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EMBRACING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS







We are thrilled to share the exciting news of our recent international exchange visit with Dalton Academy from the Affiliated High School of Peking University.

During their visit, our guests from Dalton Academy had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere of our school. From engaging in collaborative lessons to exploring our school and experiencing British culture, the day was filled with enriching experiences for everyone involved.

One of the highlights of the day was the academic exchange sessions, where students from both schools shared their projects, and perspectives on various topics. Through lively discussions and presentations, we witnessed the power of cross-cultural dialogue in expanding our understanding of the world around us.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this exchange visit. Together, we are building a more connected and inclusive world. Read more inside about our visit to Bangcock, Thailand!



Unveiling Dickens' World: A Victorian Adventure Through Time









On Thursday, January 11th, 21 enthusiastic KS4 students embarked on a captivating journey through time as they visited the former residence of the legendary author, Charles Dickens, located in the heart of London.

As they stepped through the doors of Dickens' former house, students were transported back to the Victorian Era, a time brimming with societal complexities and literary brilliance. Led by knowledgeable guides, they were taken on a guided tour that unveiled the secrets and treasures hidden within the walls of this historic dwelling.

One of the highlights of the tour was the opportunity to witness Dickens' actual writing desk, a sacred space where the master wordsmith brought his vivid characters and captivating narratives to life. From this vantage point, students gained a deeper appreciation for the creative process behind some of literature's most cherished works.

As our students reflected on their journey through Dickens' former house, they couldn't help but marvel at the richness of history and the enduring legacy of one of literature's most celebrated figures. With newfound knowledge and a deeper appreciation for the past, they returned to school inspired and enlightened, eager to continue their exploration of the world around them.

Indeed, our visit to Charles Dickens' former house was not just a field trip; it was a transformative experience that brought history to life and ignited a passion for learning within our students. As they continue on their educational journey, we are confident that the lessons learned during this excursion will stay with them for years to come, shaping their understanding of literature, history, and the world around them.

Exploring Penthalon: A Unique Multi-Activity Target Games Event

Recently we embarked on a journey to participate in a SEND multi-activity target games event at The Centre in Slough. This event, known as Penthalon, provided our students with a unique and enriching experience that emphasized teamwork, skill-building, and fun.

So, what exactly is Penthalon? Penthalon is a multi-activity target games event that offers participants the chance to engage in a variety of sports and games designed to enhance their physical abilities, coordination, and strategic thinking. From archery and shooting to darts and frisbee, Penthalon encompasses a wide range of activities, ensuring that there's something for everyone to enjoy.

At The Centre in Slough, our students had the opportunity to test their skills across these different activities in a supportive and inclusive environment. For students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), Penthalon provided a platform where they could showcase their talents and abilities while also building confidence and self-esteem.







Exploring History: Year 12 Students Dive into the Depths of Shrewsbury Prison

On a chilly Monday our Year 12 Humanities students embarked on an unforgettable journey to Shrewsbury Prison, a relic of the Victorian era steeped in history and intrigue.



The excursion offered an immersive experience into the depths of the past, allowing students to delve into the fascinating world of Victorian penitentiary life.

Accompanied by their enthusiastic teachers, the students ventured into the heart of the decommissioned prison, where every corridor echoed with tales of bygone days. From the imposing architecture to the stark cells, every corner whispered secrets of the past, offering a vivid glimpse into the harsh realities of Victorian incarceration.



As the day drew to a close, our students returned enriched with new knowledge, unforgettable memories, and a deeper appreciation for the rich tapestry of history.

Attached are some captivating snapshots capturing the essence of our memorable excursion.



Year 9 Boys Dive into Creative Writing Project on Masculinity

A cohort of Year 9 boys embarked on an exciting creative writing venture in collaboration with Reading University. Their journey into exploring masculinity through the power of storytelling began with remarkable enthusiasm and engagement. The trainer from Reading University was thoroughly impressed by the boys' positive attitude and eagerness to delve into the project.

Highlights from Mervyn Lyn's TED Talk







Wexham had the privilege of hosting a captivating TED talk by none other than Mervyn Lyn, a distinguished figure in the music industry.

