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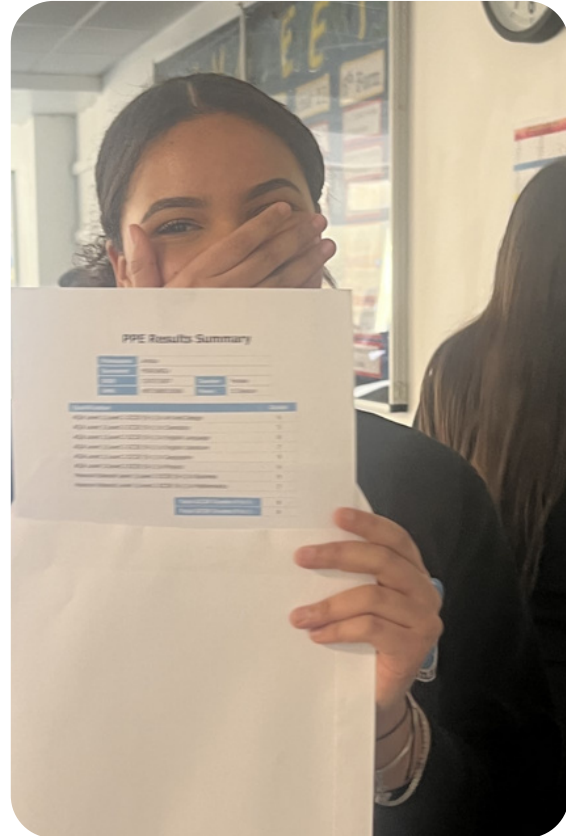
THE WINNER TAKES IT ALL IN RECENT YEAR 11 PPES

The PPEs (Pre Public Exams) are a 'mock' of the real GCSE assessments and are a really important indication of how students are getting on in all of their subjects ahead of their final GCSEs later next year. Predicted grades, which will be needed for applications to Wexham's Sixth Form and apprenticeships will be based on the results.

What happened each day during the examinations?

The students had an examination most days, and some days they had two exams per day.

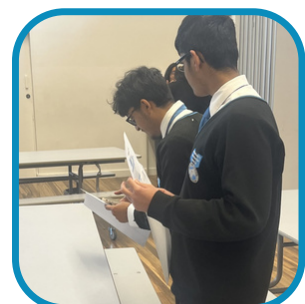
The students were well behaved during the exams and took the process very seriously simulating the procedure that our students will go through next Summer.



Some highlights from the Year 11 PPEs Results Day!

Results are always a scary time! Team Wexham had some incredible results considering that we still have six months to go until the real results day in August.

A huge congratulations to the Business Studies department where three grade 9s were achieved. Whilst Team Geography achieved five grade 9s!



HOUSE COMPETITION AUTUMN 2022 ... AND THE WINNER IS ...



What an incredible term it has been! This term we have had a range of inter-form competitions ranging from the annual Spelling Bee championships to the recent Math's challenge. Alongside the regular sporting inter-house competitions, the achievement points have been adding up since September.

As you can see from the results in the table - a huge congratulations to LUTHER KING who are the winners of the Autumn term Whole School House Competition!

There will be incredible rewards coming their way in the new year - now that is something to look forward to! Well done from Mr. Smith and the entire school!

House	Total	Rank
LUTHER KING	18,786	1
TURING	17,988	2
SEACOLE	17,299	3
PANKHURST	16,227	4
HADID	16,112	5
MANDELA	15,335	6
BRUNEL	13,868	7



SO HOW DID YOUR YEAR GROUP GET ON?



The year group results are as follows:

Year 7

- 1 - TURING
- 2 - PANKHURST
- 3 - BRUNEL
- 4 - MANDELA
- 5 - SEACOLE
- 6 - HADID
- 7 - LUTHER KING

Year 8

- 1 - LUTHER KING
- 2 - HADID
- 3 - BRUNEL
- 4 - MANDELA
- 5 - SEACOLE
- 6 - TURING
- 7 - PANKHURST

Year 9

- 1 - SEACOLE
- 2 - PANKHURST
- 3 - TURING
- 4 - LUTHER KING
- 5 - MANDELA
- 6 - HADID
- 7 - BRUNEL

Year 10

- 1 - TURING
- 2 - LUTHER KING
- 3 - PANKHURST
- 4 - MANDELA
- 5 - HADID
- 6 - SEACOLE
- 7 - BRUNEL

WHO WILL WIN THE SPRING TERM?



