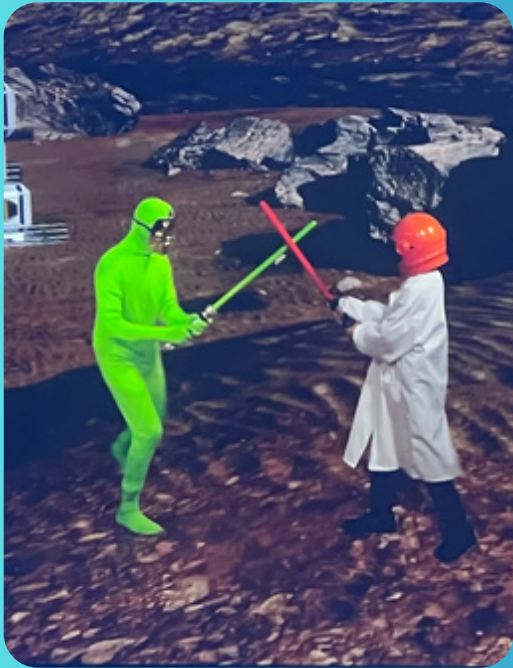


# Year 9 Visit at Elstree



Earlier this term, 23 Year 9 students had an unforgettable experience at Sky Studios Elstree, taking part in exciting STEAM workshops focused on the pre production and post production of films.

During the visit, students learned the intricacies of film making, from writing a pitch for a new film to editing and presenting their projects in the Sky Studios cinema. It was an immersive, hands on experience that combined creativity, technology, and teamwork — truly one of the most exciting STEAM activities Wexham has undertaken.



Students shared their highlights from the trip:

- Navpal: "The trip was the best and the filmmaking was really fun."
- David: "I really enjoyed the trip; the lights and displays for making films were amazing, as was the cinema."
- Medha: "The trip was very educational and fun at the same time."
- Mohammed: "Editing a film we made was a great experience."



# Year 11 “Maximise” Workshop



## Maximize

Year 11 students stepped out of their usual Science lessons to take part in the “Maximise your Potential” workshop with returning guest speakers Jeremy Dry and Jasper Ward.

The students engaged enthusiastically in practical activities and discussions designed to help them maximise their potential.

The workshop focused on bespoke study skills tailored towards helping them in preparing for their final GCSE year. Skills included were:

- Increasing motivation
- Developing better study practices
- Effective revision strategies
- Building resilience
- Stress management
- Raising attainment

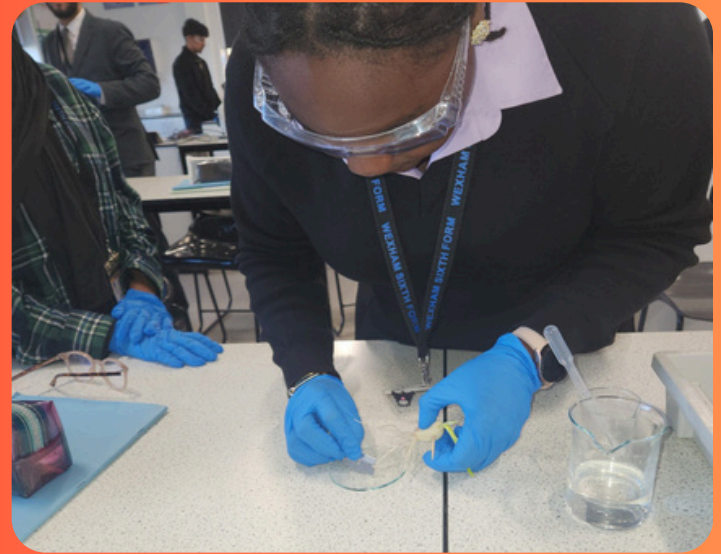
The session provided Year 11 with invaluable tools and strategies to boost their confidence, improve their learning habits, and prepare effectively for the challenges ahead.



