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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: A MEMORABLE CULTURE DAY AT WEXHAM SCHOOL



Wexham School recently hosted a vibrant and enriching Culture Day, celebrating the diverse culture of our school community. The event was a resounding success, featuring a series of engaging activities that brought together students and staff, in a joyous celebration of global cultures. Here's a glimpse into the highlights of this unforgettable day:

Building the Culture Tower: A Symbol of Unity

One of the most striking features of Culture Day was the Culture Tower, a collaborative art project that stood as a symbol of unity and diversity.

World Cup Sporting Event: A Celebration of International Sportsmanship

In the spirit of global camaraderie, Culture Day featured a thrilling World Cup Sporting Event. The sports event showcased a range of activities inspired by international sports.

Fashion Show: A Parade of Cultural Elegance

The Fashion Show was a highlight of the day, offering a spectacular display of traditional and contemporary attire from around the world. The runway was a kaleidoscope of colours and styles, from elegant kimonos and intricate saris to stylish dashikis and vibrant ponchos. The audience was captivated by the rich diversity of fashion, and the event provided an opportunity for students to learn about and appreciate the significance of traditional garments from various cultures.

Menu Makeover: Student Council Partners with Food Provider for Tastier Tomorrow



At Wexham School, student empowerment extends beyond the classroom and into every aspect of school life, including the food we eat. Recently, our student council representatives had the unique opportunity to sit down with our food provider to discuss the current menu offerings and provide valuable input on future menu options. This collaborative effort not only underscores the importance of student voice but also highlights the tangible benefits of being part of the Wexham Student Council.

The meeting between our student council representatives and the food provider was a testament to our school's commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity and collaboration. Recognising that students are the ultimate consumers of the school meals, the staff facilitated this dialogue to ensure that their preferences and dietary needs are taken into consideration.

During the meeting, students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions and share their feedback on the existing menu items. From taste preferences to dietary restrictions, each student had the chance to express their thoughts and concerns openly. Moreover, the food provider went the extra mile by providing samples of potential future menu options, allowing students to experience first hand the variety of choices available.



Charting the Course: Year 9 GCSE Pathways Week at Wexham School

OPPORTUNITY
INSPIRATION
SUCCESS



As students journey through their academic careers, one pivotal moment stands out among the rest: choosing their GCSE pathways.

At Wexham School, Year 9 GCSE Pathways Week was a whirlwind of activity, designed to guide students and parents through this crucial decision making process. From informative presentations to one-on-one meetings, the entire school community came together to ensure that every student received the support and guidance they needed to make informed choices about their future.

The week kicked off with a series of informative presentations from each subject leader, providing students with an overview of the GCSE options available to them. From traditional subjects like English and Mathematics to more specialised areas such as Design and Technology and Computer Science, students were introduced to a wide array of pathways, each offering unique opportunities for growth and exploration.



Navigating Success: Wexham School's Year 7's Triumph in Orienteering Challenge



In a week filled with excitement and outdoor adventure, the Year 7 students of Wexham School showcased their navigational prowess and team spirit at the orienteering challenge held at Upton Court Park, in collaboration with the Slough School Sport Network (SSSN). Against the backdrop of greenery and under the guidance of dedicated teachers, our young explorers embarked on a thrilling journey of discovery, ultimately bringing home the bronze medal in a display of determination and camaraderie.

The orienteering challenge, a test of both physical agility and mental acuity, saw our students navigate their way through a series of checkpoints scattered across the park using only a map and compass. With each twist and turn, they demonstrated not only their navigational skills but also their ability to work together as a cohesive team, supporting and encouraging one another every step of the way.



Year 9 Students Inspired by Ms. Moran's Wisdom

Year 9 students had the extraordinary opportunity to hear from our very own Ms. Moran, a seasoned professional in the film industry. She shared captivating stories from her career, including her work in sound editing for major films like "Harry Potter" and "Gosford Park," as well as her Emmy-award-winning contributions to the acclaimed series "Band of Brothers," produced by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks.



During her talk, she provided an in-depth look at the various careers that comprise the film industry. From sound editing to production and directing, students gained a comprehensive understanding of the many roles that come together to create the movies and shows we love.

