

# Year 7 PSHEE - 'Eco Schools' Mini Field Trip

Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging 19.5 million children across 67 countries, making it the largest educational programme on the planet.

For nearly 25 years Eco-Schools has been empowering children to drive change and improve their environmental awareness through the simple Seven-Step framework in order to

achieve the international Eco-Schools Green Flag award.

Eco-Schools develops pupils' skills, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and creates financial savings for schools as well as a whole host of other benefits.



Our year 7 students were recently taking part in an on-site mini field trip. The students really enjoyed the practical and active nature of this approach to their learning.



## A better school through effective governance

Governors for Schools exist to improve educational standards so that children and young people have the chance to realise their full educational potential.

At Wexham we believe the key to improving school performance is effective governance. By finding, nurturing and supporting a committed network of governors we help to drive systematic change in how Wexham operates.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Mr. Harish Verma as your new parent Governor who started his term of Office in January 2019.

Should any other parents be interested in becoming a governor at Wexham School please contact the Headteacher or Chair of Governors for further information and to arrange a tour of the school. *To find out more about Harish see page 4.*



# Girls Rugby with London Irish RFC

Located at the London Irish training ground, and spiritual home of the club, in Sunbury-on-Thames; London Irish Amateur Rugby Football Club welcome players aged 5 to 55!

Some of our students have been incredibly lucky to have specialist rugby coaches from the club visit them in their PE lessons. Our students (as you can see from the photographs) have relished the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge of this team sport.

London Irish is providing girls and women with the opportunity to be part of the London Irish rugby family. London Irish is one of the most respected and well-known Rugby Clubs in the world with a culture of openness and inclusivity, which is supported by the Wexham School ethos and values.

This is a partnership that we will be looking to expand upon in the future.



## Maths Challenge

Recently a group of Year 9 students participated in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge, held by the UK Mathematics Trust. The challenge aims to stimulate mathematical problem solving.

The challenge is a national one and we were very pleased to have 4 successful students being awarded certificates for their efforts. The successful students were:

- Iqra (silver award)
- Safa (Bronze award)
- Zimam (Bronze award)
- Danish (Bronze award)



## Getting close to people affected by conflict



Recently, 42 of our Year 9 GCSE History students visited the Imperial War Museum London.

IWM is a family of five museums and historic sites covering war and conflict from the First World War to the present day.

Their sites and unique collection of objects tell the human stories of lives engulfed in war and show how conflict has shaped the world in which we all live.

IWM was founded in the midst of the First World War with a mission to preserve and tell the stories of all kinds of people, not only from Britain but from the countries of its empire.

As well as their permanent displays, they have a dynamic programme of temporary exhibitions, events and educational activities which helped our students to get close to the lives of those affected by war and to develop a deeper understanding of its effect on the world.

## Curling off the ice

New age Kurling is a form of the original curling game, but adapted so that it can be played indoors on any smooth, flat surface, such as a sports hall, rather than on ice.

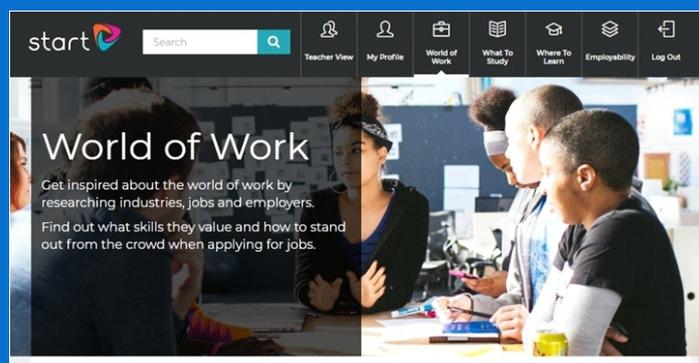
Our students have been provided with an opportunity to take part in this sporting activity and we have students attending the Berkshire Games in July to represent Slough.



There will be a feature article in the next edition of @wexham



## Year 8: Final session of START careers package



Students in year 8 have been using an online system to raise their career aspirations and help them to become more informed about which career they would like to pursue in the future.

# Year 10 Centrica Visit



As part of the school enrichment programme, a group of Year 10 students visited Centrica in Windsor. It was a fascinating insight into one of the national companies to supply power to British citizens.

The students really enjoyed the school visit and most certainly opened their eyes to what they could do with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) education.

