

# Lord Thurlow Visits Wexham School



Recently, Wexham School was honoured to welcome Lord Thurlow, a sitting peer in the House of Lords, for an inspiring visit. During his time at the school, Lord Thurlow worked closely with our KS5 History and Politics students, as well as members of the School Council and Bar Mock Trial teams.

Throughout the visit, Lord Thurlow shared insights into his background and role within the Parliamentary system, offering our students a unique perspective on the political process. He was incredibly generous with his time, allowing students to ask a range of thoughtful questions about his work and the workings of the House of Lords.

# Bar Mock Trial Team Competes at Reading Crown Court



Our Bar Mock Trials team took part in the regional heat at Reading Crown Court. While we didn't secure a place in the top three this year, the students found the experience both rewarding and enjoyable, learning valuable lessons along the way.

This year's team was the largest it has ever been, with over 50 KS4 and KS5 students auditioning for places. Their enthusiasm and dedication were evident throughout the preparation process, with many balancing their mock trial commitments alongside studying for and writing their PPEs.



# Boccia Success at Slough Schools Competition



Two teams from Wexham School competed in the annual Slough Schools Boccia Competition, and it was a fantastic morning for our students!

Both teams performed exceptionally well, making it to the finals — one team emerged as champions, while the other finished as runners-up.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and their sportsmanship throughout the competition. The success at this event has secured our place at the County Finals during the Berkshire School Games in Spring 2025, and we can't wait to see what our teams achieve next!

Congratulations to all the students involved — your hard work and dedication have truly paid off!

# Year 8 & 9 Girls Shine at Slough Schools 5-a-Side Football Tournament



Recently, seven of our Year 8 and 9 girls took part in the Slough Schools 5-a-Side Football Tournament. Despite playing in freezing temperatures, our girls demonstrated incredible grit, determination, and teamwork throughout the competition.

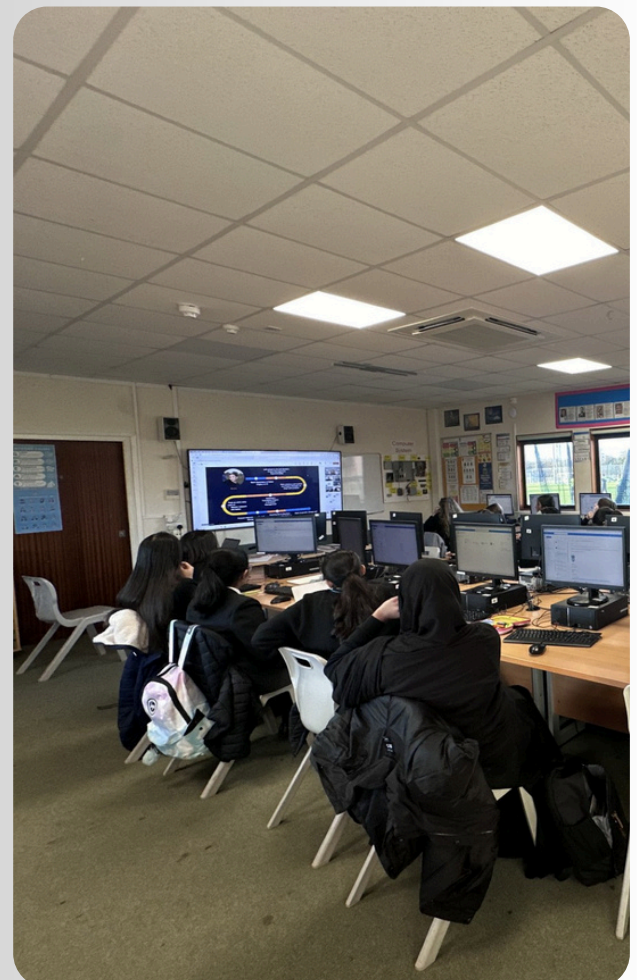
The team faced a series of tough matches against various schools, but they gave it their all, finishing third in their pool, just one point off a semi-final place.

Stand-out players included Sabirin, who made some incredible saves as goalkeeper, and Leila, who played brilliantly out on the field.

## Year 8 Students Attend Baker Hughes Master Class for Bronze Industrial Cadet Awards

Wexham students participated in a Baker Hughes Master Class session as part of their journey towards the Bronze Industrial Cadet Awards.

During the session, students had the valuable opportunity to hear firsthand from a range of professionals working at Baker Hughes. These professionals shared insights into their personal and professional journeys, discussing topics such as their educational backgrounds, how they chose their career paths, and the challenges and rewards of working in the energy sector.



# Year 7 Boys Compete in Slough Schools 5-a-Side Football Tournament



This week, two Year 7 boys' teams represented Wexham School at the annual Slough Schools 5-a-Side Football Tournament held at the Slough Power League. Both teams played with great determination and showcased excellent attitudes throughout the competition.

