

14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the conclusion of this academic year I really do want to thank you for all your incredible support. It has been a challenging year with all the changing restrictions caused by Covid but we have continued in our relentless pursuit to do the very best for our students and with many events this term it will be a busy end to the year.

Just before we broke up for Half Term our external School Effectiveness Partner, Anthony Billings, who regularly visits the school, met with groups of Year 7, 10 and 12 students to ask about certain aspects of school life. I was very pleased to hear some of their positive comments. All the students felt that teaching continues to be good in the school and I was really encouraged that the students who had been in the school the longest report that the school continues to improve overtime. This is always my message to students in assembly. Try hard, never give up and always seek continuous improvement. It's what we should all aim for.

The students also mentioned, especially Year 12, the plethora of activities and extensive support with their future study and career aspirations they receive. They also like the way they feel supported and the school's diversity and acceptance of students from all different backgrounds. Year 7 reported how friendly the school is, and they liked the curriculum, achievement points, and encouragement from staff when they are struggling. Overall they have a very positive view of school and the quality of relationships with each other and teachers. They feel safe and know about safeguarding and who to report to if they have a concern about themselves or others.

After the many challenges this year I am exceptionally pleased with this feedback. We will of course always aim high and continue to improve.

## Canteen Feedback

Innovate our canteen providers are keen to receive feedback from you. If you could complete their survey via the link or QR code they would most welcome this.

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## Sports Day 2022

Sports Day will be held at the Thames Valley Athletic Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> July. This will be the first time since 2019 we have held our traditional Sports Day at the Centre. We will be transporting by students to and from school by coach to the centre but with 200 additional students in the school since we last held this if as many parents as possible can drop off and pick up their children from the centre that would really help us speed things up on the day. Further details will be released on this nearer the time. Parents are welcome to come and watch on the day.

## Change to School Day

I wish to thank the whole school community for a very smooth transition back to our traditional school day. Year 7 seem to have been the most effected at lunchtime due to the change. After a year of having the lunch break with only Year 11, and since the exams started the run of the school to themselves at lunch, I know it is strange to suddenly be on lunch with so many other students. Year 7 will become accustomed to this very quickly.

The other pressure is at the end of the school day. It is busier now all students have returned to leaving the school at the same time. However, this is mainly caused by cars and I would urge all our students that are close enough to walk to school or cycle. This is of course beneficial to their health.

## School Uniform for September

This can now be purchased from two suppliers.

Diffusion Designer Ltd  
104 -105 Queensmere Shopping Centre  
Slough  
SL1 1DQ  
Telephone 01753 206890  
Website – [www.diffusionkids.com](http://www.diffusionkids.com)

School Days Direct Ltd (from the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022)  
20A Buckingham Avenue  
Slough  
SL1 4QA  
Telephone 01628 665353  
Website – [www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk](http://www.schooldaysdirect.co.uk)

## Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones can be brought to school in order to support student's safety on the way to and from school. However, they MUST NEVER disrupt a lesson and should never be seen in lessons. Mobile phones can be used sensibly at break and lunchtimes. HEADPHONES cannot be used in school and therefore should not be seen. This is for Health and Safety reasons. Mobile phones and headphones will be confiscated if the above is not followed and a parent/carer will need to collect them.

## Covid Symptoms

Whilst Covid may be very low in the school and community at the present time a reminder not to send your child to school if they have symptoms. These now include and are the same for children and adults. High temperature or shivering (chills), a new, continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, shortness of breath, feeling tired or exhausted, an aching body, a headache, a sore throat, a blocked or runny nose, loss of appetite, diarrhoea or feeling sick or being sick.

If anyone at school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, they will be sent home. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> April there is no expectation that anyone tests. Students with symptoms should be kept home for 3 days and return to school when they feel better and no longer have a temperature. Essentially Covid is now being treated as any other illness.

## Face Masks

The school will no longer be providing face masks to the few students who continue to wear one. With Covid so low at the moment and the Omicron variant so mild I would like to encourage those students still wearing face mask to stop. I understand that some may have underlying health conditions or be living at home with relatives that do and therefore this will still be their choice to wear one but it must be brought from home.

## District Athletics

There were some notable performances and successes for our students at the recent District Athletics competition on Friday 27th May. With all Slough Schools competing, the following students finished in the medal placings in their respective events and I would like to say well done, the school community is very proud of your amazing achievement.

### Year 8

R Sunday - High Jump: Silver  
N Khan - Javelin: Gold

J Durosaro - Shot Put: Bronze  
N Khan - Hurdles: Bronze

L Cooke - 300m: Gold  
L Clark - Shot Put: Bronze

### Year 9

R Evans - 100m: Silver  
S Adonis - Discus: Bronze

R Evans - Long Jump: Gold  
N Achegaf - 800m: Bronze

M Gharib - Javelin: Gold

R Evans, M Gharib, , N Achegaf, J Bulawski - 4 x 100m Relay: Bronze

### Year 10

Y Bououne - Long Jump: Silver

J Jonski - High Jump: Gold

## Wexham School App

In order to help communication the school has launched an App. To access this please follow these instructions.

- Firstly, you will need to download the app from either the iTunes App Store , Google Play or Windows Store by clicking on the relevant buttons below or by loading up the app store on your phone and searching for '**School News**'.
- Once you have located and downloaded the free app, launch the app and you will then be able to either click on the '**Find my school**' button which uses the phones GPS to locate all the schools in the surrounding 20 miles, or you can type in the school's postcode and click on '**Get my school**' button. The school's postcode is: **SL2 5QP**. You will then see a list of schools that use the app. Click on Wexham School to view news and events.
- You will then be able to click on the '**News**' button to view all of the latest news items that have been added to the Wexham School Website and also all of the upcoming calendar events by clicking on the '**Events**' button.
- Clicking on '**My Schools**' will display a list of schools that you view news and events for. Clicking on one of the schools will the display the school address, telephone number and email address which you can click on to either phone or email the school directly from the app.

Please do remember that letters will not always be posted to you. When a new letter is placed on the website parents will be texted or emailed so please do check.

## Wexham School Twitter Feed

To follow us on Twitter please go to @WexhamSchool

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 holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of this academic year.

Thank you for your continuing support. I wish everyone a lovely half term holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith  
Headteacher

## Term and Important Dates 2021 – 2022

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sports Day at Thames Valley Stadium
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 -	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET

## Term and Important Dates 2022 – 2023

Please note these are subject to change at this stage

Autumn Term	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	First Day of Term for Students in <b><u>Year 7 only</u></b> 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Year 7 - 8.35 for 8.40am start. Year 10 and 11 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Year 8 and 9 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Delayed start to school day due to Open Evening previous night – School starts at 9.30am
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.