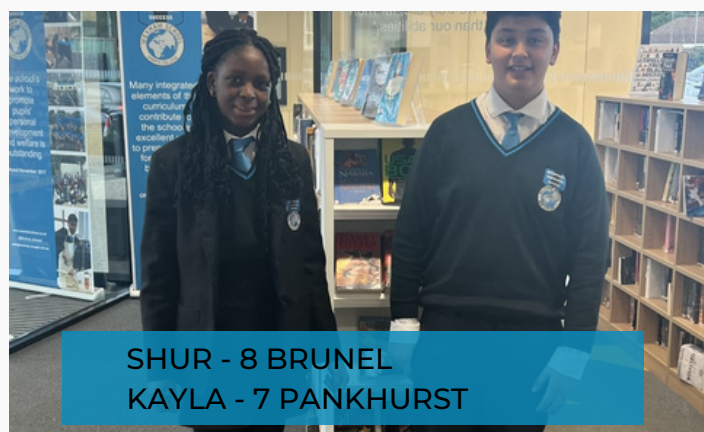


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SPELLING BEE FINALS

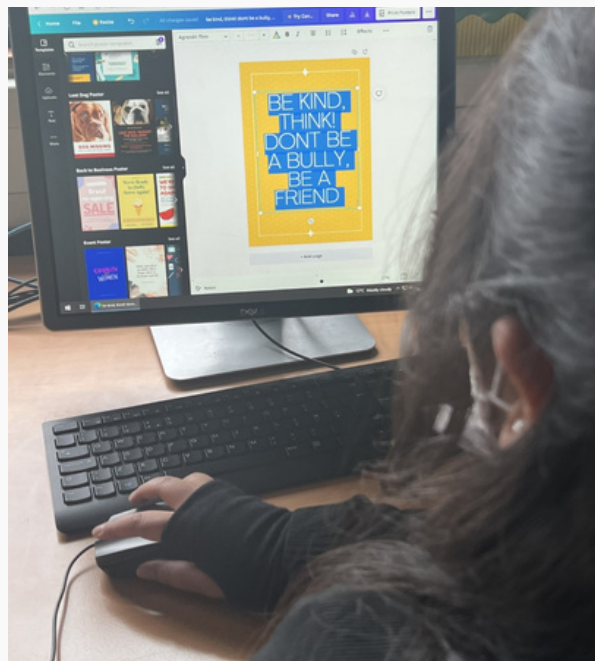
A huge congratulations to all finalists who took part in the first Wexham Spelling Bee. Every House in years 7 and 8 were represented and the winners of the event are pictured below.



A big thank you to Mrs. Stephenson for presenting the finals and also to the tutor teams for supporting the first round of the event where all students took part and have earned points for the end of year House competition.



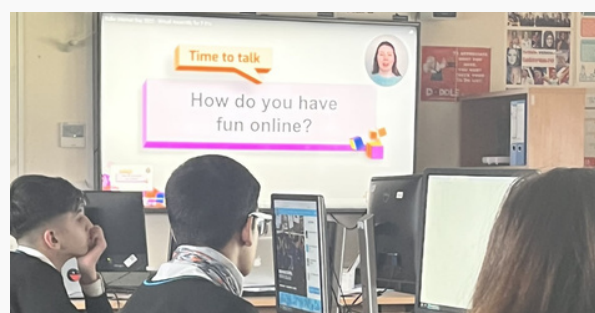
Pictured are the finalists from the first Spelling Bee competition.



National Internet Safety Day



All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. In recent ICT lessons all students have been exploring how to stay safe online. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, our students are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. The focus for this year for Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrated our students role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers online.





Art Club Exploring Portraiture

Key Stage 3 Art Club has been running every Wednesday after school with growing numbers (approximately 30). The year 7's have been creating covering advanced skills in portraiture and experimenting with mixed media to link in with their curriculum project. The year 8's and 9's have been creating acrylic landscape paintings in the style of the Impressionists.



Year 7 Celebrating Success 🏆

Year 7 gathered in the sports hall for the end of term assembly. Students were given certificates and a chocolate eggs for subject nominations. Students were nominated for one of two categories: attitude to learning and outstanding progress. We are very pleased at the number of nominations we have received from teachers this half term. We enjoy this assembly and the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the Year 7 students. (Phots attached)



STEM CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who won a National competition (out of tens of thousands of applicants!) to be able to participate in the VWEX (virtual work experience week) 14-18 February 2022:

Summer, Arisha, Jaiyana, Junior, Darien, Abdul, Wiam, Venkat, Muhammed, Adam, Mohammed, Danial, Fareedat and Paige.

Their work included exposure as industry cadets, designing blue tooth apps for home applications, simplifying routines and connecting to home appliances. They presented the apps to leading industrialists.

They engaged in independent and group work and applied themselves to timescale. Aside from opening their mindset to STEM vocations they also readied themselves to life after Wexham augmenting their communication skills in CV writing and IT.

They were amazing! A special thank you to Miss Edwards, Miss Facer and Mrs Spina-Beatty for giving up their valuable time in making this a huge success.



