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WEXHAM SCHOOL CONTINUES TO BE A GOOD SCHOOL

OFSTED, May 2023



Wexham School is a friendly and highly inclusive school.

Leaders ensure that the curriculum is well planned and delivered.

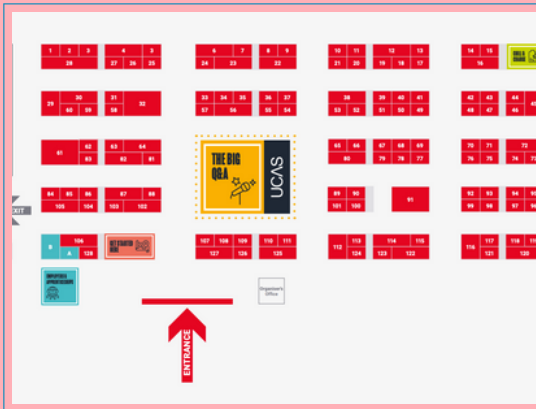
Pupils enjoy taking part in a wide range of clubs and school trips.

I am very pleased that Wexham School continues to be a good school in all aspects.

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.

Lawrence Smith – Headteacher



Year 12 UCAS Exhibition 2023

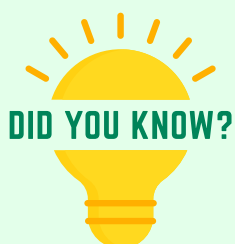
Our Year 12 students recently visited the UCAS exhibition in Farnborough. It was an excellent opportunity for them to meet over 100 universities from across the country and to speak to the representatives about pursuing their higher education ambitions. It was great to see our students seizing the opportunity to ask lots of questions about their futures. A huge thank you to Mrs Reeves-Williams, Miss Kamara, Mr. Arshad, Mr. Keith and Dr. Rihal for joining them on the visit.

Orienteering Challenge 2023

Recently we took a team of Year 7 students to compete in a Slough Schools Orienteering competition at Upton Court Park. Our team finished an incredible second place which is fantastic.

A huge congratulations to the following students:

Naomi (7 PAN)
Nicole (7MAN)
Kangana (7LUK)
Leila (7PAN)
Walid (7SEA)
Sahil (7LUK)
Raj (7PAN)
Kian (7PAN)



DID YOU KNOW?

Orienteering is not in the Olympics. Since 1966 there have been efforts to make Orienteering an Olympic sport, but as of today it still has not been added to the Olympics.



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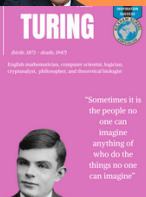





ACHIEVEMENT POINT COMPETITION ... AND THE WINNER IS ...



What an incredible year it has been! This year we have had a range of inter-form competitions ranging from the annual Spelling Bee championships to the not so 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 MANDELA who are the winners of this years Whole School House Competition!

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

House	Total	Rank
 MANDELA	46, 703	1
 TURING	46, 308	2
 PANKHURST	44, 572	3
 HADID	43, 440	4
 BRUNEL	42, 070	5
 LUTHER KING	39, 495	6
 SEACOLE	37, 495	7

SO HOW DID YOUR YEAR GROUP GET ON?



The year group results are as follows:

Year 7

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

Year 8

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

Year 9

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

Year 10

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



It's Morph Time!



Our Morph statue is finally complete! He was packaged up and sent off to London to be displayed in the UK's first step free Art trail. The final design was taken from a mixture of student entries and the paint work was completed by Ana and Nadira in 9MA who gave up every lunch time and Wednesday after school to work on it. The art trail is free to visit and goes live on the 19th June - 20th August 2023. More details later on in this issue!

STEM taster day at Brunel University



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UNIVERSITY

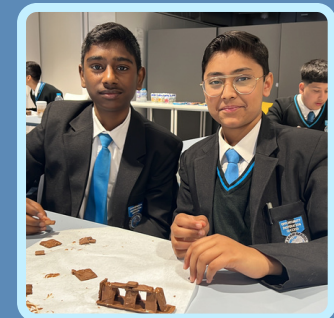
Recently a selected group of students attended the STEM Taster Day at Brunel University.

Our students were provided with the opportunity to participate in three STEM workshops which included robotics; testing bridge material tensile strength and sustainability.

The day ended with a therapeutic Astronaut training in the big dome!

