

14th July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the conclusion of this academic year I really do want to thank you for all your incredible support. It has been another interesting year with all the pressures that are being placed on the country at the current time, disruption due to strikes etc. However, we have continued in our relentless pursuit to do the very best for our students and I am very pleased this was recognised by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) by their judgement that we continue to be a good school. We will all work hard to continue to improve and do our very best for the children we serve.

End of Term / Start of Term / Results Days / Year 12 Enrolment

The last day of term will be Friday 21st July, the School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.

- The school will reopen to the new Year 7 on Wednesday 6th September.
- The school will reopen to students in Years 10 and 11 on Thursday 7th September.
- The school will reopen to students in Years 8 and 9 on Friday 8th September.
- The school will reopen to Years 12 and 13 on Monday 11th September.
- Students should attend at 8.35am for 8.40.

Year 13 Results Day is on Thursday 17th August and Year 11 Results Day is on Thursday 24th August, students are able to collect their results between 9.30 – 11.30am. Due to building works taking place results will be handed out in the Dance Studio. Please note we can only hand results to the student, if they are away and want to nominate someone to collect their results for them, we must be notified of this before results day. Any results not collected will be posted out to the student's home address from 11.30am. Good luck to all our Year 11 and 13 students. Students wishing to enrol into Year 12 should have already completed their application and dependent on their results this will be automatic for September.

School Uniform for September

We are still searching for a new second supplier.

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Staff Leavers

We will be saying goodbye to several members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs Hatton, Teacher of Technology who has made a huge impact on textiles this year. Mrs Stephenson, Deputy Headteacher, who I would like to thank for all her hard and successful work over the last two years, particularly in the very demanding role of Designated Safeguarding Lead. Dr Rehal, who is retiring, and has made a superb contribution to the Science Department during her three years with us. I am very pleased that Dr Rihal will be staying in September teaching A Level Chemistry. Ms Cole who has worked at Wexham for 8 years and has made an excellent contribution to the Humanities Department, especially in her role as Leader of History, we wish her all the very best for her new adventure in the USA.

Finally, after nearly 25 years at the school, Mrs Tidey is leaving us for her very well-earned retirement. Mrs Tidey has made a tremendous impact and contribution to the school over the years, particularly in her work with SEND children and latterly as Assistant Headteacher overseeing Inclusion. We wish her a very happy and long retirement.

New Staff

Whilst there are very few staff leaving Wexham there are a significant number of new staff that have recently joined us or will be joining us in September. This is due to school expansion which is now in the final stages. The school is fully staffed for September.

- Mr Gois and Dr Malik (Both Teachers of Science) and Ms Anwar (Learning Support Centre Coordinator) joined the school in April.
- Mr Wicks (Leader of Music), Ms Azram (Teacher of RE) and Ms Marchewka (Learning Support Centre Coordinator) joined the school in June.
- Ms Majid (Teacher of Science), Ms Malik (Teacher of Science), Ms Jonnalagadda (Teacher of Science), Mr Janjua (Teacher of PE), Ms Perera (Teacher of Computing), Ms Gumbs (Teacher of Geography), Ms Arif (Teacher of History) and Mrs Kroliczek (Student Welfare Officer) all joined the school in July.
- Mr Osbourne (Leader of Science), Mr Hawkesworth (Assistant Leader of English), Ms Al Ameen (Teacher of Maths), Mr Morro (Teacher of Maths), Ms Moran (Teacher of English), Ms Sherwood (Teacher of English), Ms Connerty (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Ms Appuhamilage (Teacher of Technology), Ms Lane (Pastoral Support Leader) and Ms Ahmad (Pastoral Support Leader), will all be joining us in September.

Internal Changes

- Ms Edwards has been promoted to Leader of Key Stage Four
- Mrs Beatty has been promoted to Leader of Year 7.
- Ms Tidey has been promoted to Leader of Year 9.
- Ms Aslam has been promoted to Leader of Humanities.
- Ms Ananthalingam has been promoted to Assistant Leader of English.
- Ms Ionescu has been promoted to EAL Inclusion Coordinator.
- Mr Confit has been promoted to Leader of Social Science.
- Mr Gbesemete has been promoted to Assistant Leader of Science.

School Enlargement

In the last two years the school has grown by 250 students. In September we should exceed 1250 students on site. Whilst the Woodside Building in 2018 was completed to accommodate larger numbers, the pandemic did delay some elements of our expansion. The school is designed to be an Eight Forms of Entry School, currently Years 7-10 are in seven forms. From September Years 7 to 10 will all be in eight forms. This means for the current Year 7, 8 and 9 I am creating a new tutor group for September. Existing Year 10 will remain as seven groups but I have created extra groups in Maths and Science and some of their option subjects. Therefore, this means classes are slightly smaller in September than they are now, which will benefit teaching and learning. Creating an extra group in each year group has driven the above expansion of staff.