GIRLS GET SET!

Year 9 girls prepared and delivered presentations to an audience of General Electric employees, as well as students and staff from schools around the country. This was, undoubtedly, an entirely new experience for the girls who wouldn't have had the opportunity to demonstrate their presenting skills to an audience of this size before, albeit remotely. However, we were thoroughly impressed by the tremendous composure the girls showed, with both groups delivering truly impressive presentations and holding their own when put on the spot to answer all the questions put to them by their audience. Real notable performances on the day were from the following students: Mahnoor, Raisa, Marrwa, Jaimy, Adhyasree, Seerat, and Jannat.

Impact of our Invention			
Activity			
Operation	Problems	Action(s) Taken	Results
Getting out of bed on the alarm	Snoozing the alarm - multiple times means 10+ mins wasted	Invention of the alarm bed device	Bed wakes you up instantaneously at the sound of the alarm
Before Project			
Process Time - Waking up: 10-25 minutes Bathroom: 10-15 minutes Changing: 10-12 minutes Preparing for school: 5-10 minutes Breakfast: 15-20 minutes Total time: 50 minutes - 1 hour 22 minutes # of tasks - 5			
After Project			
Process Time - Waking up: 1 minute Bathroom: 10-15 minutes Changing: 10-12 minutes Preparing for school: 5-10 minutes Breakfast: 15-20 minutes Total time: 41 minutes - 58 minutes # of tasks - 5 % time saved = $24/82 \times 100 = 29.3\%$			

Sports Leaders Leading the way for local Primary students



Recently a group of our Sports Leaders were in action at the SSSN Primary school sports hall athletics competition that Wexham School recently hosted.

Our leaders ranged from Years 9 - Year 13 and it was an excellent enrichment opportunity for them all. They were a credit to the school and their support helped the day run smoothly.

Laura Brookstein (Governor and Chair of the SSSN) said "This day was a true success and as always, would never be possible without the amazing young leaders"

Girls Football Festival



Recently, a group of our Year 9 and 10 girls attended a football festival at Arbour Park Stadium in Slough. This was a great enrichment experience for the girls at a quality sporting venue. The day was hosted by the Slough School Sport Network, and it included three practical football sessions led by a female futsal coach and staff from the Berks & Bucks FA. Additionally, there were two indoor conference room sessions.

One was led by 'Aik Saath', focussing on the importance of tolerance and community cohesion, the other led by 'Sport in Mind' focussing on mental health and wellbeing through sport. Altogether, this was an insightful and positive day for the girls as part of their wider secondary school education.





Deal Or No Deal In BTEC Travel and Tourism

The Y12 Travel & Tourism class brushed up on their acting skills recently when they performed role plays as part of their vocational assessments. They had to take on the role of a travel agent selling cruise holidays. They were assessed on their cruise industry knowledge, appearance, customer service and sales skills. The class rose to the challenge, with some excellent examples of customer service and closing of sales techniques being displayed.

6th Form volunteers gardening in the Spring



The following Sixth Form students took a break from traditional classroom learning to reach out into our local community. They volunteered their time to help the staff and students at Wexham Court Primary school.

They assisted in the building of their polytunnel and aided them in planting seeds. This will be a great addition for our local primary students and a fantastic resource for the Primary school.

The students involved in the project were:
Namra, Ahmed, Safa, Fatima, Zak and Isaaq.



Inclusion for EAL students



Inclusive practice in EAL. Our students have been studying non-fiction writing- a biography of Anne Frank. Starting the topic with identifying symbols of WWII. Students completed puzzles first. A great example of how engaged non-speakers of English can be. If you are short of ideas of how to adapt your teaching units and want to discuss techniques, please pop in to see Kasia.





Girls Get Set for Bronze Award



In the latest of the Girls Get Set events for our Year 9's, the girls were getting 'hands on' and creative recently - designing, planning, discussing and then finally putting their invention together in their efforts to achieve the Industrial Cadets Bronze Award. One of the more vital skills required on the day was teamwork, which they certainly showed a huge amount of. All students had a role to play, and they were excellent at making group decisions and delegating tasks before coming together to combine their efforts. We were incredibly proud of the level of maturity they showed, and they now look set to complete their work. Good luck girls!

Tell Me It's Not True



Recently a group of our Year 9's went to see 'Blood Brothers' The Musical at the Wycombe Swan Theatre. They displayed exemplary behaviour and were a great ambassadors for the school. Thanks too, to Mrs Pall and Mrs Spina-Beatty for supporting the trip.

PS. If you see Jerrell, congratulate him on his Man Vs Food challenge against this burger!



I feel like Chicken Tonight!

We are very proud of two of our Year 10 students from the Base this week who demonstrated their cooking skills in the practical lesson from scratch.

Neither of them had ever made or tasted Chicken Curry before so that in itself was a new experience for them and using ingredients that they hadn't tried or even heard of before.

They were both very delighted with the results and said that they enjoyed making it and would make it again for their family.



I OBJECT!

The Bar Mock Trial Competition helps young people understand how the law touches every aspect of their lives, gaining an insight into how the legal justice system works.