EmpowerED: Igniting Excellence on Teacher Training Day



At Wexham School we have a commitment to excellence in education. As the summer term commenced, our dedication to nurturing a culture of continuous improvement was reaffirmed through an engaging and enriching INSET day focused exclusively on teaching and learning. This event not only served as a platform for professional development but also ignited a sense of inspiration and motivation among our staff members.



The INSET day was meticulously designed to provide our teachers with the tools, techniques, and insights needed to enhance their pedagogical practices. Through a series of workshops, seminars, and collaborative sessions, our teachers were equipped with innovative strategies and best practices tailored to meet the diverse needs of our student body.



At Wexham School, we recognise that the key to unlocking the full potential of our students lies in the dedication and expertise of our teachers. By prioritising teacher development and investing in opportunities for growth and learning, we are not only enriching the educational experience for our students but also fostering a culture of excellence and innovation within our school community.

As we continue our journey of educational excellence, we remain steadfast in our commitment to empowering teachers and equipping them with the tools they need to succeed.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY: YEAR 12 STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR INCLUSION FESTIVAL AFTER ALLIANZ TRAINING



With anticipation building and excitement in the air, Wexham School is gearing up to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Year 12 students who have completed their Allianz training in preparation for the upcoming Inclusion Festival. Their dedication to fostering inclusivity within our school community is truly inspiring, and we are thrilled to embark on this journey together to make the festival one to remember.

The Allianz training program, designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to promote diversity and inclusivity, has empowered our Year 12 cohort to become ambassadors of change. Through a series of workshops, seminars, and hands-on activities, students have gained a deeper understanding of the importance of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

As we come together to celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students and the spirit of inclusivity that defines our school community, let us seize this opportunity to embrace diversity, challenge stereotypes, and build a more inclusive world for future generations. Together, let's make this Inclusion Festival one to remember, and let our commitment to fostering inclusivity continue to shine brightly in all that we do.

EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE: YEAR 8 GIRLS DIVE INTO NLF FLAG FOOTBALL



Excitement filled the air as our Year 8 girls embarked on a thrilling new adventure with their first coaching session in NLF Flag Football. This non-contact version of American Football promises to be an exhilarating journey of teamwork, skill-building, and friendly competition as the girls prepare to represent Wexham School in a series of matches against schools from other boroughs over the next few weeks. Hosted at Cranford Academy in Hounslow, these matches offer our girls the chance to showcase their talents and sportsmanship on the field.

NLF Flag Football provides a unique opportunity for our students to explore a new sport and challenge themselves in a fun and inclusive environment. With its emphasis on agility, strategy, and camaraderie, this dynamic sport encourages players to develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and decision-making—all while having a blast on the field.



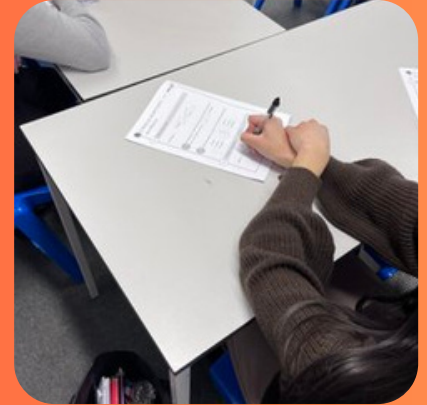
In the coming weeks, our Year 8 girls will have the chance to put their skills to the test as they compete against teams from other schools in a series of matches. These friendly competitions offer not only the thrill of victory but also the chance to forge new friendships, build resilience, and learn valuable lessons in sportsmanship and fair play.

As we cheer on our Year 8 girls in their upcoming matches, let us celebrate their dedication, determination, and sportsmanship. Regardless of the outcomes, their journey in NLF Flag Football is a testament to their willingness to embrace new challenges and push themselves to new heights. Together, let us support and encourage them as they embark on this exciting adventure and make memories that will last a lifetime.





Year 12 Students Empowered to Ace Exams: Insights from ElevateEd Workshop



Excitement reverberated through the halls of Wexham School as Year 12 students geared up for academic success following their attendance at the Ace Your Exams workshop hosted by @ElevateEd. Packed with top-notch strategies and expert insights, this workshop served as a beacon of guidance for students preparing to conquer their upcoming exams with confidence and poise. Armed with newfound knowledge and a sense of empowerment, our students are ready to rise to the occasion and excel like never before.

