

14th October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The school has had a very successful start to the new academic year. Thank you for all the continuing support you provide for your children in their learning and helping us to ensure they enjoy and achieve.

Thank you for the incredible turn out we had for Progress Day and for all the surveys that were completed, I will talk about this in more detail below. Also thank you to all the students that helped out on Open Evening, they were excellent ambassadors for the school. It was our best attended Open Evening for many years with nearly 200 people touring the school.

Children in Need

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on 18th November in aid of Children in Need. Normally we ask for a £1 for students wishing to take part. However, I have been so impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of the students since our return the school will make a charitable donation instead and therefore this should be as a reward. Students of course can still donate in school and I am sure as usual there will be cake sales etc. for them to also take part in.

Last Day of Half Term

A reminder that Thursday 20th October is the last day of this Half Term for students. The School will reopen on Monday 31st October at the normal time.

Parental Survey

I am extremely pleased by the feedback we have received via our survey. 316 parents in Years 8-13 completed the survey. This represents nearly two thirds of the school community due to siblings in different year groups. 96% of parent agreed that their child is happy at Wexham, only 2% disagreed. This to me is always the most important statistic. I was also incredibly pleased with the large number of extremely positive comments that you made. Thank you. We always aim to do better. That is the message I always tell students in assembly because no matter how good something is we can always seek improvement.

12% of parents disagreed that we make you aware of what your child learns throughout the year. If you go to our website and follow the curriculum pathway to departments there is an outline of each subject and you can open the subject intent to see overarching themes of what your child will learn. However, I have now added a curriculum map for each subject, if you open this you can see what your child will be learning at any specific time throughout each Year group. The other area that was high was 'my child can take part in clubs and activities', 7% of parents disagreed with this. I believe this may be a reflection that until April last year lots of things kept being impacted by Covid regulations, especially trips. However, as we get more and more things up and running I hope many more students will be able to participate.

Year 7 Parents completed a separate survey which was mainly focused on transition. However, I am exceptionally pleased at this early stage 100% of parents agreed their child had settled well in Wexham. 99% of parents agreed their child feels safe and 92% agreed their child is doing well so far, 0% disagreed but I understand that 8% were unsure because it is so early. However, overall I am really pleased with this most positive endorsement and Year 7 have indeed settled in really well which is excellent.

Parents in Years 7-9 – Music

Despite an excellent round of recruitment for September I have been unable to find a suitable Music teacher. We are running Music for those students that opted for this in Year 10. We are also running peripatetic lessons for those students that have expressed an interest in all year groups. We are also sourcing specialist companies to come in and run sessions for students which will start to take place soon, so that children have access to a musical education. The school timetable is set up so that should I find a teacher lessons will begin immediately with no changes. Indeed I am interviewing again next week for this subject.

School Uniform

Our students continue to have very smart uniform, thank you. 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 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/carers will need to collect them from reception, no exception.

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	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.