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The newsletter for Wexham School

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GCSE 2019 - What a set of Results!

For students all over the country, GCSE results day marks the culmination of years of study and weeks of revision. For teachers and schools the results are equally important, as they impact league tables and Ofsted standings.



Team Wexham had a successful improvement this year in our results and we felt it important to share some of the individual successes that some of our students achieved. And wish all our students continued success.



Tala achieved an incredible eight grade 6's across all of his GCSE results. Well done!



Incredible Rithvik - who joined team Wexham a year ago and achieved an amazing double 9 grade in double Science. He also achieved an amazing four grade 7's and above.

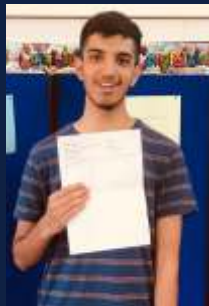


Rifah achieved an amazing grade 9 in her Business Studies GCSE and seven grade 8's across all of her GCSE results.

Amazing Afra - She achieved an amazing five grade 8's including Physics, Chemistry, Maths



Abubakr achieved an amazing four grade 9's including Maths, Chemistry and Physics.



Harvind - he achieved a magnificent seven grade 6's and above including Physics, Maths, Chemistry, Biology and English.



First Day at Wexham 2019

The first day at school is a milestone for both parents and students.

While you may be going through a mixture of emotions to try not to pass on any anxieties to your child. Most children settle into school quickly.

Our year 7 students have settled down and continue to grow and are enjoying their new School and learning activities that take place on a daily basis.



Show me the way!

Recently our year 10 Geography students visited the world famous Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove to investigate the physical processes affecting both coastal areas.

This field trip provided our students with real life learning experiences which will prove invaluable to them when they sit their final examinations at the end of year 11.



They also travelled to the Olympic Park and East Village in Central London to investigate how urban regeneration affects the environmental quality of an area.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the trips and are making effective use of their new found knowledge in these aspects of physical and human Geography.



6th Form Reward Trip

A range of our year 12 students became thrill seekers, towards the end of the Summer term.

We attended Absolute Go Karting in Maidenhead where they have a double level Go Karting track which is taking Go Karting to a whole new level!

The awesome double level track was an exciting, safe and challenging circuit, meaning that our students were able to improve their go karting skills while having fun too.



@WEXHAM AWARDS 2019

Firstly, a huge heart felt thank you to all involved in the awards event that happened at the end of October. The event attendance dramatically increased from last year, which was excellent!

The event was well received by the staff, students and parents of the Wexham school community and year 13 student Umair Hanif gave an excellent closing speech.

For a full update of award winners, please visit our

school twitter site

@Wexham_School

for a full list of this years award winners!



The Creative Arts Summer Showcase event



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?

Summer term PE reward trip



In July the PE department took 20 students to Salt Hill Park Activity Centre in Slough for an end of term reward trip. The children had a great afternoon doing a high ropes course, ten-pin bowling and trampolining.

Year 10 GCSE PE Rowing



After a positive first session in July, we visited the centre of excellence and world class rowing centre at Eton Dorney Lake.

Our students were able to make use of the world class facilities and were coached by specialist coaches to help them develop and further improve their skills and knowledge in this Olympic sport.

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My name is Jade McGowan and I am the Leader of Modern Foreign Languages at Wexham School.

I never thought that I would become a teacher. In fact, I had no idea of what I wanted to do or be! It was not until studying for my A-Levels that my form tutor said that I would make an excellent teacher. So that was that, I was going to be a teacher!

My parents were extremely surprised that I chose to become a French teacher because nobody in my family speaks French!

Being from the Midlands, I studied French and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) at Coventry University and then completed a PGDipEd at Birmingham University.

During this time, I taught English in two secondary schools in the north of France. It was terrifying living and



working in a new country but it gave me the self-confidence to believe that I could do anything!

I thoroughly enjoy working with young people. Learning another language is certainly very difficult but it is also extremely rewarding. I aim to bring enjoyment, motivation and inspiration to the classroom and also inspire others that anything is possible with a little grit and determination!

In my spare time, I love playing sport! I play competitive netball for two different teams and I regularly run. I have competed in 5km, 10km and half-marathon races. I enjoy pushing myself to accomplish something that I once thought was never possible!

Fact File:
 Favourite colour: Blue
 Favourite season: Autumn (not too hot, not too cold)
 Favourite number: 24
 Favourite TV series: Game of Thrones
 Fun fact: I am a Tottenham Hotspur fan!

Student Voice @ Wexham 2019

Student voice is the thoughts, views and opinions of students on an educational journey.

Most schools, colleges and Higher Education institutions in the United Kingdom have Student Voice, where students are consulted on their learning experience - or debate issues that are affecting students.

Student voice is an integral part of ensuring learners



experience of Wexham students.

receive an outstanding educational experience and that students feel empowered to be active in either making curriculum or institution wide change.

Our recent elections have been concluded and the student voice body now have a busy year ahead of planned meetings to really make a difference to the learning

Summer term PE reward trip

This experience was a perfect educational visit for our year 9 students. The students had an enjoyable day and cannot wait to visit again soon!