@Wexham Awards 2022



The @Wexham Awards evening was back with a bang this year. This was our first whole school awards celebration since returning from the Covid pandemic. The awards were a huge success and they were the biggest awards ceremony we have had to date!

We were proud to invite back Wexham alumni Meer Said to present the awards and he gave a motivational talk to all of our award winners. Keep your eyes peeled for the Special Edition of @Wexham detailing the awards.



My name is Meer Said and I am a former student of Wexham School. My tutor group was Deacon and I joined the school in 2007 with little to no English speaking. I was fortunate to end up at the best school in Slough.

A big reason as to why I am where I am today stems from the guidance and support that I received from the teachers at Wexham School and I am privileged to be able to share my experiences with you all this evening.



Maths Challenge Results 2022!



Thank you to all Form tutors who supported Miss Akhtar and the Math's department with this terms Math's Challenge.

All of these finalists have earned at least 25 points to the whole school House Competition so please do congratulate them.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Brunel	Aashika Anil	Arya	Abinav Babu	Ashab Amin
Hadid	Ananya Chugh	Hira Basit	Saj Kumar	Mohamed Gharib
Luther King	Adiba Kulsum	TBC	John Gibbons Macatiag	Maryum
Mandela	Nathaniel Mieczyslawski	Fiza Iqbal	Ana Marin	Affan Khan
Pankhurst	Ayan Shabbir	Nathan Ndiba	Sri Sai Vepada	Nithya Samraj
Seacole	Neveah Eavis-Reid	Aaliyah Ifill	Adam Hussain	Jazib Rashid
Turing	Inaya Mahmood	Shreya Joshi	Alan Kaplonski	Zagorka Arnudauva

The Winners are ...



Year 7
Aashika



Year 8
Hira



Year 9
John

Year 10
Zagorka and
Nithya



En garde!



Recently our PE department took ten Year 8 students to a fencing festival! This was a fantastic enrichment opportunity that took our students out of their comfort zone and into the 'stretch' zone taking part in a physical activity that they would not ordinarily participate in.

The students were able to try a new activity, learn about the rules, regulations and terminology used in fencing, and they came back to school really positive about their experience!



In the final week of last half-term our Year 10 boys secured a strong win against Al-Madani. The final score was 7-3 to Wexham, with Ismail scoring three.

When interviewed for this edition Ismail said "It felt so great to score a hattrick. With the Fifa World Cup fast approaching the team was feeling really inspired"



Year 10 Football

Raising Achievement in Year 11

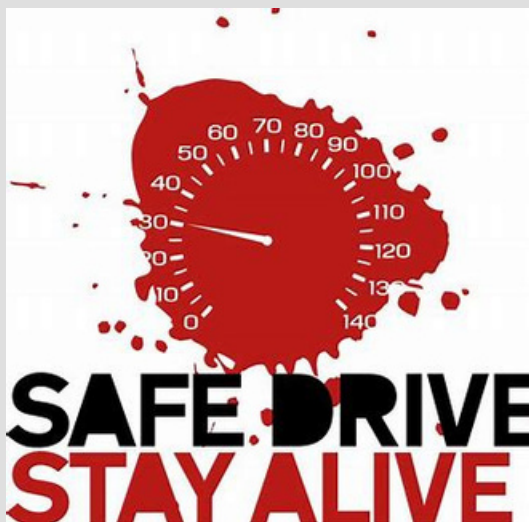


At Wexham we are constantly striving and researching to explore new ways to motivate and inspire our students to achieve their full potential. Recent events include our Year 11 Rewards Assembly on Thursday 20th October where we celebrated a very successful first half term.

After the assembly, 10 Year 11 students attended Fright Night at Thorpe Park. This was a reward for their participation in the Raising Academic Achievement Programme and what a reward it was!



Safe Drive, Stay Alive!



Recently, all of our Sixth form students attended the Safe Drive Stay Alive conference that took place at the Hexagon Theatre in Reading.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is about making young people aware of the many dangers they face and the impact of their actions behind the wheel on themselves, their friends, family, and also the emergency services that deal with them.

This conference was an eye-opener for our students and gave them a clear indication of how to be responsible road users. It was a success and hopefully, we can continue educating the sixth formers in the coming years.



Tchoukball at Wexham!