Schools are given access to resources, including specially written criminal cases, to help teams prepare legal arguments. After preparation, your team will take part in a regional heat and go head-to-head with other schools to prosecute and defend the cases. And this is exactly what our 6th Form students did!



A group of our 6th Form students recently took part in the virtual Reading/Guildford regional Bar Mock Trial competition. This was a culmination of months of hard work and rehearsals. The students were phenomenal in their performance and a credit to our school.

They gave impressive speeches and the witnesses gave sharp responses under gruelling cross examination. Please congratulate them on their teamwork and effort if you see them.

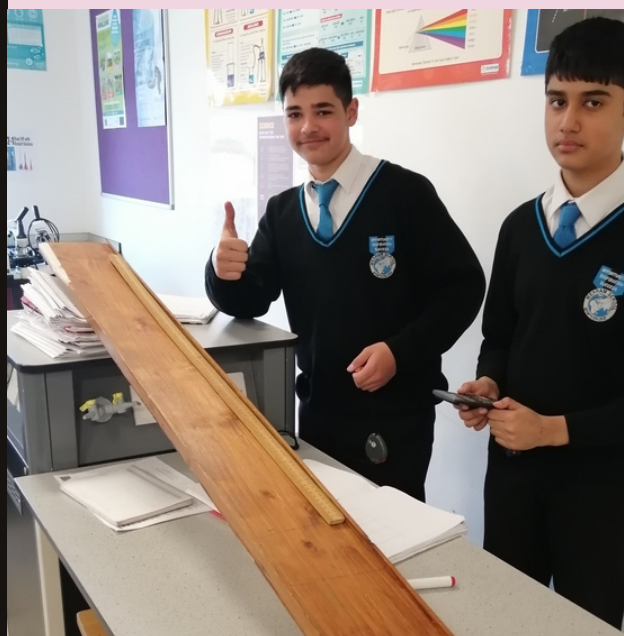


Sir Isaac Newton in the House!

A fantastic effort by 9 Loveless in Science STEM recently. They have been exploring Sir Isaac Newton and Newtons laws of motion were fully put through their paces.

This is part of a series of lessons exploring forces.

The students tackled measurements and detailed calculations involving acceleration and final velocity.

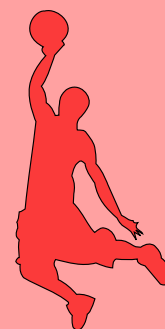




Inter Form Basketball

Recently, 40 of our Year 8 students participated in their year group's inter-form basketball competition. Congratulations to the winners, who were 8 HADID. We also ran a three-team basketball competition for Year 10 after school.

Thank you to the Form Tutors and Leaders of Year who have helped promote and support these inter-form events. The students really appreciate you coming to support them! Go Team Wexham!



Year 8 Getting involved with Uni Frog

In order to raise aspirations and help our students have the best possible information and tools available to help them in making the right choices with regards future pathways, we have launched Unifrog in Year 8. It's a platform that provides them with information on various job sectors, jobs linked to their subjects they are interested in, including a bank of webinars linked to subjects and job sectors.



The platform also provides information on Universities and apprenticeship programs and will allow tutors to track and support the progress of students from Year 8 onwards.

Early Morning Football

This term we have seen a good, regular attendance at indoor football which we provide before school four mornings of the week (Tuesday - Friday) from 8.00 - 8.30am. This is for any students to attend as a part of our Breakfast Club offer.

We are now getting a regular group of 20-30 Key Stage 3 students attending which is good to see and a great way for them to start their day.





Councillor Brooker Visits Wexham



Recently Mr. Smith had the pleasure of meeting and leading a tour of the school with the Chair of Governors and a Cllr from the Langley Area. He wanted to visit as he hears so many positive things about the school but had never visited before.

He was really pleased with what he saw and asked Mr. Smith to thank all staff and students for their hard work and commitment to the children and parents of the Langley students that come to our school.

A big thank you to Mrs Webber and Mrs Spina-Beatty especially whose classes were visited and disrupted!



RAISING ASPIRATIONS



The year 10 Raising Aspirations Group 9 (R.A.P.) took part in a workshop run by BEEP, Berkshire Education Employer Partnership. The first session delivered was problem solving. The students all engaged well and the organisers praised their behaviour and engagement and are looking forward to the next session.

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As Year 11 approach their exam season it was great for our keen basketball players to end the term with a strong performance and a win, 22-15, away against Westgate this week



Private Peaceful



A group of Year 7 & 8 students went to see 'Private Peaceful' at the Hayes Beck Theatre and to the Year 9 students who visited Shakespeare's Globe on Wednesday, respectively. Students displayed excellent behaviour and had a lovely time.

These trips are a true enrichment opportunity for our students who may not otherwise get to enjoy these kinds of experiences.



Berkshire School Games



Six students represented Slough at the Berkshire School Games, and they finished third out of six other schools.

It was lovely to see them so excited to take part and support each other throughout the day. The students had a lovely time at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre and were lucky enough to see some of the Team GB Women's Rugby players training.