

9th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new term. I hope all our families had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

It has been an interesting start to the term due to national events. A change of Prime Minister and Head of State in the same week must be unheard of in our history. The sad news yesterday of the death of Queen Elizabeth II will have an impact on the country and schools over the coming weeks. I will write again once details of any school closures for the Queen's funeral are announced. In regards to school we will hold special assemblies to mark this. Our local church, St Mary's on Church Lane, has also opened a book of condolence. Should any parent want their child to contribute to this and let them be part of such an historic event please let us know and we can easily pop down with them during the school day.

Student Numbers

As you are aware Wexham is a growing school. The school now has more students on roll than at anytime in its history. Whilst growth has been seen over the last few years from incoming Year 7 groups, I am exceptionally pleased to see that growth is also happening in our Sixth Form. Last year we enrolled the largest Year 12 cohort for many years, this has been beaten this year. In particular we have begun to appeal more broadly to a large number of external students wishing to continue their studies with us. As such I am pleased to say our recruitment for new staff was exceptionally strong last term. However, amongst some of the new staff I announced in my letter in July are two key appointments for the school. Mrs Bahra is our new Leader of Year 7 and Mrs Sheehan our new Leader of Year 10.

Results

Whilst our A Level and GCSE results remain provisional until October, I am pleased that our A Level results were considerably better than in 2019 and our GCSE results at the moment on par with 2019, but should rise. Our 2019 GCSE results were a strong set of results for the school. National comparisons are being made to 2019, the last year when students sat formal examination. Given so much disruption over the last few years I am incredibly proud of the effort and dedication our students put in. Parag Bassi deserves a special mention for achieving A* A* A in his A Level results.

School Uniform

Our students have returned this week in very smart uniform. Thank you. Over the summer a lot of media attention focused on school uniform. Please do rest assured that we have sourced the best for value uniform and is now available from two suppliers. If parents are facing genuine difficulties, please do contact your child's Leader of Year and we may be able to offer support. I would also be interested in old/outgrown useable blazers, jumpers and sports kits to be donated back to the school so we can reuse them where we can.

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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, BUT NOT between lessons. 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 from reception, no exception.

Changes in school

As you may have seen we have redesigned our front car park over the summer to make this properly one way and therefore safer. Please do adhere to the new one-way system. This has increased parking. The tennis court at the front of the school can now also be used for parking. However, students that can really must walk or cycle to school, this is better for their health and the environment.

In order to enhance our facilities further we have opened up a new hard surface basketball/netball/tennis courts at the back of school. This is a great additional asset for PE lessons but also for students at break and lunchtime.

Wexham School Twitter Feed

To follow us on Twitter please go to @Wexham_School
Alongside our website this really does give you an amazing insight into daily life at Wexham.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to working with you all over the coming year.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2022 – 2023

Please note these are subject to change at this stage

Autumn Term	Wednesday 14 th September	Post 16 Pathway Evening 5.30 – 7pm
	Tuesday 27 th September 2022	Open Evening – 5.30 – 7pm
	Wednesday 28 th September 2022	Delayed start to school day due to Open Evening previous night – School starts at 9.30am
	Thursday 6 th October 2022	Sixth Form Open Evening 5 – 6.30pm
	Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening – Exams/Revision
	Thursday 20 th October 2022	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Friday 21 st October 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 31 st October 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	@Wexham Awards Evening – by invitation
	Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 16 th December 2022	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 19 th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 12 th January 2023	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Tuesday 31 st January 2023	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 10 th February 2023	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th February 2023	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 20 th February 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 9 th March 2023	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 31 st March 2023	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 17 th April 2023	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Tuesday 18 th April 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Thursday 27 th April 2023	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Monday 1 st May 2023	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 27 th May 2023	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 5 th June 2023	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 21 st July 2023	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.