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2023, AND CULTURAL DAY IS BACK WITH A BANG!

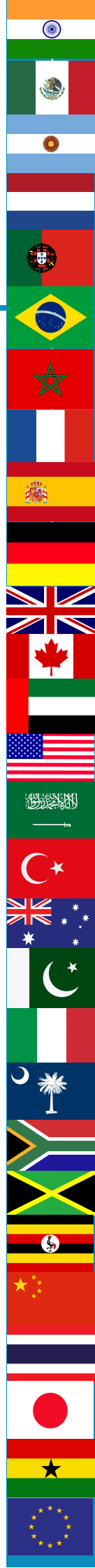


What an incredible day that helped to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee. Our students attended their usual lessons for the day and also there were performances in the Hall for KS3 students. We had a non uniform – where we donated £1. The theme was for all to wear clothes that were reflective of our different cultures.



We experienced themed Lessons linked to a specific country!

At break and lunchtime – we had a cake sale and other activities put on by the 6th Form team. All in all a day worth the effort! Well done to all that organised the day!



World Book Day 2023



The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss

We marked World Book Day 2023 on Friday 3rd March, by hosting two talented authors for Years 7 and 8. Desree, a local spoken word poet, ran six interactive sessions on the day, encouraging students to respond to her poems and to write their own. It is fair to say, that Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed the session and we hope to have Desree in again soon! Steve Tasane, ran six sessions for Year 7 and he was a blast! He had the students rapping, clapping and thoroughly enjoying WBD with a published author. He was so good, that I am already discussing dates for the incoming Year 7!



On the day, I also held our inaugural book club meeting with a group of eager Year 8 girls. Since then, I have had several other students ask to join the club, which is amazing! The club will run on Thursdays during lunch, initially.

Our first book is, 'One of us is lying' by Karen M McManus. Aside, from the author visits, staff were asked to share, 'Lamb to the Slaughter' by Roald Dahl with all year groups.



Reading is so very essential to all aspects of school and the more encouragement and exposure to reading students get, the more likely they are to read and in turn raise their academic attainment.

A huge thank you also to all teachers who carried around a book for the day and consciously spoke about their books to students.

Collectively, we can change habits and the lives of so many of our students, just by engaging with them about reading.



World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading.

At Wexham our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. We want to see more children, leaving Wexham with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure in the hope that we improve their life chances.


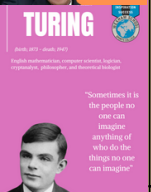





WE WILL NEXT BE CELEBRATING
WORLD BOOK DAY ON 7 MARCH 2024.

HOUSE COMPETITION SPRING 2023 ... MIGHTY MANDELA!



This term we have had a range of inter-form competitions taking place and the achievement points have been adding up since January. As you can see from the results in the table - a huge congratulations to MANDELA who are the new leaders of the Whole School House Competition!

It is fantastic to see so many achievement points being awarded to our students and that the competition is getting closer and closer. Well done to you all from Mr. Smith and the entire school.

House	Total	Rank
 MANDELA <small>1918-1998</small> "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up"	33, 752	1
 TURING <small>1912-1954</small> "Sometimes it is the people no one can imagine who do the things no one can imagine"	31, 496	2
 HADID <small>1996-2012</small> "There are 360 degrees, so why stick to one?"	30, 826	3
 PANKHURST <small>1857-1928</small> "Justice and judgement lie often a world apart"	30, 540	4
 LUTHER KING <small>1929-1968</small> "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"	28, 064	5
 SEACOLE <small>1818-1895</small> "Beside the nettle, ever grows the cure for its sting"	27, 770	6
 BRUNEL <small>1800-1883</small> "I am going to design, in a great hurry, and I believe to build a station after my own fancy, that is with engineering roofs"	27, 066	7

SO HOW DID YOUR YEAR GROUP PERFORM IN THE SPRING TERM?



The year group results are as follows:

Year 7

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

Year 8

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

Year 9

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

Year 10

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

WHO WILL WIN THE SUMMER TERM?