This term we introduced Tchoukball into the Core PE curriculum for Years 9, 10 and 11. Tchoukball is a mixed-gender, non-contact sport. There is no tackling, blocking or obstruction of players and no interception of passes allowed, which means that players of different height and build can play together without impacting their game. The main skills needed to play tchoukball are the ability to catch and throw the ball. The attacking team (with possession of the ball) aims to score a point by shooting the ball at the net of the tchoukball frame so that it rebounds and touches the ground.

The defending team's role is to prevent it from touching the ground by catching it. A couple of photos are attached showing some of our Year 11 students having their first experience of playing Tchoukball in PE this week.

Year 12 Virtual Work Experience

Mohammed SHEIKH-OMAR from Year 12 Luther King attended a 5 day virtual work experience with SCS Railways (Skanska Costain STRABAG Joint Venture).

This work experience was about careers and pathways available in Infrastructure. Omar said of his experience:

“Currently SCS Railways are constructing the biggest railway since the Victorian era in the UK. During my work experience we had to design a train line and we also looked at the benefits it would provide and where we would get the funds from. It was really interesting and it improved my confidence level and also improved my teamwork and problem-solving skills. I really enjoyed it. I learnt more about civil engineering and what would be going on in a massive project like this. This experience was very beneficial for me as I would want to be involved in a massive project like this one day.”



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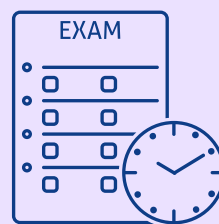
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Supporting Year 11 with exam stress ...



On Wednesday 2nd November, 25 Year 11 students attended an Exam Stress workshop run by mental health practitioners from CAMH's. The students started to explore various techniques such as CBT to help them manage over the next 6 months. They will be attending another workshop closer to their summer exams.

Year 9 Football

Wexham beat Langley Grammar!

Year 9 Football: Langley Grammar 1 Wexham 1.
Wexham won 7-6 on penalties.

This was a great experience for the boys and to come away with the win they were delighted. Riley Hughes made the winning penalty save but every one of the boys contributed and the boost they got from this experience is huge.

It will no doubt have increased their confidence, not only because of the result, but through the whole experience of a close match and going through a penalty shoot-out. This would have taken them all out of their comfort zone and there is so much learning in that. The need for focus, team cohesion, dealing with pressure and much more. Congratulations to the boys who played in this match.



Personalised tours, to fit in with your family schedule, are available. Please contact us on 01753 526797 and ask to speak to the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Kerrie Kelly, or email post@wexham.slough.sch.uk. We will be delighted to show you around the school and answer any questions you may have.

Celebration Breakfast for 8 Mandela

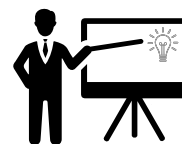


On Tuesday 7th November, 8 Mandela were praised for their excellent efforts this term. They enjoyed a celebration breakfast with many sweet treats and other goodies. We are extremely proud of their attendance and achievement points this term and hope this continues. A huge thank you to the library, canteen staff and all staff involved with making this a special celebration for the students.



Sixth Form Training

This week, students in the Sixth Form underwent training in three different areas by the SSAT, School Students and Teachers network.



They were trained in 3 modules:



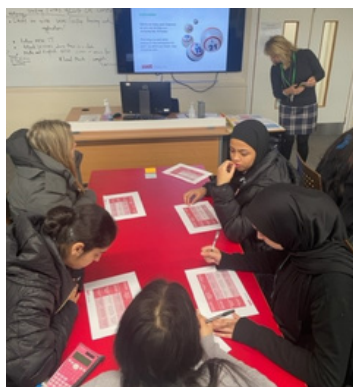
Student Leadership Skills



Student as Learning Partners



Peer Mentors



Prince's Trust Enterprise Challenge

60 Year 9 students took part in a recent Enterprise challenge. The Enterprise Challenge is a regional inter-school competition which encourages the spirit of entrepreneurship, with students working in teams and being supported by business mentors to compete to become Enterprise Challenge Champions.

Students developed a virtual pop-up shop, developing their ideas around what should be sold, their profit margins, target market and marketing initiatives. It was a fun, hands on, team focussed introduction to business and the world of work and a great way to introduce work ready skills to students.



"I really enjoyed the enterprise challenge as it taught me many useful skills. I would do it again"
Zara 9 MANDELA

"Very entertaining and educational. Helped me to learn a lot about business."
Ana Marin - 9 MANDELA

Inter-Form Basketball 2022



Recently we delivered inter-form basketball competitions for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Attendance overall was good, especially from Year 8. Thank you to the members of staff who helped promote these events in advance, and to those who came to support the students on the day of their competition.