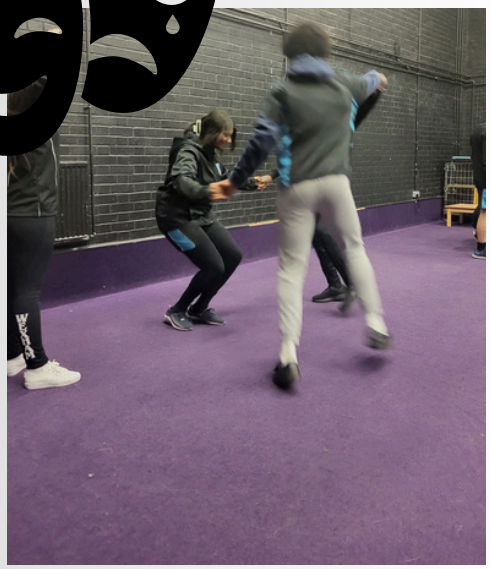
Mervyn, renowned for his illustrious career as the former Head of Black Music at Virgin Records and Sony, as well as serving as General Manager of Motown International in New York, shared invaluable insights with our Year 10 and 6th form students.

During the talk, students were treated to a firsthand account of Mervyn's experiences working alongside iconic artists such as 'Usher,' 'Notorious B.I.G.,' and 'Alicia Keys.'

The session culminated in an engaging Q&A session, where Mervyn flipped the traditional format by posing thought provoking questions to the audience. This interactive exchange sparked lively discussions and offered students a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the topics covered during the talk.

Exciting Workshop for Year 10 GCSE Students!





Recently our Year 10 GCSE students were treated to an engaging workshop led by Kerry Frampton, Associate Director at Splendid Productions. The session was filled with creativity and inspiration as students explored new avenues for their upcoming devising project in April. Kerry's expertise provided invaluable insights, igniting their passion for theatrical expression and setting the stage for a successful creative journey ahead.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS SHINE IN STEM WORKSHOPS WITH BRITISH ARMY







Our Year 7 students recently embarked on an exciting journey of discovery through a series of STEM workshops in collaboration with the British Army. Over the course of three days, students delved into the realm of STEM careers within the service while honing their problem solving skills in disaster relief scenarios using robotics.

Throughout the workshops, students showcased their ingenuity and creativity as they engineered intricate robots designed to execute critical relief tasks, potentially saving lives in emergency situations. From programming to hands on construction, our students demonstrated exemplary dedication and innovation, reflecting their enthusiasm for learning and their commitment to making a positive impact on the world around them.

We applaud our Year 7 students for their outstanding achievements and commend them for their exceptional attitude and innovative designs throughout the workshops. Their participation underscores our school's dedication to fostering curiosity, creativity, and excellence in STEM education.



KHALSA PRIMARY STUDENTS EXCEL IN WEXHAM SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

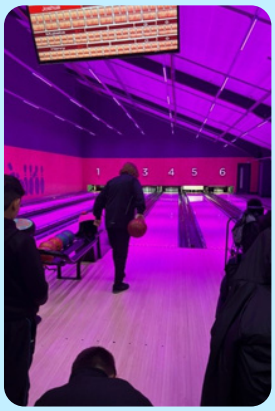


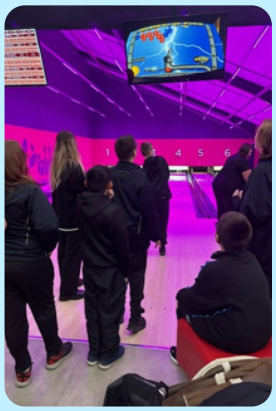
In line with Wexham's ongoing commitment to primary outreach, we were delighted to welcome students from Khalsa Primary School to our Science department. As part of their 'circulatory system' scheme of work, these eager learners engaged in a series of intricate heart dissections, immersing themselves in the fascinating world of human biology.

Throughout the workshops, the students from Khalsa Primary demonstrated exemplary focus, curiosity, and respect for the subject matter. Their enthusiasm and commitment to learning were truly commendable, and they proved to be wonderful ambassadors for their school.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the students from Khalsa Primary for their outstanding participation and engagement during their time at Wexham. Their visit not only enriched their own educational experience but also exemplified the spirit of collaboration and learning that we value deeply at our school.







STUDENTS THRIVE AT SEND BOWLING EVENT

Our school team recently participated in a SEND ten pin bowling event at Salt Hill Park, organised by the Slough School Sport & Physical Activity Network. It was a fantastic enrichment experience for our students, showcasing their talents and sportsmanship.

