

18th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to welcome everyone to a new term at Wexham and especially all those joining us for the very first time.

I have been particularly impressed with the behavior and attitude of students since we returned in September. Of particular note is the high standard of uniform and I would like to thank all parents for your support and dedication in making sure your children leave for school properly dressed each morning. Wearing full uniform creates a more focused learning environment and therefore I urge all parents and students to continue with the extremely high standards that have been set.

Activities Day

This is on Friday 22nd September. Letters by now will have gone out to all parents. It is a great way to start the year.

Open Evening

The School's Open Evening for prospective students and parents will take place on Tuesday 26th September between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. As staff and very large numbers of students will be in school considerably late on this day, the School will open slightly later than normal on Wednesday 27th September. Students should report for registration at 9.30am.

Academic Progress Day

This will take place on Monday 2nd October. For those parents new to the school this event is so parents can come into school throughout the day, via appointments, to meet with their child's tutor to discuss academic achievement from the prior year and to set priorities for the new year. Students will remain at home on this day with learning set by their subject teachers and come to school at their allocated time with their parents.

Parent Governor Vacancies

Our current Parent Governor's Term of Office has concluded and therefore we have a vacancy for a governor directly elected by parents. Please see letter and information on our website. This is an important role for the school and as such if a parent would like to meet with me to discuss this before submitting a nomination, please do contact the school either by calling main reception or emailing kkelly@wexham.slough.sch.uk.

Start of the School Day

The school day starts at 8.40am. Students should be onsite before this time. Being punctual means the day starts positive. Several years ago, Slough Borough Council conducted a Travel Survey on our School and the number of our students being brought to school by car is extremely high given the short distance the vast majority of our students reside from School. The most common reason given for lateness is traffic problems. I urge you, wherever possible, to encourage and/or let your child walk or cycle to school. This will help them be healthier, improve our environment and reduce traffic problems in the local area.

Can I also remind some of our parents that do drive to school to NOT block local residents driveways and please do not park on pavements, cycle lanes and grass verges.

Wexham School Ofsted Report

For all those parents new to the school we were inspected by Ofsted on the 24th and 25th May 2023. Their judgment was that **Wexham School continues to be a good school in all aspects.**

Given the more rigorous inspection regime since 2019, which has seen many outstanding or good schools downgraded, we were incredibly pleased with this and it is a reflection of the hard work that everyone in the school community places on providing the best education and opportunities that we can. Of note Ofsted found us to be a friendly and highly inclusive school, where pupils appreciate the relationships that they develop with staff. They found that we have a supportive and caring culture where pupils feel happy and safe. They found pupils enjoy taking part in the wide range of clubs and school trips. Ofsted praised our well planned and delivered, broad and balanced curriculum which all pupils, including those with SEND, benefit from. They noted that leaders and staff help pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding through this broad and ambitious curriculum and that SEND pupils receive good support. Our Sixth Form prepares students well for their next steps and they make a valuable contribution to the wider school.

Communication

As a rule, we no longer post letters to parents. When a letter to parents is released, you will receive a text message alerting you of this with a link directly to our website embedded in the text. All our letter, appear on our website.

We also have the Wexham School App, to access this please follow these instructions.

- Firstly, you will need to download the app from either the iTunes App Store , Google Play or Windows Store by clicking on the relevant buttons below or by loading up the app store on your phone and searching for '**School News**'.
- Once you have located and downloaded the free app, launch the app and you will then be able to either click on the '**Find my school**' button which uses the phones GPS to locate all the schools in the surrounding 20 miles, or you can type in the school postcode and click on '**Get my school**' button. The school's postcode is: **SL2 5QP**. You will then see a list of schools that use the app. Click on Wexham School to view news and events.
- You will then be able to click on the '**News**' button to view all of the latest news items that have been added to the Wexham School Website and also all of the upcoming calendar events by clicking on the '**Events**' button.
- Clicking on '**My Schools**' will display a list of schools that you view news and events for. Clicking on one of the schools will the display the school address, telephone number and email address which you can click on to either phone or email the school directly from the app.

Emergency Closure

A reminder of our emergency closure procedure.

- The decision to close the school outside of core hours will be taken by 7.30am after an assessment of poor weather conditions or on the advice of Slough Borough Council or the emergency services. We will always aim to contact parents by text message as early as possible; normally this would be by 7.45am, before students leave for school. Messages will also be displayed on the school website.
- Should the school be forced to close during the day, or your child has arrived on school premises in the morning, you will be contacted before we send students' home.
- Further text messages and our website will update parents of our situation. For this reason, it is always vital that the school has up to date contact details.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2023 – 2024

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.