Wexham Colleagues Supporting Teacher Education



Brunel
University
London



Recently Miss Bains and Mr Clark were invited to attend Brunel University where we are an enhanced partnership school.

They were invited to lead a General Professional Education session with all of their secondary PGCE ITT students.

The theme of the session was based on Bullying and PSHE.



Brunel University choose to work with a highly professional network of dedicated, proactive schools and school mentors, and Wexham is one of the partnership schools. They selected us as both communities hold similar values and commitment in the support of student teachers.



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STEM @ Wexham



'Year 9 Students were recently involved in the STEM General Electric Healthcare Week. This included events such as branding, marketing, CV preparation and interviews and culminated in a day trip to General Electric Healthcare Headquarters in Pollards Way.

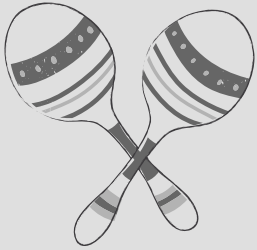


Our students engaged in a number of STEM related workshops. Team Wexham would like to say a huge congratulations to our students who really engaged in this and a big thank you to General Electric for offering us this exclusive event to Wexham students to provide them with the opportunity to be inspired about STEM careers!



Harry Potter reading Challenge

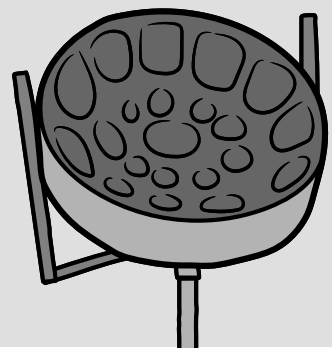
Shehzad G has recently completed an incredible reading challenge. If you see him around please congratulate him. He began reading the entire Harry Potter series over the summer holidays and then took quizzes on all seven books. He did exceptionally well and rose to the reading challenge set for the Pupil Premium Bedrock group before the summer break! Shehzad was delighted to choose three books as his prize.

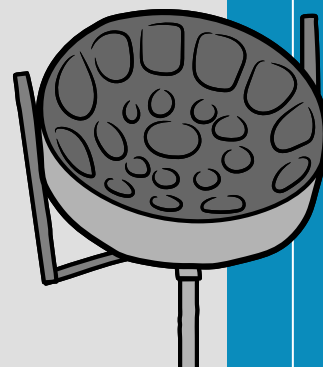
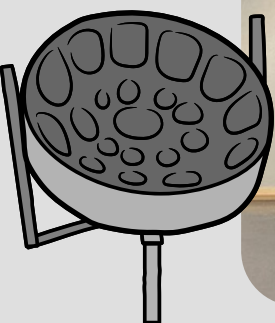
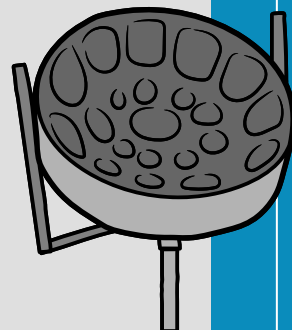


Wexham students are 'Steel Pan' tastic!

Recently we had an external company visit our Year 7 students to run steel pan workshops. These took place in the Dance studio. As you can see from the photographs the students had an amazing time!

"The workshop was so much fun. We learnt how to play different instruments and there were lots of practical things to do"
Leila, 7 Pankhurst





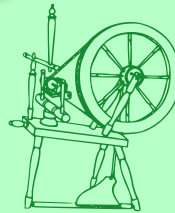
Sports Hall Athletics



Recently we took a team of Year 8 students to compete in the annual Slough School's sports hall athletics competition. Our girls outperformed the boys on this occasion and while we did not finish close to the medal positions overall, it was another valuable experience for our students.



Technology exploring the use of Textiles with Mrs Hattam!



Did you know that Mrs Hattam is running the Key Stage 3 Textiles club during lunchtimes on a Thursday and Friday. This opportunity is open to all students from years 7, 8 and 9. Recently, Ayesha from 8 Seacole has been attending and created a crochet Frog. The final product was excellent and she was very pleased with it!



The Climate Detectives



This year the Geography department have entered a team of students into an International Climate detective STEM competition run by the European Space agency. The team have called themselves the 'Guardians of the Ice caps'. The competition requires students to investigate a local climate issue and try and make a difference to reduce the issue. Our team have decided to investigate how much food waste the school produces and from this how many carbon emissions we add to the atmosphere. The team's overall goal to try and reduce the amount of food waste we are producing to reduce our contribution to climate change.