The event promoted inclusivity, physical activity, and teamwork, with our students demonstrating resilience and camaraderie throughout. We extend our thanks to the organisers for this wonderful opportunity and congratulate our students on their outstanding efforts. Here's to more enriching experiences ahead!

Wexham's Journey to Bangkok in a Cultural Exchange Programme









On Tuesday, February 6th, a group of 25 students accompanied by four dedicated staff members embarked on a transformative journey to Bangkok, Thailand. The overarching theme of this enlightening visit revolves around spirituality and mental wellbeing, aiming to provide our students with invaluable experiences and insights.

During their stay, students immersed themselves in the vibrant culture of Thailand, spending two days in a local school called Wat Nuannoradit School. This cultural exchange offered a unique opportunity for our students to engage with their Thai counterparts, fostering cross cultural understanding and appreciation.









Mr. Marwaha's best moment

The most memorable aspect of the Thailand trip was witnessing our students' interactions with the children at the Christian Care Foundation orphanage school. It was a truly powerful experience that touched the hearts of all involved.

Did You Know?

One interesting fact about traditional Thai food is that it often incorporates the five fundamental tastes: sweet, sour, salty, bitter, and spicy. This balanced combination is believed to create harmony in the dish and is a cornerstone of Thai culinary philosophy.



Adams' best moment!

Visiting the elephant sanctuary in Thailand was the highlight of my school trip, an experience that will stay with me forever. Getting the chance to bathe and feed the elephants was magical, a once in a lifetime opportunity!



Our Day by day diary!

1 Departure from Heathrow, layover in Abu Dhabi, arrival in Bangkok, excited for the adventures ahead.



2 Visit to Wat Nuannoradit School, experiencing Thai education firsthand.

3 Temple visit with Buddhist monks, learning about local customs and traditions.



4 Elephant sanctuary and floating river market, unforgettable encounters with Thailand's wildlife and culture.

5 Return journey to the UK, reflecting on the amazing experiences and memories made.

Celebrating Chinese New Year while in Thailand!





During the visit to Thailand, our students had the unique opportunity to celebrate Chinese New Year.

They experienced the vibrant festivities, including traditional customs, decorations, and cultural performances, adding an extra layer of enrichment to their Thailand trip.

This celebration provided our students with a firsthand experience of cultural diversity and helped them gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of different traditions and customs around the world. It broadened their cultural awareness and enriched their educational experience beyond the classroom.

A visit to the Christian Care Orphanage School, Bangkok!

During our trip to Thailand, both staff and students had the opportunity to visit the Christian Care orphanage school. It was a deeply inspiring day as we engaged with the children there. One memorable moment captured Ms. Bains and a student exchanging portraits of each other. Ms. Bains proudly displays the portrait on her office notice board as a cherished memento of the experience.



Ms. Bains' best moment

Every moment of the trip was so incredibly enjoyable; I couldn't possibly pick just one !





The Thailand cultural exchange trip was an incredible opportunity that left a lasting impact on our students. From engaging with Thai schools to experiencing the majestic elephants and witnessing the rich cultural heritage at temples, every moment was filled with inspiration and learning.

The visit to the floating river market added an extra layer of excitement and cultural immersion. Overall, the trip was a huge success, inspiring our students and leaving them eager for more such enriching experiences in the future!





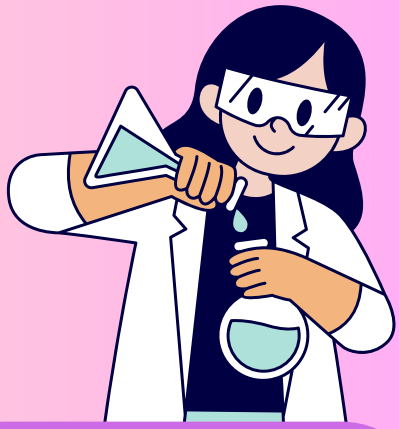
The best part of the trip for me was definitely visiting the orphanage and spending time talking with the younger children. It was incredible to see their enthusiasm. I was amazed to find out that they could count up to 20!





Faiths' best moment

Exploring STEM at Brunel University: A Day of Discovery for Year 7 Students



Recently, our Year 7 students travelled to Brunel University as part of their STEM Taster day. This immersive experience provided them with a firsthand glimpse into the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



Throughout the day, students eagerly participated in three engaging workshops, each designed to ignite their curiosity and inspire their creativity. From robotic coding to designing model cars and bridge building, the workshops offered a diverse range of hands on activities that challenged students to think critically and problem-solve collaboratively.