A huge thank you to Mrs Sloan and Mr. Malik for their support in making this a great day.

Mr. Malik said that 'the event was so engaging... our students really took to the hands on team activities of programming robots and bridge building. Well done Year 9 Wexham.'





Year 11 Virtual Work Experience



A few of our Key Stage Four students have successfully completed a virtual work experience with 10 hours worth of content spread across a number of days in the form of short webinars and Q & A sessions. The feedback from the students was extremely positive.



Harshita Year 10

I am overwhelmed to have had the golden opportunity to be a part of the 'Heathrow Virtual Work Experience Program' on Business and Marketing supported by a creative platform- Springpod. We had the opportunity have an insight into 'Business and marketing strategy'. We also developed our knowledge on Marketing, Brand value, Co-ordinating and building up on our transferable skills like communication, teamwork etc. The program also exposed our thoughts on the Job market and helped us make our own CVs that will serve as a stepping stone into the Business Industry. I am extremely grateful to have gained so much more knowledge through this Program."



Ameer Ali -Year 11

"I had the opportunity to take part in the Heathrow IT virtual work experience opportunity with Springpod. I gained an insight in the IT sector-such as Cyber Security. We covered a large range of IT specialisms. I learnt how Heathrow runs efficiently despite being such a large company, their history, where it began and what it wants to look like in the future. In the employability module, I learnt about all the essential skills needed as you enter the world of work-such as teamwork and leadership"



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Girls Get Set STEM



Recently a selected group of Year 9 Girls took part in a Careers week with GE Healthcare. This was a 3 day event including 2 days of virtual workshops. There was a final day of activities at the GE HQ in Amersham which introduced a series of lean activities. Wexham worked in close co-operation with 2 other schools in the making of this event. A big thank you to Team Wexham but especially to Miss Aslam, Mr Gois and Mr Malik for making this event a success.

Miss Aslam, speaking of the event, stated: "A group of year 9 girls visited the GE healthcare offices in Amersham. They had a tour of the building. They looked at the open plan offices and the equipment that is used to create the healthcare products they manufacture. They also took part in workshops that enabled them to look at the skills GE believe are vital for their employees in what is a competitive market. The girls were well behaved and thoroughly engaged. Many girls walked away wanting to come back and be a part of an environment and team such as GE, thank you GE. Well thought out, you are raising the aspirations for learners and the workshops were so relevant for the young people of today".



New Age Kurling!

Recently, Wexham School hosted and competed in a SEND New Age Kurling competition. The school was proud to host the event and we were even more proud of our team that finished in third place, taking the bronze medal of the day.

This was another good achievement for the school and the team who are going from strength to strength!



Mock Interviews



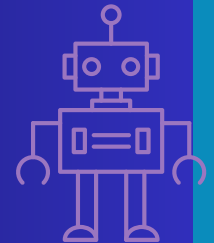
A targeted group of Year 12 and 13 students took part in a mock interview session. The session was run to support students applying for Apprenticeships after A-Levels. The session provided students with feedback in the following areas:

- First Impressions
- Quality of CV
- Presentation
- Greeting, Eye contact and body language
- Questions at Interview

All students were provided individual one to one written feedback at the end of the session. The volunteers were very impressed with the students. One of the students, Shoban Ali in Year 13 has been offered an Apprenticeship with the NHS.



A STEM & Computing Master class



As part of the Wexham STEM programme KS3 & KS4 students attended the STEM ICT & Computing Masterclass at Brunel University.

They participated in a variety of workshops which included, coding for 'robot wars', design and the manufacture of helicopters, website coding, algorithms and their application in the wider world. The students excelled in planning the activities and were a credit to Wexham. A big thank you to Mrs Malik



Celebration Dinner for Year 13



Recently the Wexham community bid a farewell to our lovely Year 13's by having a formal Celebration dinner.

The evening included a range of Teacher awards which Mr. Smith presented. Then we presented the peer awards and we welcomed back our very own alumni Prayag Bassi who is currently at Kings College, London, reading Geography.

This was a very well attended school event. Students were grateful for everything their teachers have done for them and are looking forward to giving back to the school in the future.

Thank you to all the members of staff that showed up to welcome them and support them throughout the evening.



Staff Netball Match gets competitive!

A huge thanks to all of the staff who turned up for the staff netball match this week. It was lovely to see so many faces from various departments take part and it is always a bonus when the sun is shining. Well done to those who had never played netball before, it was really nice to see so many smiley faces!