Scientists have all of the solutions!



Mr Gbesemete and Mr Obajemu hosted the STEM club this week. We looked at convection, conduction and radiation using tea bags, and balloons with water in. After emptying the tea out from the bags, we made a tube & set light to the top. When you set fire to the tea bag, the heat from the fire causes the air molecules inside the tea bag to become energized and move around quickly. The air molecules inside the tea bag are moving so fast that they spread up and out of the tea bag bringing light matter with it. When water inside the balloon is placed in the flame, the water absorbs most of the heat from the flame. Then, the rubber of the balloon does not become very hot. Because the rubber does not become hot, it does not weaken, and the balloon does not break. Actually we did break quite a few balloons trying to get this right!



Wexham School contributing to ITT education.

Our very own Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Tidey delivered a lecture to qualified teachers who are training to become SENCO's with the University of Reading.

Mrs. Tidey's wealth of experience was called upon by the University which is testament to the strength of Inclusion here at Wexham.

The lecture helped to deepen the students understanding of teaching and learning for all pupils. It helped them to reflect on, examine and explore the ways to meet an individual's needs through appropriate educational provision.

"Leading sessions at our local University is so valuable for my own CPD. Having been working in education for a long time it is great to give something back to the future teaching profession."



University of Reading



Rewards @Wexham!



It is the end of term and team Wexham have been celebrating a wide range of achievements by our students from academic excellence to excellent attendance! There have been a range of assemblies being held in each year group along with reward trips and even a pizza party!



Year 11 Parents' Evening

Following on from our successful PPE examinations our Year 11 students and their parents were invited in to discuss the progress that their children are making and to work collaboratively with the staff at Wexham to support improved outcomes!

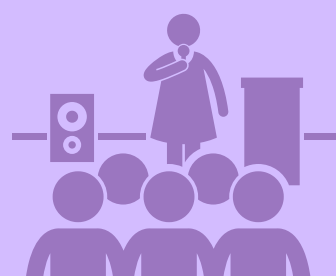


Students leading our Respect and Tolerance assemblies this term!



Here at Wexham we have long believed in providing our students with the opportunity to lead assemblies.

By giving our students a leadership role and a voice they develop so many personal qualities that they will need throughout their lifetimes.



It's behind you ...

Starring TV and Radio icon, Vernon Kay, making his stage debut as Dandini! Some very lucky Wexham students were invited to join the Wycombe Swan theatre for everyone's favourite rags to riches tale, Cinderella, this Christmas!



For many of our students, this was the first time that they had ever been to watch a pantomime and they absolutely loved it!



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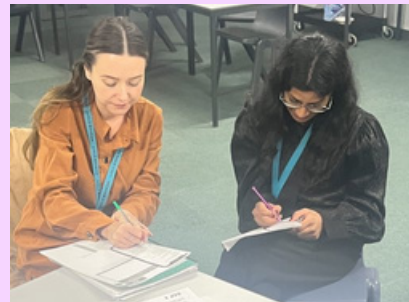
New Age Kurling ...

New Age Kurling is a team sport adapted from the more traditional sport of curling to be fully inclusive for all young people. Between two and four players on opposing teams compete in a tactical game which involves sliding weighted stones towards a circular target. Recently our New Age Kurling club has started up again in preparation for the Berkshire School Games!

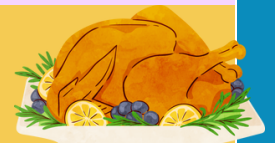


Early Career Teachers

Here are two of our Early Career Teachers attending a CPD session coordinated by our Awarding Body the Teaching School Hub Berkshire. Mr. Clark (Assistant Headteacher) at Wexham School contributes to the delivery of CPD for ECT's across the county of Berkshire.



Christmas Dinner Time



The team at Wexham were spoilt in the last week of term!

It was Christmas dinner day - a favourite of both students and staff alike!



Oh Christmas Tree!

OPPORTUNITY
INSPIRATION
SUCCESS



Recently a group of our students put the finishing touches to the three Christmas trees that have been put up around our school.

They thoroughly enjoyed supporting our Wexham community and helping make our Christmas trees look stunning in the main school hall, reception and the Library.



"I think the trees are beautiful and they look like paradise."
Gabriel & Brunel

"The school always makes a good effort with the displays"
Erin & Pankhurst

"It all looks very jolly"
Ethan
& Brunel