Hanifa, one of our students, shared her thoughts on the experience, expressing her excitement for the engaging activities. "I wish we could have had longer there as it was really exciting and fun," she remarked. "My favorite was using chocolate to make bridges alongside coding robots. The staff at Brunel were nice and helped us."



Overall, the STEM Taster day at Brunel University left a lasting impression on our Year 7 students, fostering a sense of excitement and discovery in the field of science and engineering.

As they reflect on their experiences and new knowledge, we look forward to seeing their continued growth and exploration in STEM fields, inspired by the innovative spirit of Brunel University and the limitless possibilities of the future.



Celebrating Success: Year 9 Brilliant Club Scholars Shine!



We're thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our Year 9 Brilliant Club scholars, who recently received results for their impressive 1300 word dissertations. Among the stellar submissions, we're proud to highlight three remarkable first place winners: Mariam, Yousif, and Hanan! Their write-ups were not only insightful but also engaging and meticulously researched.



Celebrating Bedrock Champions in Year 7!

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our Bedrock champions for this term: Safiyah-Nur, Sahil, Schon, and Ateeb!



Among our champions, Safiyah-Nur stands out for her exceptional dedication and commitment. With over 1000 points scored and more than 30 hours spent on the programme, Safiyah-Nur's efforts are truly commendable.

Let's applaud Safiyah-Nur and all our Bedrock champions for their hard work, perseverance, and dedication to improving their literacy skills.

Their achievements serve as an inspiration to us all, showcasing the importance of determination and effort in achieving success.

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Wexham's Year 7 Secures First Win of the Season

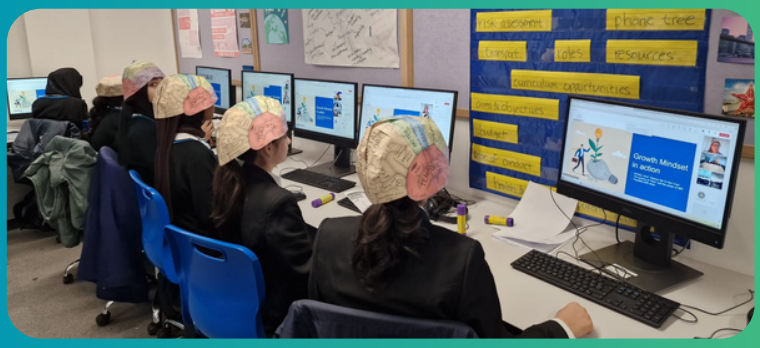


In an exhilarating match that kept spectators on the edge of their seats, Wexham's Year 7 football team clinched their first victory of the season with a thrilling 3-2 win against St. Edwards. The closely contested game showcased the determination, skill, and teamwork of our young athletes, marking a significant milestone in their journey as a team.

From the opening whistle, both teams displayed impressive prowess on the field, with each vying for control of the game. The intensity of the match was palpable as players from both sides showcased their agility, strategy, and resilience.

This victory not only marks a significant achievement for Wexham's Year 7 football team but also serves as a testament to their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship. It is a moment of pride for the entire school community, celebrating the resilience and spirit of our young athletes.

STEM Year 8 Girls Get Set with General Electric Healthcare



A selected group of Year 8 girls had the exciting opportunity to participate in a STEM event hosted by General Electric Healthcare as part of the Girl Get Set program. The event aimed to inspire and empower young girls to explore opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Throughout the day, our students engaged in a variety of hands on activities designed to ignite their curiosity and passion for STEM. From creating brain hats to participating in a dynamic Q&A session on STEM careers, our girls showed incredible enthusiasm and active participation in every aspect of the event.

As we continue to nurture and support the next generation of female leaders in STEM, we look forward to more opportunities for our students to engage with industry experts and explore their passions in science and technology. Together, we empower our girls to dream, innovate, and excel in the dynamic world of STEM.



STEM Year 12 Data Analytics Day at PwC Reading

A group of Year 12 students embarked on an exciting journey to the PwC offices in Reading for a day of immersive learning and exploration in the field of data analytics. The event, organised in collaboration with Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC), provided our students with a unique opportunity to delve into the intricacies of business management, including marketing, data and analytics.