One of the students said: *"I found the trip interesting and insightful; it was a massive place and I got a real idea of how a big company works."*



## Our competitors at District Athletics

This year's Slough schools district athletics competition was held at the Thames Valley Athletics Centre in Eton.

This event takes place during the school day from 9.00am - 2.00pm and there was approximately 10 children from each year group involved (Years 7-10).

The following children competed for the school:

### Year 7

Richard (BR), Rachid (BR), Ahmed (BR), Junior (DE), Ahmad (DE), Abdifitah (DE), Dodou (LO), Mahesh (LK), Noor (DE), Paige (DE), Jaiyana (DE), Arisha (DE), Madison (DE), Hawwa (LO), Hari-Anna (LO)

### Year 8

Ibrahim (LO), Gabriel (LK), Daniel (LK), Michael (LK), Aneel (LK), Nabil (LK), Courtney (BR), Marika (DE), Azza (DE), Saba (LO), Aurelsa (PA), Rhianna (PA), Dishaa (PA)

### Year 9

Michael (BR), Angel (DE), Feroz (MA), Zak (PA), Jordan (PA), Rodrigo (PA), Sian (BR), Abigail (BR), Magda (BR), Maria (PA)

### Year 10

Abdulshahid (DE), Jahmeel (LK), Sharu (LK), Nergis (LK), Oscar (LK), Ajmal (PA), Jayden (PA), Kacper (PA), Wiktorina (BR), Karolina (DE)

## Outstanding learners workshop

Recently a group of year 7 and 8 students have been discussing what outstanding learners in the classroom look like.

The students have created a range of key skills and attributes that outstanding learners look like in every day practice.

The students are now currently being trained up to act as student mentors and this programme will be developed further leading into the next academic school year. Watch this space.



# WEXHAM SCHOOL TWITTER

Our twitter account is: @Wexham\_School

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?

## Year 9 Passport day

Our year 9 students recently attended a Passport Day at Bucks University.

The day intended to raise their awareness of higher education and show Wexham students that University is an achievable option open to them in the future and this school visit most certainly did this.

Wexham students looked at a range of different Universities and courses that are available to them in the future.

They explored the characteristics expected in a University student, and also considered the differences between school and university and considered what it would be like to be a University student.

The sessions were supported by Student Ambassadors, who are currently studying at Bucks New University. This allowed Wexham students to discover first hand what it is like to study at a University as well as finding out how the University students selected where to go and what to study.

The course was delivered at the High Wycombe Campus, which also allowed Wexham students to look around the University, to get a feel for the facilities available and the atmosphere on campus.



## Inter-form rounders



We had an excellent turn-out from the Year 8 students on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May for their inter-form rounder's competition. Every tutor group fielding a full team of girls and boys combined.

The atmosphere was good with over 50 children participating. Congratulations to 8 Brunel who were the winning form. We will have one more attempt at a Year 7 competition next half-term after a very low attendance on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May which resulted in the event not going ahead.



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My Name is Harish Verma I am currently a Driving Instructor and a Parent Governor of Wexham School.

My background is in Information Technology. I gained a HND in Computer Studies in the late 80's from what was then called Slough College of Higher Education which became Thames Valley University.

I was involved in the procurement and sales of IT software to corporate clients Protocol software for underlying networks and e-business intelligence software

I wanted to become a parent governor so that I could have an influence on the continuous improvement and the quality of teaching given to the students at Wexham School. I have two of my own children attending the school so I want to ensure their education was going to be improved as well as the rest of the students and for students coming in future years.

Also I want to improve how the governing body communicates with the parents and to remind the governing body that matters being discussed affect parents.

### Why I chose Wexham School.

I chose Wexham as I have known the school for a long time, since 2005. This was during the years when Jeff Richardson was Headteacher. My



cousins went to school here and they both went on to get very good degrees.

The school used to hold cultural evenings once a year where on the main stage acts were put on to do with the different cultures in the school and surrounding area.

The school had a link with a village in Africa where the local ladies would visit us and show the school the village culture and the chanting they did. With local acts like Elvis and dhol players. The evening ended by the school being turned into a restaurant and parents invited to try the food which was being served from the main hall by parents who had made it and an outside barbeque taking place and students showing parents to candle lit tables to enjoy.

Having researched Slough schools, and knowing what this school offered, this was a better school for my children even though I have to travel quite a distance every morning to get them to school. The school is improving and is getting better and better I hope to be a part of this improvement.

I have no hesitation if someone asks me where they should send their children. I will always say Wexham as with the improvements being made it will become 'OUTSTANDING'.