Events

This term has been packed with events. To highlight just a few:

- Geography A Level trips to Windsor and Milford on Sea. MFL residential to France. The Art Club went on the London Morph trail, and visited their own Morph statue, which is currently on display at London's Fenchurch Street Station.

- Our Creative Arts Showcase presented performances from Drama, Music and Dance and displays by the Art Department.
- Our GirlsGetSet group visited General Electric's Headquarters in Amersham. Another group of students took part in the National Physical Laboratory Water Rocket Challenge, held at the National Physics Laboratory in Teddington. Year 8 students have all taken part in workshops on robotics and coding and learned how STEM is an important role in assisting countries with disaster relief.
- Our Year 7 Football team won the Slough School's Cup Final and our Year 9s were runners up making it to the final.
- We have had a partnership with Cambridge University delivering in school sessions on Classics and Debating and the students visited Cambridge as well. Our Business Studies students recently visited the Jaguar Land Rover Factory in Solihull bringing to life the manufacturing and operations functions of business. All year groups recently took place in a careers fair here at Wexham where 27 organisations and businesses were present.

So much has been happening, it is hard to capture this on a letter. Please do go to our website news section, download our @Wexham newsletter or see us on Twitter.

Pastoral Leadership Team from September 2023

Key Stage Three

Leader of Key Stage Three, Mr George
 Leader of Year 7, Mrs Beatty
 Leader of Year 8, Mrs Bahra

Leader of Year 9, Ms Tidey
 Pastoral Support Leader, Ms Lane
 Overseen by Mr Clark, Assistant Headteacher

Key Stage Four

Leader of Key Stage Four, Ms Edwards
 Leader of Year 10, Mr Hussain
 Leader of Year 11, Ms Sheehan

Assistant Leader of Year 11, Ms Farmer
 Pastoral Support Leader, Mrs Ahmad
 Overseen by Mr Morgan, Assistant Headteacher

Key Stage Five

Leader of Key Stage Five, Mrs Reeves-Williams
 Leader of Years 12/13, Ms Song and Assistant Leader of Years 12/13, Mrs Pall
 Overseen by Mrs Wellspring, Assistant Headteacher

A reminder when contacting the school, you should request your child's form tutors in the first instance and following this a member of staff listed above dependant on which tutor group your child is in.

Finally

I wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday period and I look forward to seeing all students on our return in September.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
 Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2023 – 2024

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| Autumn Term | Monday 4 th September 2023 | Staff ONLY Day - INSET |
| | Tuesday 5 th September 2023 | Staff ONLY Day - INSET |
| | Wednesday 6 th September 2023 | First Day of Term for Students in Year 7 only 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Thursday 7 th September 2023 | Year 7 - 8.35 for 8.40am start. Year 10 and 11 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Friday 8 th September 2023 | Year 8 and 9 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Monday 11 th September 2023 | Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Friday 22 nd September 2023 | Activities Day |
| | Wednesday 27 th September 2023 | Delayed start to school day due to Open Evening previous night – School starts at 9.30am |
| | Monday 2 nd October 2023 | Academic Progress Day |
| | Thursday 19 th October 2023 | Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish |
| | Friday 20 th October 2023 | Staff ONLY Day - INSET |
| | Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October 2023 | Half Term Holiday |
| | Monday 30 th October 2023 | All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Tuesday 12 th December | Year 11 Parents' Evening |
| | Friday 15 th December 2023 | Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm. |
| | Monday 18 th December 2023 to Tuesday 2 nd January 2024 | Christmas Holiday |
| Spring Term | Wednesday 3 rd January 2024 | Staff ONLY Day - INSET |
| | Thursday 4 th January 2024 | First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Thursday 11 th January 2024 | Years 12 and 13 Parents' Evening |
| | Tuesday 6 th February 2024 | Year 8 Parents' Evening |
| | Friday 9 th February 2024 | Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish |
| | Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2024 | Half Term Holiday |
| | Monday 19 th February 2024 | All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Thursday 29 th February 2024 | Year 10 Parents' Evening |
| | Tuesday 12 th March 2024 | Year 9 Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 28 th March 2024 | Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm. | |
| | Friday 29 th March to Friday 12 th April 2024 | Easter Holiday |
| Summer Term | Monday 15 th April 2024 | Staff ONLY Day - INSET |
| | Tuesday 16 th April 2024 | All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Thursday 25 th April 2024 | Year 7 Parents' Evening |
| | Monday 6 th May 2024 | School Closed for May Bank Holiday |
| | Friday 24 th May 2024 | Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish |
| | Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May 2024 | Half Term Holiday |
| | Monday 3 rd June 2024 | All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start. |
| | Thursday 25 th July 2024 | Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm. |