Throughout the day, our students actively participated in a series of workshops led by senior analysts from PwC. These well structured sessions were designed to provide hands on experience and practical insights into the dynamic world of business analytics. From interactive group activities to engaging presentations, our students had the chance to showcase their skills and learn from industry experts in a real world setting.

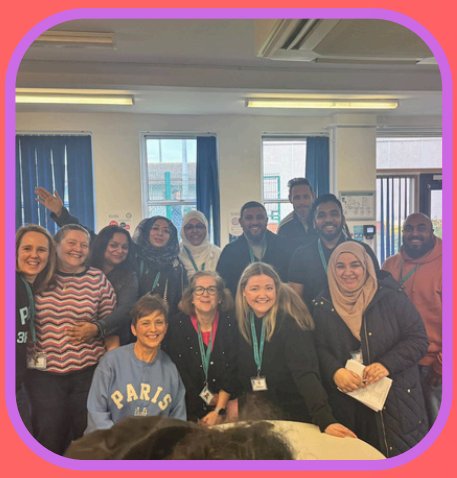
Y12 Politics Class Explores Electoral Systems in Interactive Experiment

Our Year 12 Politics class took part in an engaging experiment to delve into the intricacies of voting and electoral systems. The class conducted a series of elections using different voting methods and electoral systems, with the aim of gaining a deeper understanding of their effectiveness and impact.



Divided into teams, students took on various roles in the electoral process. One team was tasked with designing the mechanics of each election, including voting ballots, rules, and electoral systems. Meanwhile, the other teams assumed the roles of political candidates aligned with the major UK political parties' manifestos. They crafted their own manifestos and delivered compelling hustings speeches to garner support from their peers.

Through this hands-on approach, students had the opportunity to experience firsthand the nuances of closed and open ballots, as well as majoritarian and proportional representation systems. The experiment provided a platform for critical thinking and evaluation, allowing students to assess the strengths and weaknesses of each voting method.



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Last week, Wexham School came together in full force to support Comic Relief 2024, and what a fantastic day it was! From fun filled activities to exciting competitions, our school community showed incredible enthusiasm and generosity throughout the day.

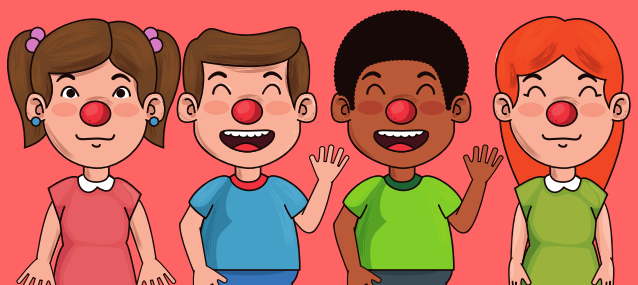


The day kicked off with a whole school dress-down, where students and staff alike swapped their uniforms for colorful outfits in support of Comic Relief. It was a sea of red and smiles as everyone joined in the spirit of giving.

One of the highlights of the day was the "Guess the Sweet" competition, which had staff and students from Years 8 and 9 eagerly trying to guess the number of sweets in the jar. The anticipation was palpable as participants made their best guesses, all for a good cause.



Our Sixth Form students also rolled up their sleeves and hosted a car wash, offering their services to staff to help raise funds for Comic Relief. With buckets of water and plenty of soap, they turned cars into shining beacons of support for the cause.



RELIEF



Sports enthusiasts were treated to an exhilarating showdown between Year 10 and Year 11 in a thrilling basketball match. The competitive spirit was high as both teams battled it out on the court, with cheers and applause echoing throughout the MUGA.



But the excitement didn't stop there! A highlight of the day was the exhilarating penalty shootout, where students showcased their soccer skills in a fierce display of competition.



For those with a sweet tooth, the cake sale was a haven of delicious treats, with mouthwatering cakes and baked goods tempting taste buds and raising funds for Comic Relief.

And let's not forget the youngest members of our school community! Year 7 students took part in a hilarious tomato and spoon race, balancing tomatoes on spoons as they raced to the finish line. Laughter filled the air as they embraced the spirit of fun and fundraising.



Overall, it was a day filled with laughter, teamwork, and a shared commitment to making a difference. Through our collective efforts, we raised in excess of £1000 (and still counting) for Comic Relief, supporting projects and initiatives that make a real difference to people's lives both locally and globally.



