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WEXHAM STUDENTS SHINE AT CAREERS FAIR



We are delighted to report that our students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and engagement at our annual careers fair. Special praise goes to all Year 9-13 tutor groups for being outstanding ambassadors for the school. More inside this terms issue of @Wexham.



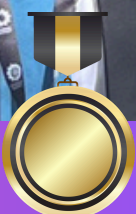
The 2025 @Wexham Awards



This year's Wexham Awards was a fantastic celebration of our students' achievements, and it wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from our staff and students.

A huge thank you to John and Sope for presenting the awards so brilliantly, and to our Year 12 students for helping set up the event. Backstage support was equally vital, with Miss Bains and Mrs Wellspring ensuring everything ran smoothly behind the scenes. Our Creative Arts team, led by Miss Pike, organised the fabulous performers who added extra sparkle to the evening, while Mrs Sloan captured the moments beautifully in photographs. We also extend our gratitude to Mr Leach and the site staff for all the prep work and take-down support that made the event run seamlessly.

This year, the Headteacher's Award went to Year 9 student Kavya, while the Chair of Governors Award was proudly presented to Year 8 student Maryam. Both students exemplify the excellence and dedication we celebrate at Wexham.



This year's Wexham Awards was a truly special evening, celebrating the talent, dedication, and achievements of our students across the school. From academic excellence to creativity, leadership, and community spirit, the awards showcased the incredible range of skills and contributions our students make every day.

In addition to the top awards, the evening highlighted students' achievements across a wide variety of areas:

- Academic Excellence – recognising students who have shown consistent effort, progress, and outstanding results.
- Creativity and Performance – celebrating artistic talent, musical ability, and the courage to shine on stage.
- Leadership and Service – honouring students who demonstrate initiative, teamwork, and support for the wider school community.
- Special Achievement – acknowledging students who have gone above and beyond in their personal goals or challenges.

Thank you to everyone who attended, presented, and supported behind the scenes — your efforts helped make the evening a memorable celebration of our students' achievements.



Spreading Festive Cheer at Wexham!



The holiday spirit has officially arrived at Wexham! Our students have been busy decking the halls and decorating our Christmas trees, bringing a touch of magic and festivity to every corner of the school.

From carefully hanging baubles to adding twinkling lights, our students have shown great creativity and teamwork. It's wonderful to see them working together to make the school feel warm, welcoming, and full of holiday cheer.

The decorations have truly transformed our school, creating a festive atmosphere that everyone can enjoy.

A huge thank you to all the students who took part — your enthusiasm and creativity have made this season extra special. The school has never looked more magical!