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The netball match really raised staff morale, it was lovely to see so many smiley faces from different departments in the school.

Mrs Reeves-Williams

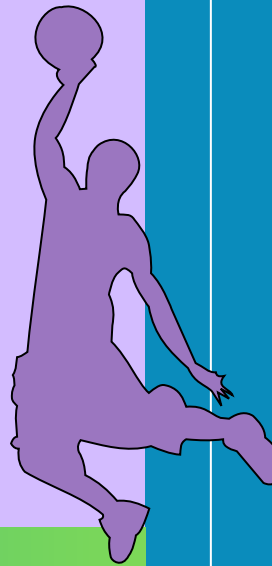
3 v 3 Basketball



Back in early May, we entered a mixed team of Year 7 and 8 students who competed in a 3v3 basketball competition.

Although we did not finish in the top place after the knock out stages, we did enjoy the day and our players gained a lot of personal development through seizing the opportunity.

We will try again next year!



Uni Frog launches for Year 8

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 to future pathways, we are now launching Unifrog to our Year 8 cohort of students.

It's a one stop platform that will provide 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 to Year 13.



Girls Cricket



A selected group of Year 8 girls were enjoying a number of focused cricket coaching during one of their weekly PE lessons. The girl's were provided with the opportunity of working with a female coach from Berkshire Cricket to build their skills and confidence with this fun Summer sport.



The City of the Dreaming Spires

Wexham recently made a visit to Oxford University. A group of Year 8 students were invited to Mansfield College, Oxford University for a full-on University (Hogwarts) experience. The experience included a sit down meal in one of their fancy seated dining halls

At Wexham, we pride ourselves in offering our students experiences, that they would otherwise not have and to open them to the world of Higher Education. Aspiration is identified as one of the key characteristics lacking in disadvantaged students and experiences like this, are a huge boost for our students and sometimes create real turning point in their school careers.



So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye



Year 11 made a great start to their GCSE examination season and their conduct in the study room was exemplary.

A huge thank you to everyone who managed to pop by to their Leavers' Assembly. They really enjoyed the presentations and it was a humbling experience for all involved.



This Girl Can!



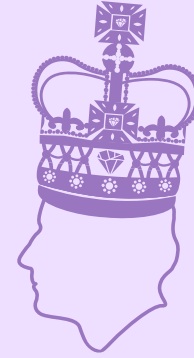
On Monday this week we hosted and participated in a girls football festival run by a group of FA coaches. Combining coaching, officiating and small-sided games, this was a great morning of football for the girls (photos attached).



Ready, steady, cook!



Students attending cooking club have been participating in a cake decorating competition, the theme for this year was the King's Coronation. Students have been enjoying researching this theme and then being creative with their cake decorations!



Price Waterhouse Coopers Analytics Day



Year 10 and 12 Students attended the Reading offices of PwC. Our students had sessions with Senior Analysts and partners. The students were able to learn about the various aspects of business management including marketing, data analytics, sustainability and career development.

The trip was a great success and students left feeling inspired and motivated to pursue careers in this field. It was a great opportunity for them to gain practical knowledge and develop their skills in a real-world setting.

A hole in one!

Recently Wexham School hosted a golf event for 8 local primary schools including our main feeder schools. Our Sport Leaders from Year 9 and 10 actively lead the different activities. This was an enjoyable event for those participants and our young leaders. The valuable learning opportunity was relished by those involved.



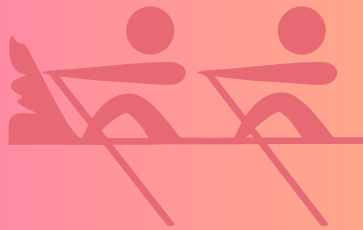
ROW, ROW, ROW



YOUR BOAT!



Year 9 Rowing Success recently for a team of our Year 9 students who went to Dorney Lake for a morning of rowing. This included time on the water and also indoor rowing in the gym. Four schools competed and Wexham were the overall winners which is a great achievement at a sport that is new to the students.



REWARDS

TRIP

Recently, 24 Year 8 and 9 students attended a rewards trip to the Mini Golf Centre in Maidenhead. The students enjoyed playing golf in groups of four.

They had the opportunity to perfect their game over the course of two sessions around the mini golf course.