Suspended above the forest floor, bounce, climb and jump to your hearts content!

All of the nets are completely enclosed - the jumbo hammock-like netting to keep you all as safe as treehouses and absolutely no specialist equipment is required.

PE teacher Mr. Gibbs was also enjoying the trip and getting involved in the fun!



Musical billionaire

Some of our students were provided with the opportunity to attend the Wycombe Swan theatre to watch David Walliams' Billionaire Boy. The students thoroughly enjoyed this enrichment opportunity.

"Shiny pop tunes...a great script with topical gags, funny jokes, but also a smart self-awareness. Silly enough for children and witty enough for adults."



A Level Results Day 2019

The team at Wexham celebrated some excellent A Level results and destinations for our year 13 students during the end of the Summer holidays.



Congratulations to **Umer** who achieved an A grade in Sociology and is off to read Computer Science at Brunel

Calvin did exceptionally well achieving a double distinction in his Computer Science course and is off to read Computer Science at Portsmouth University.



Jasraj achieved an A grade in Maths and is off to Cardiff to read Civil Engineering.

Abhejit achieved a grade B and 2 C grades. He is off to read English Literature at Roehampton University.



Life at the Tudor Court



Our year 8 students were inspired recently when visiting the Home to Henry VIII. They were impressed with the architecture but also relished the opportunity of such an educational visit.

In the 1500s, a monarch's home was the centre of the nation. Wherever the monarch resided, he or she would be surrounded by the court. These were people of high rank and their servants.

Under the Tudors, Hampton Court Palace was a seat of government, a pleasure palace and a hotel. Here the big decisions were made; where you could seek favour and patronage, but also enjoy yourself in fine style.



PE & Sport Awards

In July, we hosted our first PE & Sport Awards evening which was very well attended and a definite success.

It was great to celebrate the genuine achievements and efforts of some of our students across a diverse range of activities. Both the students and their parents were clearly very happy and proud.



Year 7 Accelerated Reader Word Millionaires

At Wexham we invest in the Accelerated Reader program which helps to motivate, monitor, and manage our students' independent reading practice. It is pleasing to see that we have

achieved so many world millionaires who have developed a true love for reading during their early years at Wexham. Long may it continue!



Holocaust Survivor

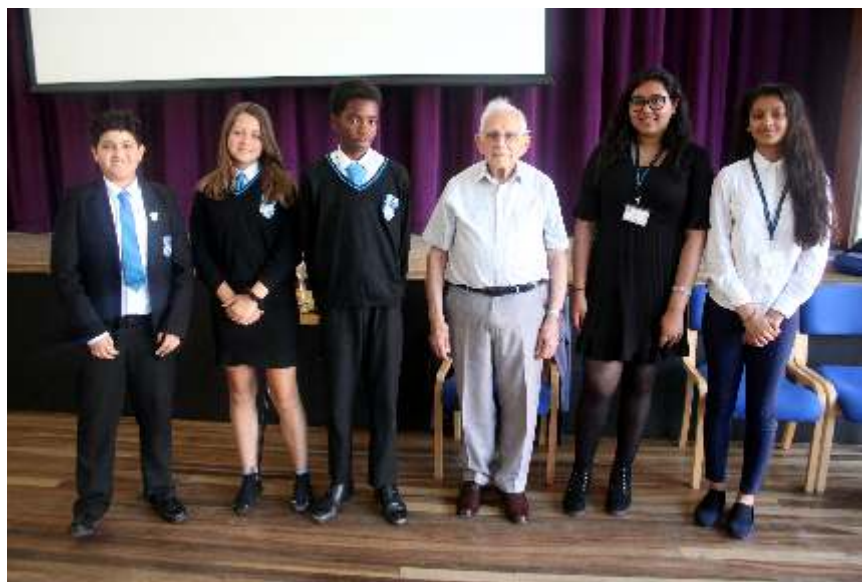
Our students were provided with the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor who very kindly shared his experiences with us during assembly.

Our students listened attentively to Mr Olnier and were inspired by the amazing stories that he shared!

The Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jewish people by the

Nazi regime and its allies and collaborators.

Holocaust is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire." The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were "racially superior" and that the Jews, deemed "inferior," were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community.



School Games Mark 2018-19

Team wexham have been awarded the School Games Mark Bronze Award in recognition of our ongoing provision and delivery of extra-curricular PE opportunities for our students.



Berkshire Youth Games

In June two teams from Wexham competed at the Berkshire School Games, this was held at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre.

We took part in the New Age Kurling finals plus the open Laser Run event. A huge congratulations to Wiktorja (Year 10) and Sian (Year 9) who won the senior girls Laser Run making them Berkshire Games Champions for 2019.

In addition to the competitive events our students were also able to experience cycling, martial arts and bell boating which altogether made for a great day of physical activity.

The mission of the Berkshire School Games 'To inspire and enthuse young people in Berkshire through the power of sport and the Olympic and Paralympic Games'