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# Exploring Cell Division in Action

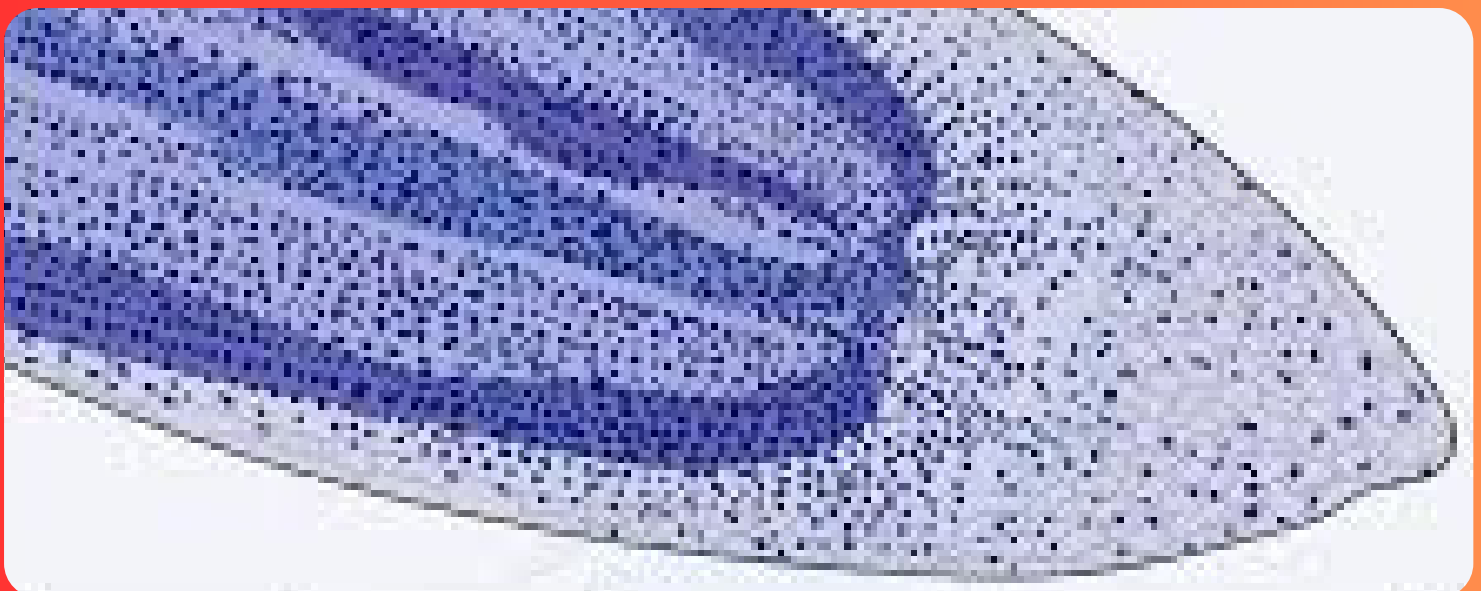
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In the world of science education, our students have been getting hands on with some fascinating experiments! This term, the Sixth Form — guided by Ms. Bains — have been undertaking the required practical known as the “Root Tip Squash” to observe mitotic cells under the microscope.

This experiment involves preparing tiny sections of root tips, staining them, and carefully squashing them onto slides so that students can identify the stages of cell division. It’s a delicate and detailed task, requiring patience, precision, and a steady hand — but it provides a rare and exciting opportunity to see biology happening right before their eyes.

By engaging in such experiments, our Sixth Formers are truly experiencing science in action — combining knowledge, skill, and careful observation to uncover the remarkable processes that sustain life.



# Inspiring STEAM TED Talk Launches Young Enterprise Programme



## TED Talks

Students in Years 10 and 12 had the exciting opportunity to attend a STEAM TED Talk led by Jill O'Neill from Young Enterprise, marking the official launch of this year's Young Enterprise programme.

During her engaging presentation, Jill spoke to Business and Economics students about the world of entrepreneurship and the real life challenges involved in setting up and running a business. Her talk inspired many students to start thinking creatively and strategically about their own ventures.

Enthusiasm was high as students began developing business ideas and planning the launch of their own companies — complete with public liability insurance.

Over the course of the one year project, participants will gain invaluable hands on experience in entrepreneurship, teamwork, financial management, and innovation, preparing them for the dynamic world of business beyond the classroom.

This initiative promises to nurture the next generation of business leaders and innovators, giving students a real taste of what it takes to turn ideas into success stories.