After some competitive golf they then enjoyed desserts and milkshakes in the afternoon sunshine. A fun day was had by all involved in this rewards trip for improved attendance and consistently outstanding behaviour over the academic year.



What an unfor-JAG-gable experience!



Mrs Kamara escorted her A-Level Business students to the Jaguar Land Rover factory in Solihull. The trip brought the Manufacturing and Operations functions of business to life. Students were able to see how humans and technology integrate to create the amazing product that is the Range Rover.



Our students went behind the scenes of Solihull's facility in our guided tour and witnessed what it takes to bring to life some of the most iconic vehicles.

This experience included the Kingmakers Exhibition. The exhibition told an incredible story of collaboration, taking us back to the 1960's and the visionaries and vehicles in the development of Land Rover's design icon.

One Step Beyond!



Beyond the Baseline is a free secondary schools tennis programme for 11-16 year-olds that the Youth Sports Trust have been delivering in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) since 2012.

At Wexham, we are proud to say that we have been involved in this project every year since it began!



Year 8 students began their tennis leadership coaching programme and did a fantastic job. Louise Hunt, our mentor, was very impressed with their attitude and abilities.

Guess who's back!



The Art club enjoyed a trip to London to visit the Morph trail. Students were able to see our statue displayed at Fenchurch street as well as other 6 foot Morphs around London. The trail was interactive and each statue had a code to collect.



We ended at the Tate Modern to enjoy a picnic and an ice-cream. It was a fantastic day and the students and staff had a great time. Thank you to Mrs Lee and Miss Pope for being part of the trip.



Prison visit a great experience

Year 12 Psychology and Sociology A-Level students made the long voyage to Shrewsbury Prison as a course enrichment. The students thoroughly enjoyed exploring and learning about the history of the decommissioned prison. Many thanks to Mr Nicole and Mr Confit for accompanying the students



'Tout-ally' Étonnant Voyage en France



Our year 8 and 9 Students, together with Mrs Vine, Mrs Fatoux, Miss Tidey and Mr Nicholle left school at 6.45am on the morning of Friday 23rd June travelling by coach to Paris.

We stayed at the Chateau de Grande Romaine, the PGL centre near Paris where Wexham students had lots of activities including crepes making and sport tournaments.

While in France, we visited the Chocolaterie and tasted and purchased chocolates. We visited Paris : the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the basilica of Le Sacre-Coeur.

We also had a boat tour and saw all the main sights from the Seine river which was superb!

On the Sunday we visited the walled-in city of Boulogne and went to the beach in the afternoon before catching the ferry back to England.

Our students and staff had a fantastic time in France and our students were a credit to the school.



Year 6 making strides towards their new school adventure! 2023



The purpose of the day was to let Year 6 experience and explore their new school and introduce them to life at secondary school. They all got the chance to experience taster lessons, explore the school buildings and site, find out about opportunities and activities we offer, and ask any questions they might have about starting secondary school. On the day, the year 6 students were absolutely brilliant and fully engaged with the day. The behaviour from our students when they saw the Year 6s was exemplary and they all made them feel very welcome. I would like to say a big thank you for all the teachers that planned and delivered taster lesson(s), the tutors who made sure that the year 6s had a fun and engaging experience, as well as all the support staff that made sure that the day was a success. Our student helpers were again brilliant and not only helped the year 6 students feel welcome but made sure the day ran smoothly. I would also like to thank all the staff and sixth form helpers that stayed for the transition evening. A lot of hard work went into organising and delivering both the day and evening sessions. We had excellent feedback from both students and parents regarding the entire day. Well-done everyone. All the photos of the day can be found:



Girls Get Set!



The GirlsGetSet programme for Science was at GE Healthcare HQ in Amersham and was attended by 11 of our students. They participated in several team building activities, socialising bingo, filtering dirty water and mini raft building as well as having 2 sessions during the morning to see parts of the building and aspects of the work GE provide in the healthcare system.

They were also able to attend the separate hospital demonstration unit where they had the opportunity to assemble and reassemble parts of a ventilator as well as see the equipment used to help keep patients alive. They were put into groups to work cooperatively with girls from different schools doing the same challenge and found their feet quickly. At the end they also received a certificate for the previous Carbon Footprint challenge as well as a small joint-winners trophy.