Two Minutes' Silence for Armistice Day at Wexham

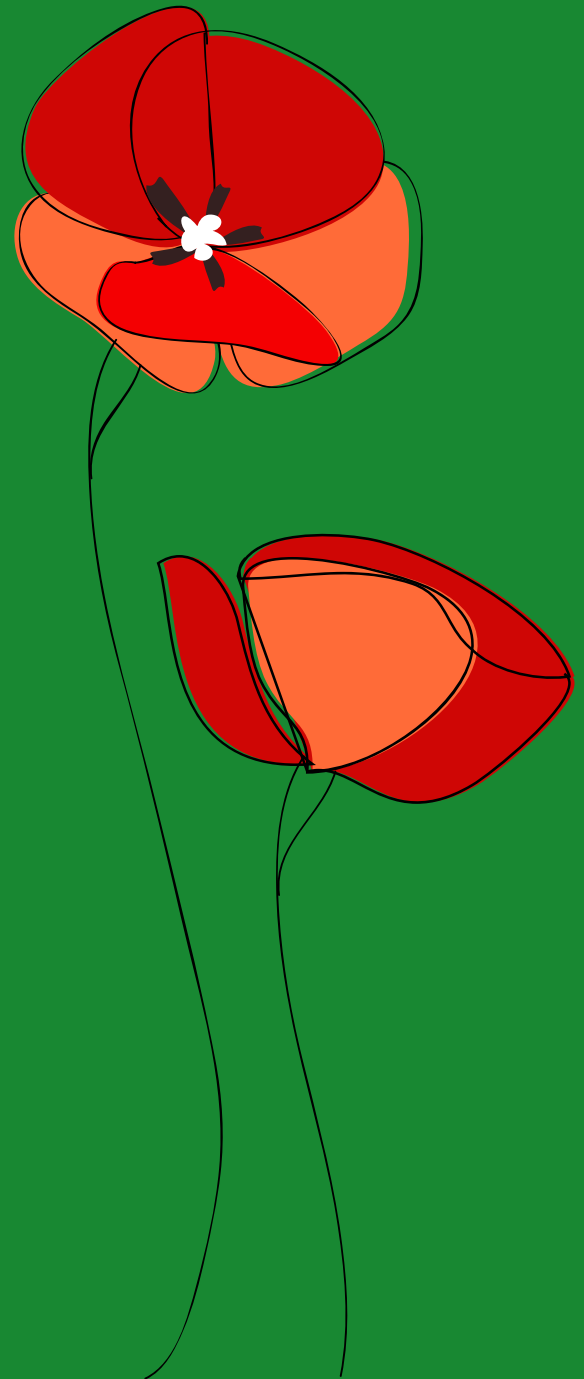


On Armistice Day, students and staff at Wexham came together to observe a two minute silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives in conflict. The moment of silence was held with great respect across the school and provided an opportunity for quiet reflection.

At 11am, lessons paused and the school community stood together to remember the sacrifices made by service men and women, past and present. The calm and respectful atmosphere throughout the two minutes demonstrated the maturity and understanding of our students.

Observing Armistice Day helps us reflect on the importance of peace and the impact of war on individuals, families, and communities. It also encourages us to remember the courage and commitment of those who served.

The two-minute silence was a meaningful reminder of the values of respect, gratitude, and unity that are an important part of life at Wexham.

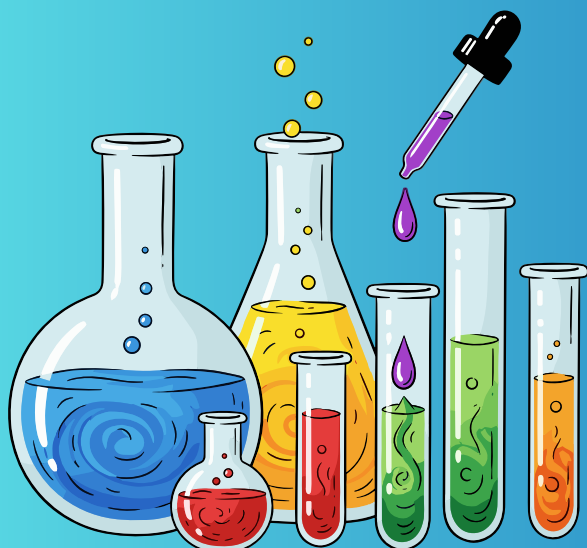
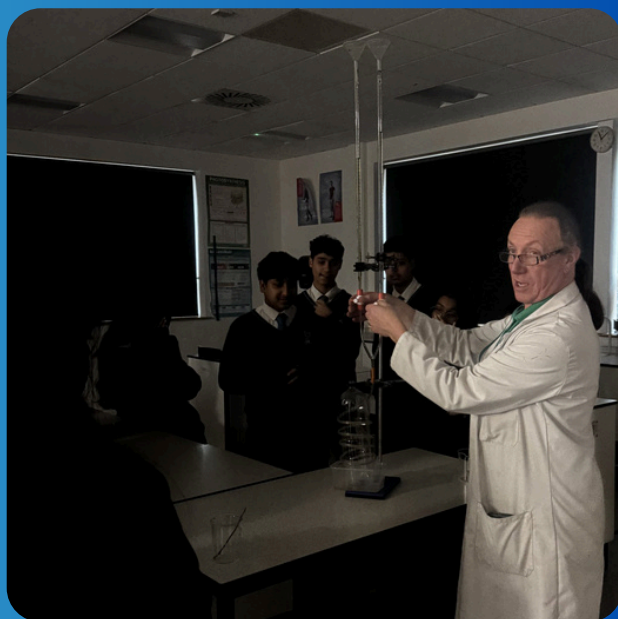
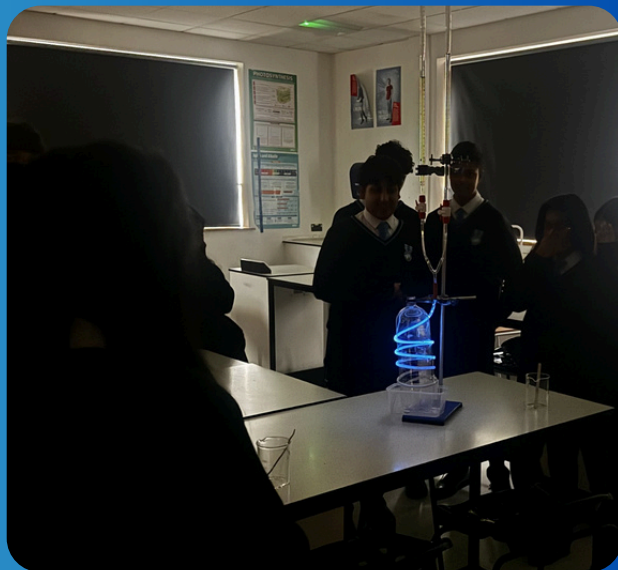