# Year 7s Take on the Amazon Web

## Services Robotics & Coding Challenge!



Our Year 7 students recently took part in the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Robotics & Coding Challenge — an exciting opportunity to explore the world of STEAM learning through hands on workshops in robotics, coding, and innovation. Over the course of several inspiring days, students worked collaboratively to design, program, and problem-solve using cutting-edge technology. They developed key skills in creativity, communication, and computational thinking — all while having great fun bringing their robotic creations to life! The challenge not only gave our students a taste of real world technology but also encouraged them to think about future careers in science, engineering, and digital industries.



## Halfway Mark Reached in the Year 9 Inter-Form Football Competition!

The Year 9 Inter-Form Football Competition is in full swing, and we've officially reached the halfway point! So far, teams have been giving it their all, battling it out across a series of exciting matches and challenges. Every goal scored and every play made counts as they compete for the ultimate prize—the title of 2025 Football Champions.

With the competition heating up, the big question remains: Who will take the crown this year? Fans and players alike are eagerly watching to see which team will rise to the top as the tournament progresses.

Stay tuned as the action continues and the race for victory intensifies!



# Year 8 Fencing Festival



A group of our Year 8 students took part in an exciting Fencing Festival organised by the Slough School Sport and Physical Activity Network at St Joseph's School.

The event offered our students the chance to experience fencing — a dynamic and strategic sport that's quite different from the activities in our usual PE curriculum.

Under the guidance of experienced instructors, students learned the basics of footwork, balance, and sword handling, while developing their confidence and coordination.

It was a fantastic morning filled with energy, enthusiasm, and new challenges. Our students represented the school brilliantly and embraced the opportunity to try something completely new.



# Girls Shine at NFL Flag Football Festival

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Recently, our girls' flag football team had an incredible opportunity to take part in an NFL Flag Football Festival hosted by the NFL at The Grove Hotel in Watford. The event took place while the New York Jets were training there ahead of their London match against the Denver Broncos last Sunday.

The festival was an unforgettable experience for our students, offering them a glimpse into the world of professional American football. It was especially valuable for some of our newer and younger players, who took to the field for the first time as part of the squad.

Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and energy were outstanding throughout the day, and the experience has helped build both confidence and excitement as we look ahead to future seasons.



# Year 7 & 8 Spelling Bee – Round Two Buzzes with Excitement!

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The atmosphere in the hall was absolutely electric as our Year 7 and 8 students eagerly took to the stage for Round Two of the Spelling Bee, a much anticipated event led with energy and enthusiasm by Mr. Hawkesworth.

The competition highlighted the confidence, composure, and excellent sportsmanship of every student, as each cheered on their classmates and responded gracefully whether they spelled a word correctly or stumbled.

Throughout the rounds, Mr. Hawkesworth kept the energy high, offering words of encouragement, light hearted jokes, and helpful guidance to ensure that the mood remained positive even as the difficulty increased. His ability to balance tension and fun made the event both exciting and enjoyable for everyone involved, creating a supportive environment where students could shine.

A huge congratulations goes to all our Year 7 and 8 spellers who successfully made it through this challenging round. Your hard work, dedication, and resilience were evident in every carefully spelled word and confident step up to the microphone. Each of you has made this stage of the competition a memorable experience for the audience and your fellow competitors.