Success at the General Electric Event: Empowering Students for Environmental Action



Wexham proudly welcomed 50 students from Eden Girls and Beechwood, alongside our own students, to participate in a transformative event hosted by General Electric. This gathering marked a significant milestone as part of the students' Bronze Industrial Cadet Awards, promoting collaboration and environmental awareness among budding young leaders.

As we celebrate International Women's Day today, this event serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of empowering young women to effect positive change in their communities. Through knowledge exchange and collaboration, our students are equipped with the tools and inspiration to make a lasting impact on the world around them.



Celebrating Success: Year 9 Graduates from The Brilliant Club

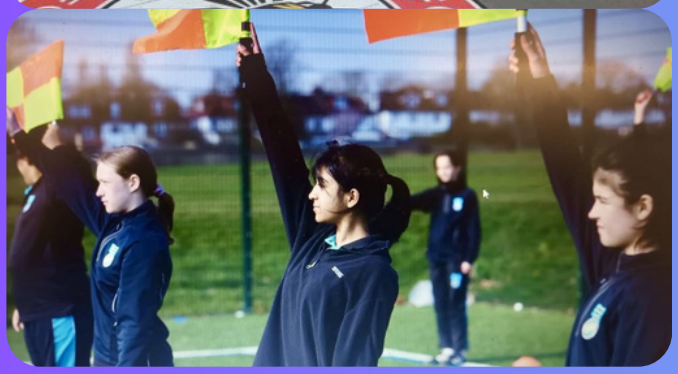


Congratulations to our 12 Year 9 students who recently graduated from The Brilliant Club project at the University of Southampton! Under the guidance of Husna Hejazi, they explored emotional health in schools, culminating in a 1300 word thesis. Their achievement was celebrated with seminars, Q&A sessions, and a campus tour. A proud moment for our students and school community! We commend their dedication and scholarly endeavours, showcasing their potential as future leaders in academia and beyond.



Celebrating Girls' Football: A Day at Brentford Football Club





Year 7 and Year 8 girls had an exciting opportunity to showcase their football skills at Brentford Football Club. Organised by the Slough School Sport & Physical Activity Network, the football festival was a day filled with coaching sessions, matches, an introduction to officiating, and a thrilling stadium tour.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the stadium tour, where our students had the chance to explore the facilities and learn about the rich history of Brentford Football Club. It was an unforgettable experience for all involved.

Exciting STEM Workshops with the University of Reading

Recently our Year 12 students had the privilege of participating in engaging STEM workshops facilitated by the University of Reading right here in our Learning Resource Area (LRA).



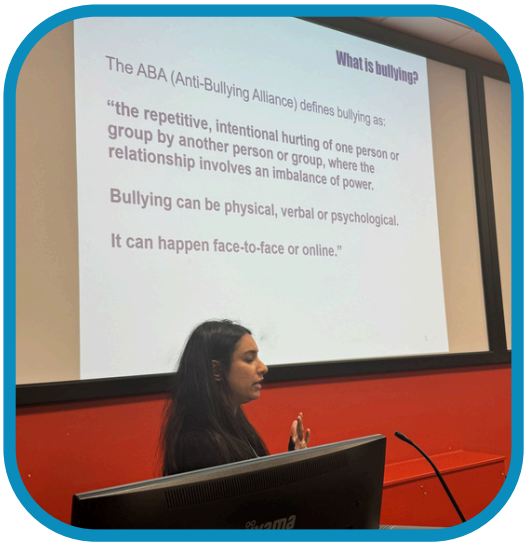
A total of 31 students attended these workshops, where they gained valuable insights into various STEM subjects offered at the university. The sessions also focused on effective study techniques to help students maximise their potential in these fields.

The workshops were met with great enthusiasm and active participation from our Year 12 students, demonstrating their eagerness to learn and explore new opportunities in the STEM field.



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Empowering Future Educators: Mr. Clark and Miss Bains Share Insights at Brunel University



In a bid to foster a culture of awareness and inclusivity, Mr. Clark and Miss Bains, Senior Leaders from Wexham School, recently visited Brunel University. Their goal? To lead a thought-provoking lecture on the theme of Bullying and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic education), aimed at shaping the practices of future teachers.

From interactive discussions to engaging activities, Mr. Clark and Miss Bains captivated their audience, encouraging reflection and dialogue on key issues surrounding bullying prevention and mental health support in schools. Their dynamic presentation sparked thought provoking conversations, challenging aspiring teachers to rethink their approaches and prioritise the holistic development of their future students.

