winning the street league competition, which is an initiative that Wexham School have been working alongside Wycombe Wanderers FC to promote active engagement within the local community.

A huge congratulations to team Wexham for winning the competition and for demonstrating excellent attitudes throughout the programme.



Excellent Yr 7 assemblies on tolerance, diversity and British values



On 14th January, tutor group 7 Loveless delivered an excellent assembly on British Values to the rest of the Year 7 group.

They put in a huge amount of work and effort into planning and delivering this assembly. This included staying behind after school to prepare the resources and rehearse which enabled them to perform the assembly at such a high standard. Well done 7 Loveless!

On 3rd December, 7 Brunel planned and delivered an excellent assembly on the importance of Tolerance and celebrating our diversity.

It was a thought provoking presentation which covered important issues such as British Values, how we are different and what we should do if we witness a hate crime. The Year 7's all had a speaking part and spoke confidently and clearly. Excellent work!

Girls Active Programme

This term a group of our Year 8 and 9 girls have been leading weekly physical activity sessions for Key Stage 1 and 2 girls from Wexham Court Primary School every Thursday afternoon after school.

The purpose of the 'Girls Active' programme is to get girls motivating and supporting other girls to develop positive experiences of participation in regular physical activity and it is proving to be a great success with over 20 young girls keen to get active every week.

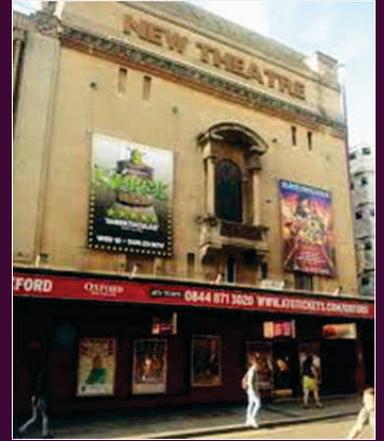
Furthermore, four of our leaders have now achieved the 'Youth Sport Award' from the Youth Sport Trust after accumulating 10 hours of voluntary coaching hours which is great for them to add to their profile. Congratulations to the following girls: Sian, Maddie, Rhianna and Dishaa.



Inspiring theatre visit to Oxford

69 Year 11 students visited the Oxford New Theatre to watch *Blood Brothers* by Willy Russell.

Blood Brothers is an exam text worth 20% of their GCSE English Literature and all GCSE Dramas students have to write about a live theatre review in their final written examination in the summer term.



The students really enjoyed watching the amazing display put on by the professional actors which has inspired them and engaged them further in their learning.



Young leaders experience the power of sport

During October we hosted the Slough School Sport Network (SSSN) badminton festival for Year 3 and 4 children from ten Slough primary schools.

Approximately 90 young children took part in a 10-station badminton festival led by a team of our sports leaders



who were excellent ambassadors for Wexham School.

Congratulations and thanks go to the all of the following children and a special mention to Maddie and Rhianna in Year 8 who received particular



praise and very positive feedback from several of the primary school teachers: Maddie, Rhiann, Dishaa, Kamo, Adil, Magda, Wiktorina, Dominika, Nergis, Haneef, Tyler



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Student Voice update

Thank you to all tutors and Leaders of Year who assisted in the election of the 2018/19 Student Council.

The first meeting took place on Wednesday and they have set to work on their first project.

They will be canvassing student opinions on the reward system and recording answers on the Questionnaire.

This information will then be used to make a real difference to the reward systems on a whole school level.



Sports Hall Athletics



A team of Year 8 students competed in the annual Slough Schools Athletics competition at Langley Grammar School.

Although we did not win the overall competition there were some excellent individual results:

Maddie - 1st place in the 4 lap and 6 lap races, 3rd place on the standing long jump

Marika - 2nd place in the 4 lap race

Nabil - 2nd place in the 6 lap race



Staff spotlight*Staff spotlight*Staff spotlight

My name is **Ruth Corrie** and I am in my 25th year of teaching at Wexham School.

I studied English Literature at University and went on to do teacher training so that I could share my love of reading and writing with the next generation.

I started my teaching career at Slough and Eton but when I was ready for a new challenge, the positive ethos and inclusive approach of Wexham really appealed to me.

We were known to be a 'School for all' back then and I'm happy to say that that belief continues to this day.

I'd been inspired by my own English Teacher when I was at school and

wanted to be just like her!
I am now so old that I taught



many of the parents of our current students! I have a lifetime of memories, so many in fact, that I might have to write a

- Fact File:
- Favourite Colour: Pink
- Favourite Season: Summer
- Favourite Number: I have no strong feelings about numbers!
- Favourite TV Series: Friends is timeless!
- Fun Fact: Ashley Cole the infamous England footballer is my second cousin.

book when I eventually retire.

Like most teachers, my hobbies include planning lessons and marking books. I do also find time to enjoy gardening and I always try to keep fit by swimming and running.

I feel very fortunate to have been part of the Wexham School community for so much of my career and the School will always have a special place in my heart.