<p>BRUNEL Isambard Kingdom (birth: 1804 - death: 1880) English civil engineer who is considered "one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history." "I am going to design, in a great hurry, and I believe to build a station after my own fancy, that is with engineering roofs"</p> 	<p>HADID (birth: 1950 - death: 2016) British Iraqi architect, artist and designer, recognized as a major figure in architecture of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. "There are 360 degrees, so why stick to one?"</p> 	<p>LUTHER KING Martin Luther King (birth: 1929 - death: 1968) American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the American civil rights movement. "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter"</p> 	<p>MANDELA Nelson Mandela (birth: 1918 - death: 2013) South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, statesman and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa. "A winner is a dreamer who never gives up"</p> 	<p>PANKHURST Emmeline Pankhurst (birth: 1857 - death: 1928) Political Activist "Justice and judgement lie often a world apart"</p> 	<p>SEACOLE Mary Seacole (birth: 1805 - death: 1882) Nurse, leader and businesswoman who set up the "British Hotel" behind the lines during the Crimean War. "Beside the nettle, ever grows the cure for its sting"</p> 	<p>TURING Alan Turing (birth: 1912 - death: 1954) English mathematician, computer scientist, cryptanalyst, philosopher, and theoretical biologist. "Sometimes the people one can imagine anything who do things no one can imagine"</p> 
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THE GREATEST LOVE STORY OF ALL TIME. REMIXED.



On Friday 13th January our Year 10 BTEC Music class visited London to watch the production of & Juliet at the Shaftesbury Theatre.

Romeo who?! With her bags packed and ready to escape Verona, Juliet recovers from heartbreak in the best way possible... by dancing the night away with her best friends by her side!

Our students had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the jukebox musical which featured a diverse cast.



Dodgeball Championships!

Recently we delivered inter-form dodgeball competitions after school. Once again, Year 8 led the way.

The Year 8 winners were 8 Luther King, and they were presented with medals in assembly.

Other Year groups had a fun event with some mixed teams being entered!



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GCSE pathways for Year 9 ... the decision is yours!



Making the right decision

Making the right decisions about your future is really important. This is the first time that our Year 9 students have been in a position to make a choice about their education. Here at Wexham school, our team have provided our students with a range of information, advice and guidance in order to help them to decide what KS4 will look like for them.

Uni Frog

In preparation for GCSE subject choices, Year 9 students have had a range of supportive events during the Spring term.

This begun with a session on Unifrog during morning registrations and PSHE Lessons. During this session students explored careers linked to different subjects; careers in specific industries and the qualifications needed for a career pathway of their choice.

Pathways Booklet

As always, our informative guides were provided to both students and parents/carers to explore the wide range of curriculum offers that Wexham School provides.

Parent/Carer Evening

A Parent/Carer information evening took place at the end of the Spring term for our students to attend if they required additional support and guidance from the school.



I have felt really supported. The process has gone well. I really liked listening to each subject leader about the different courses available to me in assemblies.

Rafael, Year 9



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Multi-Skills



We took a small group of Year 7 students to participate in a multi-skills PE event hosted at The Centre in Slough by the Slough School Sport Network (SSSN).

The aim of this event was to provide students with the opportunity to try some alternative activities beyond the traditional PE curriculum and develop their confidence to participate in regular exercise. The activities the students experienced were Kinball, Fencing, Archery, and Cup Stacking.



A team of our Year 7 and 8 girls have been training hard over the Spring term with the end of the season fast approaching. Recently they had a tough match away against Langley Grammar.

Despite just losing the game the girls gave a good account of themselves and competed well. No doubt this was a good learning experience for them and they will reflect on this in the off season.

Girls Football



A visit to the V&A ... to collect our primary research!



During the Spring term our Year 11, 12 & 13 Art students were provided with an opportunity to visit the Victoria and Albert museum in West London.

The V&A is the world's leading museum of art and design, housing a permanent collection of over 2.8 million objects, books and archives that span over 5,000 years of human creativity. The museum holds many of the UK's national collections and houses some of the greatest resources for the study of architecture, furniture, fashion, textiles, photography, sculpture, painting, jewellery, glass, ceramics, book arts, Asian art and design, theatre and performance.

As you can see from the photos, they had an enjoyable time and the aim for this was to support their in the preparation for their examination units and to conduct primary research.

All students behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the school.