Year 12 Work Experience



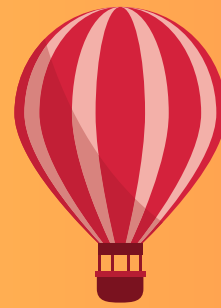
Year 12 students took part in a work experience program organised and run by Mars Wrigley Confectionery, UK.

Students participating gained valuable experience in various aspects in the running of a business.

The students who took part in the program were great and represented the school in a positive way. Alongside the steep learning journey that they have had, they enjoyed the whole experience, worked well together as a team and also built good relationships with the Mars team and had lots of fun too.



Thorpe Park Visit!



At the end of June our Year 10 students headed to Thorpe Park for their rewards trip. It was an amazing day filled with sunshine, smiles and lots of rides!!!!

It was great to see our students enjoying themselves with their friends and being acknowledged for the amazing effort they put into their day to day lives at school.

The staff that came along had nothing but praise for the students.

It was a great way of remembering just how many wonderful students there are in the year group!

A good day was had by all.



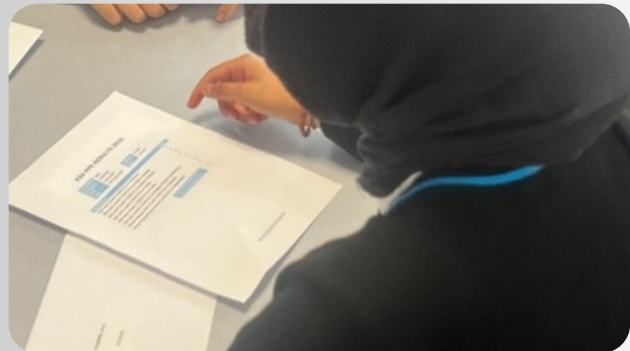
PPE Results Day for year 10!



In July our Year 10's had their first experience of collecting their PPE results in the main school hall. Miss Sheehan was impressed to see how mature they were in dealing with this process and how they took on board their emotions in terms of either being pleased with their results, or disappointed.



It seems to have been a positive wake up call for some, with them intending to make huge improvements over the course of Year 11.



Miss Sheehan had quite a few conversations with students who felt they had performed better than their results have shown, and so hopefully this will open up a dialogue with their class teachers in terms of what they need to do to improve.



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Whole School Careers Fair!



The Careers Fair this Year was very successful with 25 exhibitors attending. This was a valuable opportunity to introduce Wexham students to the world of work and further and higher education.

The exhibitors were very impressed with our students, with the Sixth form students stealing the show. They were super impressed with how polite, well-mannered and helpful the Sixth Formers were.

Below are a few comments we received from the Exhibitors:

“10/10, the staff and 6th Form helpers were so lovely and very helpful.”
Uxbridge College

“Everything worked so smoothly and all the staff members were so helpful. Year 13’s were brilliant too.” Oxford Brookes University .

“Student volunteers are the best and a great representative for the school. BE PROUD. Great Exposure, to engage all student ages” NHS SCW“

I liked the fact that it was done year by year. The timings worked well. Appreciated the refreshments.”- Price Waterhouse Cooper



Year 7 making "magdalenas" in Food Tech!



Year 7 students were able to make "magdalenas" in their Food Technology lessons.

They initially learnt about the vocabulary for this recipe in their Spanish lessons. What a great team effort from the MFL and Technology departments!



Spanish Theatre Company Visit

Recently, our Year 8 students watched a Spanish play from "Onatti".

The students enjoyed the play and some, volunteered to participate with the actors.

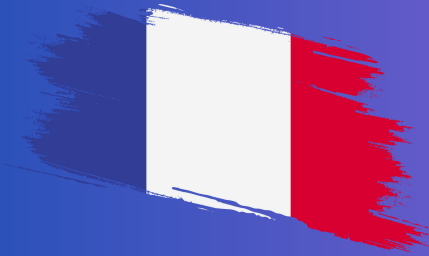


French Breakfast for years 7 and 8 students!



Recently a select few of our year 7 and 8 students were rewarded for their hard work and progress throughout the year with a French breakfast in the library.

We also celebrated the French national day and had a French quiz which students really enjoyed.



It's a Bug's Life!

During the last week of term Mrs Sarkar has explored with her her class the science of biology and making a bug hotel.

We will wait in hope to see which bugs like peas or sweetcorn!

Science has a small area to the rear of the technology block which they will develop over time.