The Ace Your Exams workshop, led by seasoned educators and exam preparation specialists, provided our Year 12 students with invaluable tools and techniques to navigate the exam season with ease. From effective study methods to time management strategies, students were equipped with a comprehensive toolkit designed to optimize their preparation and maximize their performance on exam day.

As we look ahead to the exam season, let us celebrate the dedication and determination of our Year 12 students. Their commitment to academic excellence and their willingness to invest in their own success are truly commendable. With the guidance of ElevateEd and the unwavering support of the school community, we have every confidence that our students will rise to the occasion and achieve their goals. Here's to a successful exam season and a bright future ahead!

Did You Know?

Did you know that Year 12 students are often at the forefront of driving positive change within their school communities? Whether through leadership roles in student councils, advocacy for important causes, or organising impactful events, Year 12 students frequently demonstrate a strong commitment to making a difference and leaving a lasting legacy before graduating.

Breaking Barriers: Yr 12 Girls Dive into STEM at Brunel University

In a bid to shatter stereotypes and embrace the boundless possibilities of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), a group of Year 12 girls recently embarked on an enlightening journey to Brunel University. As part of the 'Girls in STEM' project, this external visit aimed to inspire, educate, and empower young minds, paving the way for a more inclusive and diverse future in the field.



During their visit, our students had the invaluable opportunity to interact with bright minds who are currently pursuing degrees in mechanical and chemical engineering, as well as computer science. One of our own, Muryam, eloquently summarised her experience, stating, "We met with some students who are studying mechanical and chemical engineering and computer science, and they talked about their placement jobs and their overall experience."

The exchange of ideas, insights, and experiences proved to be immensely enlightening for our young scholars. They gained first hand knowledge about the various facets of STEM disciplines, from the intricacies of mechanical design to the fascinating realm of chemical processes, and the limitless potential of computer science in shaping our future.

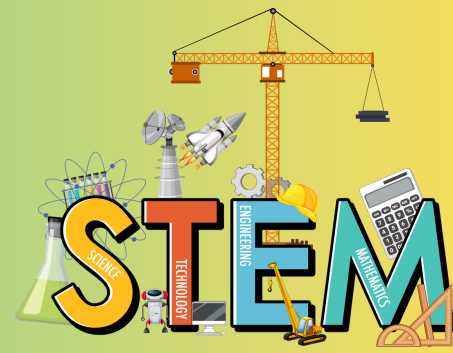
As our Year 12 girls return from this enriching experience, they carry with them not only a deeper understanding of STEM but also a renewed sense of purpose and possibility. Armed with newfound insights and inspiration, they are poised to break down barriers, defy expectations, and carve out their own paths in the ever-evolving landscape of STEM.

Here's to the unstoppable force of girls in STEM, blazing trails and shaping the future, one innovation at a time.

Stay tuned for more updates on our journey towards a more inclusive and diverse STEM community!



Year 7 Students Excel at STEM Lego Challenge



Recently, our enthusiastic Year 7 students had the opportunity to participate in the STEM Lego Challenge held at Cummins Distribution Europe.

This event was not only an exciting visit but also an educational one, giving our students a glimpse into the world of engineering and innovation.

The day began with an insightful session where the students learned about Cummins, a leading organisation known for its specialisation in manufacturing engines for submarines, fire trucks, and trains.

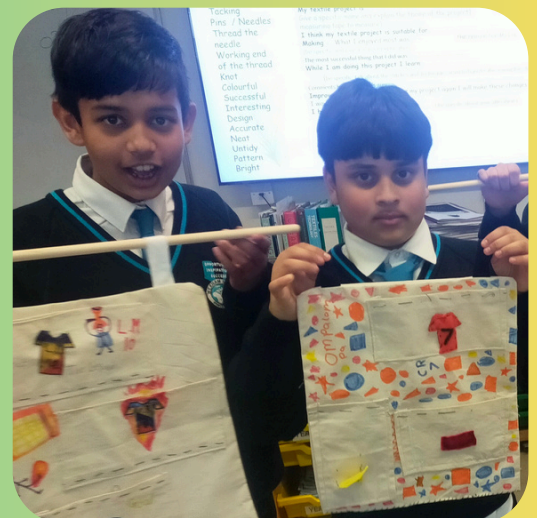


Following this, the highlight of the day was the STEM Lego Challenge. The students were tasked with building their own mechanical engines using Lego. This hands-on activity allowed them to apply their STEM knowledge in a fun and creative way. The challenge not only tested their problem-solving skills but also encouraged teamwork and innovative thinking.