Safeguarding At Wexham

Safeguarding includes:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment.
- preventing harm to children's health or development.
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care.
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes.

At our recent staff INSET day at the beginning of the Summer term, all of our staff received their annual safeguarding "top up" training in a creative and innovative way.



PGL - Easter Revision Weekend

A fantastic revision weekend was held for a carefully selected group of Year 11 students at PGL!

English and revision skills were combined with a range of fun outdoor activities to challenge and build resilience in our Wexham PP learners!



The pupil premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. In the financial year 2023-24, pupil premium spending will increase to almost £2.9 billion.

At Wexham we use a wealth of evidence of 'what works', evaluated by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), to use this funding effectively.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Boccia Champs!

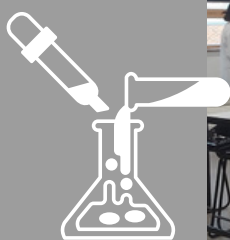


Team Wexham competed against four other local Slough schools in a 10-team Boccia competition, and we finished the morning with one of our teams as winners. We now progress and compete at the County competition at the Berkshire School Games.



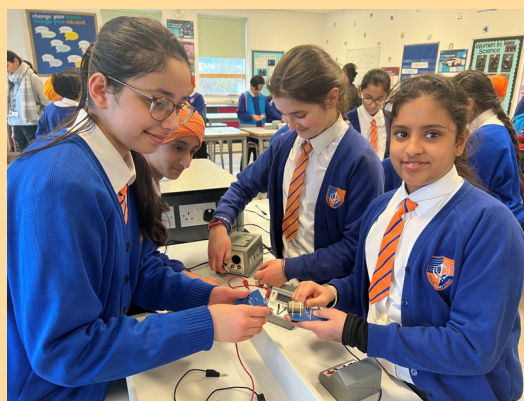
Chemistry in motion!

AQA Moderation of our A level Chemistry group was exemplary in a recent visit due to the skill demonstrated by our year 13 Chemists.



The Big Bang!

As part of Wexham's STEM Primary Outreach programme, the Science department hosted 25 students from Khalsa Primary school who carried out a number of Physics and Biology experiments (circuits and reactions times) and were demonstrated Chemistry experiments (Alkali metals with water and 'Dr Nicholson's' legendary Magnesium and Silver Nitrate explosion). Thank you so much to Ritchie and Jowella for making this a fantastic event coupled with really positive feedback. The member of staff said 'Thank you for such an engaging and brilliant session. The kids loved it



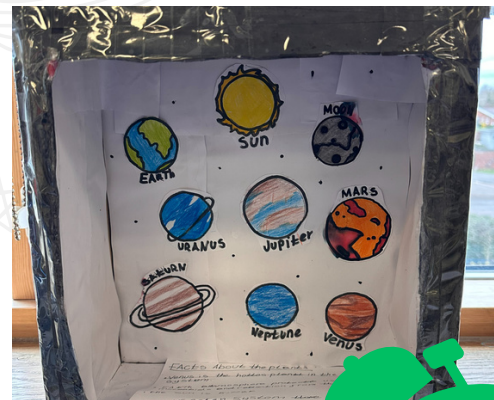
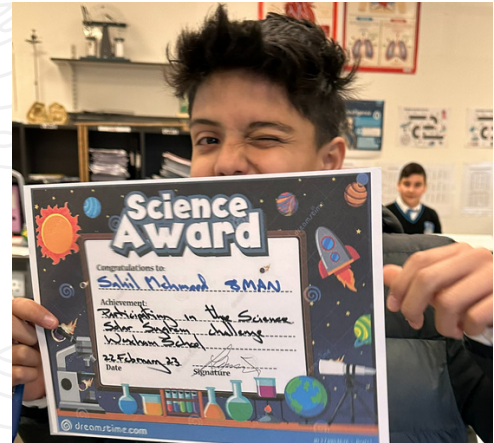
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A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away ...

Year 7 through to year 10 students have been discovering the Wonders of the Solar System recently. The Physics Department launched (pun intended) a brand new inter-form Solar System Competition.

Students were asked to research the Solar System and present their findings in an interesting and creative way. The quality of work produced was impressive with a range of highly creative models, booklets and posters submitted.