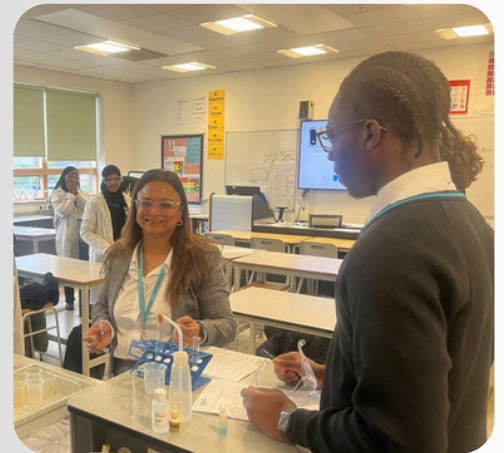


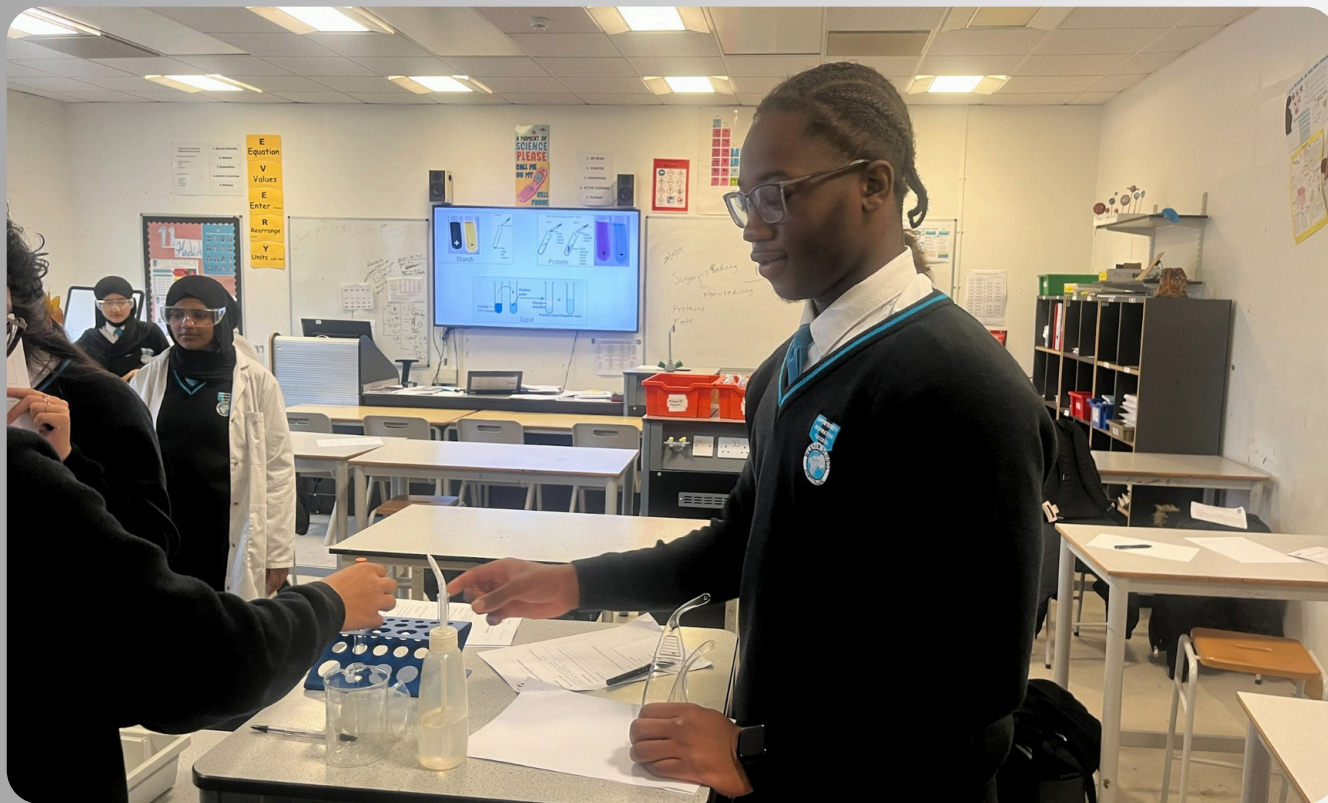
# Exciting Insights into Sixth Form Life: Year 11 Taster Days

Recently, our Year 11 students were given an inspiring opportunity to step into the world of Sixth Form study during our annual Taster Days. These sessions allowed students to experience a glimpse of what life is like studying more specialised and challenging subjects, helping them make informed decisions about their post GCSE journey.

The Taster Days offered a wide range of subjects, including Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Product Design, and Media Studies. Each session was carefully designed to provide students with both practical activities and thought provoking discussions, giving them a real sense of the skills, thinking, and creativity required at Sixth Form level.

In Economics, students explored the fundamentals of supply and demand, market structures, and the real world implications of economic decision making. Many commented on how eye opening it was to see the ways in which economic theories influence everyday life, from the price of their favourite products to the workings of the global economy.





The Taster Days were not just about exploring subjects — they were also an opportunity for students to experience the independence, responsibility, and academic rigour of Sixth Form study. Our Year 11s left the sessions with a greater understanding of the subjects that excite them and a clearer picture of the learning journey ahead.

These Taster Days serve as a reminder of the importance of exploring new areas of knowledge, asking questions, and challenging oneself — all of which are key to success in Sixth Form and beyond.

For those considering their next steps, these days provided invaluable insight into what Sixth Form has to offer: a supportive environment, stimulating courses, and the chance to follow passions while preparing for future academic and career ambitions.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students to Sixth Form next year, confident that the skills, experiences, and interests they have discovered during the Taster Days will guide them towards exciting and fulfilling pathways.