Year 7 Students Complete Wall Hanging Project in Technology Textile Lesson

Our talented Year 7 students have successfully completed their wall hanging project as part of their Technology textile lessons. This hands-on project allowed the students to explore their creativity and develop their textile skills in a practical and enjoyable way.

Throughout the project, the students learned various techniques such as designing, cutting, sewing, and decorating fabrics. Each student brought their unique ideas to life, resulting in a diverse collection of beautiful and imaginative wall hangings.



Wexham Shines in Junior UKMT Maths Challenge

Wexham School hosted the Junior UKMT Maths Challenge recently. This prestigious event was open to Year 7 and 8 students, and we are thrilled to share that our KS3 students achieved remarkable success at the national level!

Twenty of our talented students have been recognised for their exceptional performance and will soon receive certificates from the UK Mathematics Trust. The winners were:

Year 7:

- Sahil - GOLD CERTIFICATE
- Sanjay - GOLD CERTIFICATE
- Tiana - SILVER CERTIFICATE
- Yahya - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Manasvi - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Aidanjit - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Kaitlyn - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Frankie - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Kavya - BRONZE CERTIFICATE

Year 8:

- Giaan - GOLD CERTIFICATE
- Joshua - SILVER CERTIFICATE
- Adiba - SILVER CERTIFICATE
- Palash - SILVER CERTIFICATE
- Ahmed - SILVER CERTIFICATE
- Ibaad - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Gurlal - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Henry - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Ifraz - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Inaya - BRONZE CERTIFICATE
- Mohammed - BRONZE CERTIFICATE



We are incredibly proud of all the participants, especially those who earned certificates. Congratulations to all, and keep up the excellent work!



Year 11 ARB Students Shine at Café 6

A huge thank you to all the staff who came out to support our Year 11 ARB students recently at Café 6.

We are incredibly proud of Zaki, Casey, Issa, Bilal, and Muhammad, who looked very professional in their Café 6 uniforms. They worked incredibly hard and adapted well to the change in their normal school routine.

The students had a fantastic time putting into practice the skills they have learned so far, demonstrating their dedication and enthusiasm. Their hard work and professionalism did not go unnoticed.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and their efforts!



Bikeability Programme Success

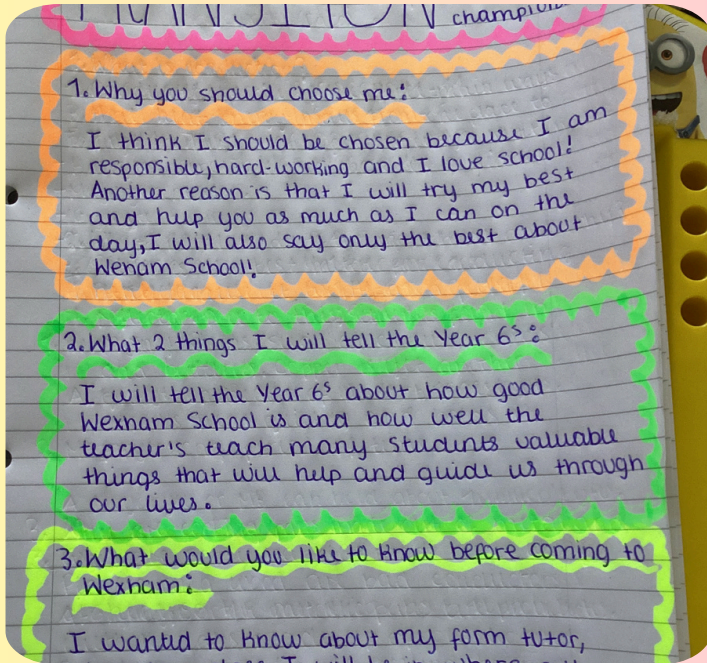


The team at Wexham had a successful Bikeability programme! Our participating pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour and a strong sense of responsibility while out on the road. Their support for one another and commitment to safety were truly commendable.