All students put a great deal of effort into this project and we congratulate all those students who took part!



It's Morph time!



We had wonderful entries to the Morph competition and as a result we decided to combine the work of 4 students. The winning students are Emilia 8HAD, Ester 9BRU, Sabrina 8LUK and Tilly 7TUR.

The students will receive a certificate and they are invited to attend the Morph trail in London in the summer term!

Work has begun on Morph and two year 9 students have volunteered to help with the project which is excellent!



Reading University



Year 9 students attended a graduation ceremony at Reading University having completed The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme which involved participating in a series of lectures delivered by world-renowned lecturer, Dr Gareth LuTheryn, who currently lectures at Oxford University.

This was followed by completing a 2000 word thesis on Bacteria and Biofilm.



The students worked amazingly well throughout the programme and at Graduation.

In particular, Eliza (9Tur) delivered an outstanding keynote speech at the graduation ceremony and Hasnain (9Bru) scored the highest grade, achieving a First for his thesis.

Cambridge University on the horizon!

18 high achieving students in Year 9 to 12 visited Selwyn College, at the University of Cambridge recently.

They had a great time touring the campus, learning about the application process and experienced what it is like to study at a Russell Group University. They attended workshops which they thoroughly enjoyed.



TED Talk Wexham



Students from Years 9, 10 and 6th form made up over a hundred Wexham students who participated in a TED TALK from Karen Betts OBE for International Women's Day.

They were inspired by Karen's varied career path from Lawyer, Counsellor to the British Embassy in Washington, Ambassador to Morocco and then Mauritania, Deputy Chief of the Joint Intelligence Committee, CEO of the Scotch Whiskey Association and now the CEO of the Food & Drinks Federation; she talked about technology in the manufacturing processes used by the Food & Drinks companies she represents.

Students had the opportunity to ask a number of questions in the Q & A which followed and Karen raised the prospect of internships for our students in the companies which form part of a Federation. A big thank you to Karen Betts OBE for inspiring our students.



Bar Mock Trial Success!

Eight Year 8 students competed in the regional heat of the Magistrate's Court Mock Trial Competition. The team worked incredibly hard to prepare for the competition - we had a small team so every person had to take on two roles.

The team's performance was phenomenal. Please praise them for their dedication and resilience when you see them. Thank you very much to Mr. Nicolle for running the mock trial club



STEM success for Team Wexham



Wexham School hosted the Girls Get Set workshop with students from Beechwood and Eden Girls attending. The event focused on reducing our schools carbon footprint and required considerable research and planning. The event had presenters and mentors from 'General Electric Healthcare', 'Vernova' and 'Baker Hughes'.

The students developed their key skills in collaboration, problem solving, developing designs for a solution, understanding compromise and advocacy. It was excellently received by all students and thoroughly engaging and well done to all our students for participating, particularly to the Wexham teams who won the competition!

'This was an amazing event in which our girls had a Masterclass from Industry Experts, it was excellently hosted, can we come again, thank you so much Wexham' Petya Ilkova Director of Careers and STEM Beechwood School.



Slough Music Service Awards for two Wexham students!

A huge congratulations to Olivia 8 PANKURST and Dexter 9 HADID who have been awarded prizes from the Slough Music Service. 2nd prize for Dexter and a runner up prize for Olivia for their fantastic pieces of writing in the poetry category.

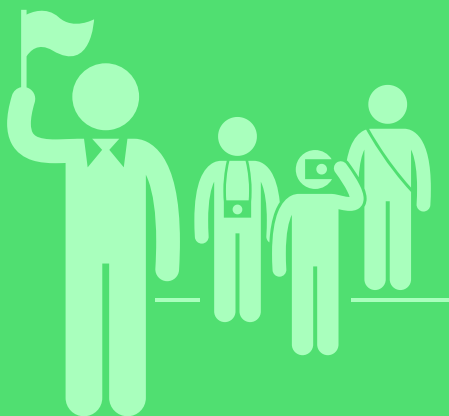
Dexter has now been invited to record his piece in a professional recording studio.

Their mum entered them for this competition through the Slough Music Service project on No Knife Crime and anti knife crime.

We are very proud of our two superstars. They were both very surprised and mum and dad are extremely proud. Well done to them!



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