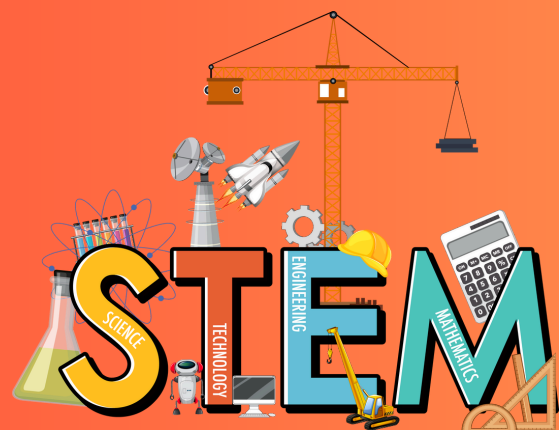
# Inspiring STEAM Careers: TED Talk with Abigail Drewary from GE Healthcare

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Our Year 12 and 13 students were treated to an inspiring and thought provoking TED Talk in the Main Hall, delivered by Abigail Drewary from GE Healthcare. This special event, part of our ongoing commitment to exposing students to careers in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), offered a unique opportunity to gain real world insights into a highly competitive and dynamic industry.

Abigail Drewary shared her personal journey, highlighting her experiences as a woman forging a career in healthcare engineering and technology — a field traditionally dominated by men. Her talk emphasised the challenges, opportunities, and rewards of working in a sector where innovation and problem solving are at the heart of every role. Students were captivated by her honest reflections on overcoming obstacles, navigating a demanding career path, and finding fulfillment in contributing to life-changing medical technology.



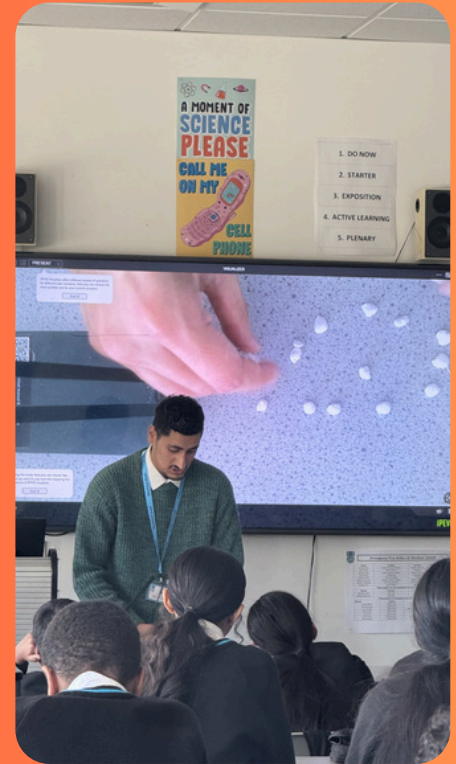
# Nurturing the Next Generation of Teachers at Wexham School

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At Wexham School, we are proud to play an active role in shaping the future of education by supporting and developing the next generation of teachers. As a school community, we recognise that investing in future educators not only benefits our trainees, but also enriches the learning experiences of our students and strengthens our wider profession.

We work in close partnership with Brunel University, Reading University, and Middlesex University, providing high quality placements and mentoring for trainee teachers. Through these collaborations, we ensure that trainees receive hands on experience in a supportive and inclusive environment, where they can grow in confidence, refine their teaching practice, and develop the skills needed to inspire future learners.



Our dedicated mentors and subject leaders play a vital role in this process. They offer guidance, feedback, and encouragement to help trainees reach their full potential. Trainees become valued members of our school community — participating in lessons, supporting extra curricular activities, and bringing fresh ideas and energy into the classroom.

At Wexham School, we are committed to developing outstanding teachers who will go on to inspire and educate the next generation. Our partnerships with Brunel, Reading, and Middlesex Universities ensure that this shared goal continues to thrive — strengthening both our school and the teaching profession as a whole.

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**@Wexham Awards Evening**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Year 7 - 11 Flu Vaccinations**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Year 9 - 13 Careers Fair**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Year 11 Parents Evening**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**End of Term**

1pm Finish for students.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Start of New Term:**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*All year groups attend school at normal time.*