Although they narrowly missed out on qualifying for the finals by just one point, the boys gained valuable experience and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to compete.

## Year 12 Students Attend London STEAM Apprenticeships Event



A group of Year 12 students had the exciting opportunity to attend a STEAM Apprenticeships event in London, hosted by Amazon Web Services and sponsored by leading companies such as GSK, Barclays, AWE, Pfizer, and BT Group.

The event provided an invaluable opportunity for students to explore various apprenticeship opportunities in the science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) fields, while also learning about the diverse career paths these companies offer.

# Maths & Science Curriculum Collaboration CPD



Recently members of Wexham School staff attended a Maths & Science Curriculum Collaboration CPD event at The Beacon School in Banstead, Surrey. A special thanks to Mr Aslam and Mr Gois for attending, and to Mr Singh for delivering the session.

This event brought together teams of Maths and Science teachers from across the South East to work together on addressing misconceptions in the curriculum and identifying common ground. The focus was on fostering collaboration to improve curriculum maps and sequencing, ultimately aiming to achieve better learning outcomes for our students.



## Year 11 Careers Visit: Stardust Book Services



Year 11 GCSE Art and Photography students had the exciting opportunity to attend a careers talk by Nastasia Bishop-McHugh, founder of Stardust Book Services.

During her talk, Nastasia shared her fascinating journey into the world of editing, her experience starting her own company, and the various aspects involved in the editing and pre-publication of books. Her insights into the industry were invaluable, offering students a unique perspective on the behind-the-scenes work that goes into getting a book ready for publication.

A huge thank you to Nastasia Bishop-McHugh for taking the time to speak with our students and share her expertise.

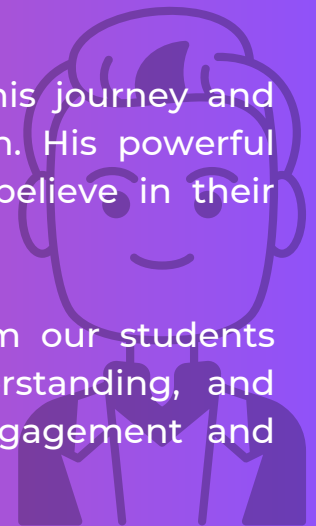
# Tom Kerridge TED Talk Inspires Wexham Students



Wexham School recently hosted a TED Talk featuring the renowned chef and entrepreneur, Tom Kerridge.

The talk was nothing short of inspirational, as Tom shared his journey and insights into achieving success through graft and dedication. His powerful message resonated with our students, motivating them to believe in their potential and work hard to reach their goals.

What truly stood out was the high level of questioning from our students during the Q&A session. Their confidence, depth of understanding, and thoughtful questions were impressive, showcasing their engagement and intellectual curiosity.



# Bookbuzz: Year 7 Students Receive Their Books!



The much-anticipated Bookbuzz BUZZ has finally landed at Wexham School! All Year 7 students were given the exciting opportunity to choose a book of their own, and it's safe to say they were thrilled with their selections.

Since receiving their books, many students have been spotted reading them around the school, proudly sharing their thoughts and discussing the stories with peers and teachers alike. It's wonderful to see such enthusiasm for reading!

## Reading University Masculinity Project



A group of Year 8 boys began the Boys Impact Project with Ben Worsfold from the University of Reading. This project, focused on exploring themes of masculinity, will continue throughout the year (though not on a weekly basis). We look forward to the valuable discussions and insights the students will gain from this ongoing initiative.

## Book Club: Join the Fun!



We encourage all students to join the exciting Book Club run by Miss Sherwood in WF2 every Wednesday from 3:15-4:15. This week, we had a WHOPPING 16 students reading for pleasure and having a great time! It's a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with books, share their thoughts, and enjoy reading in a fun, relaxed environment.

# Year 9 Students Connect with Author Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock



We had an incredibly exciting morning with our Year 9 students as we were joined (via Zoom) by the talented author Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock. Bonnie-Sue, the author of our Year 9 set text, *The Smell of Other People's Houses*, kindly agreed to speak with us live, all the way from Alaska—where it was midnight!

During the session, Bonnie-Sue answered a range of thoughtful questions submitted by our students, offering fascinating insights into her writing process, her inspirations, and the journey of creating her novel. She even shared exclusive news about her latest book, which is currently with her editor ahead of its upcoming publication.

Bonnie-Sue was very complimentary of our students, praising their engagement and insightful questions. She was also delighted to learn how to properly pronounce “Slough”—a fun moment that added a personal touch to the event!

A huge thank you to the English, PE, and Year 9 teams for supporting this event and helping to make it such a memorable experience for our students. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to connect with a real author and deepen their understanding of the novel in an exciting way!