Throughout the programme, the pupils mastered essential cycling skills, including safely conducting U-turns, navigating roundabouts, and manoeuvring around parked cars. The instructors were highly impressed with their skills and are considering inviting some pupils to take part in the Level 3 Bikeability programme.

Each pupil who completed the course has received a certificate of completion and a badge. Please join us in congratulating them on their achievement and for successfully completing the course. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication. Well done to all!

Year 7 Transition Champions 2024



Transition time for our new cohort of Year 7s has come around again, and we are excited to introduce our new Transition Champions Programme for our current Year 7 students.

This initiative provides an excellent opportunity for them to take on leadership roles and help ease the transition for incoming students.

The programme includes several key activities:

- Assisting on Induction Day in July
- Attending primary school visits
- Helping on the new Year 7s' first day in September

The enthusiasm from our Year 7 students has been overwhelming. To ensure fairness, we asked interested pupils to apply for the role as if it were an actual job.

The quality of the applications was outstanding, making the selection process very challenging.



Year 7 Allianz 'Move Now' Festival



Recently, a group of our Year 7 students participated in the Allianz 'Move Now' Festival, an engaging physical activity event hosted by the Youth Sport Trust in our sports hall. This special event was designed for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) or lower practical ability in Physical Education (PE).

The festival featured a variety of activity stations, each focusing on different aspects of physical fitness, including aim, coordination, and teamwork. By participating in these activities, they were able to build their confidence and develop a greater enjoyment of exercise. The inclusive and supportive environment allowed every student to thrive and feel a sense of achievement.

A big thank you to the Youth Sport Trust for organising such a fantastic event, and to all the staff and volunteers who helped make the day a success. We look forward to more opportunities like this to support our students in their physical and personal development.

Year 7 Students Shine in Dance Workshops Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

Our Year 7 students dazzled in a lively Dance Workshop recently, showcasing their enthusiasm and talent on the dance floor. Led by instructors, the workshop aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle through energetic physical activity.

Students eagerly learned new dance moves and routines, grooving to Beyoncé's iconic beats while improving their coordination and confidence. Their spirited participation made the workshop a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.

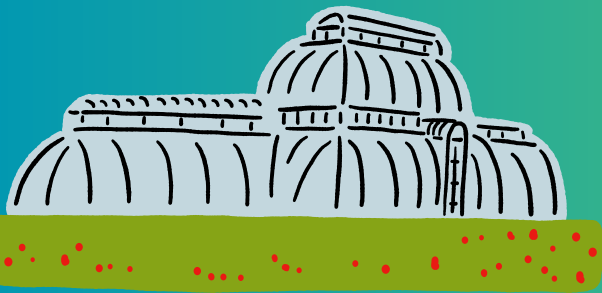


My first year at Wexham School



Fatima's best moment

The best moments for me in year 7 was visiting the Charles Dickens museum and visiting Kew gardens with all of my friends.



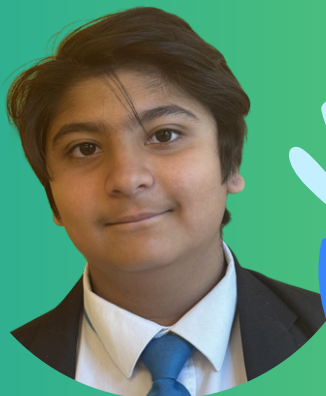
Lennon's best moment

The best moment for me at Wexham was that I got to go on a school trip on my very first day. I had so much fun!



Anamta's best moment

The best moment for me in year 7 was when I got to go on a trip to Kew gardens. Also more recently I became a transition champion and I was able to go and visit local primary schools.



Rahmen's best moment

The best moment for me at Wexham was being able to visit Brunel University. This trip showed me what it was like at Uni and I definitely want to go!





Our WEXHAM VALUES

G

Goals

Always knowing what you are working to achieve.



R

Responsibility

Taking ownership of your work and having pride in it.



E

Engagement

Participating fully and making a positive contribution.



A

Adaptability

Being open to new ideas to help you progress and achieve



T

Teamwork

Supporting and cooperating with one another to help everyone succeed.