Science in Action: The Magic of Glowing Luminol!

Students were treated to an exciting live demonstration in the Science Department recently, where they witnessed the oxidation of luminol — a reaction famous for producing a brilliant blue glow.

Luminol is a fascinating chemical often used to show chemiluminescence, a process in which a substance gives off light during a chemical reaction. When luminol is oxidized, it releases energy in the form of a striking blue fluorescence. This same reaction is used in forensic science, where investigators apply a luminol solution to reveal traces of blood at crime scenes — the glowing reaction helps uncover what the naked eye can't see.

This demonstration is always a favourite among students, and it's a fantastic way to bring classroom chemistry to life.



Year 12 students attended an inspiring TED style talk in the Main Hall during periods 3 and 4, led by Karen Betts OBE, Chief Executive of the Food & Drinks Federation.

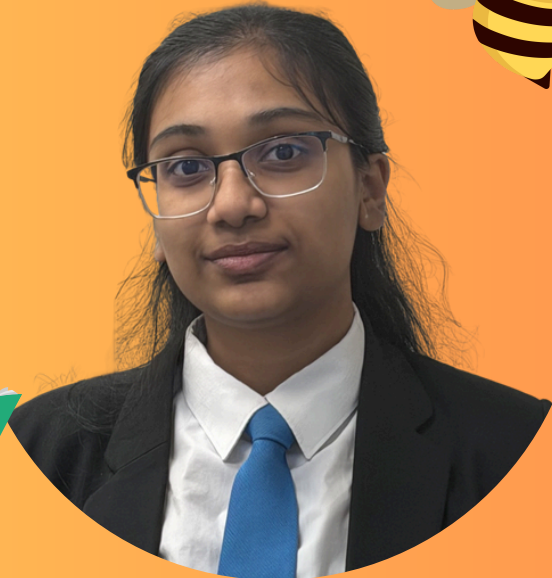


Karen Betts shared insights from her remarkable career journey, which has included working as a lawyer, serving as legal counsel for the British Embassy in Washington, acting as British Ambassador to Morocco, advising the Cabinet, and leading the Scotch Whisky Association as CEO. She spoke openly about career pathways, leadership, and the value of adaptability in a rapidly changing world of work.

The session also featured valuable contributions from a panel of professionals, including Ojus Rane, an engineer and chef; Dan Soper, who works in regulatory affairs; and Josie Hart, who works in media. Each panellist offered unique perspectives on their career paths and the skills needed to succeed in different industries.

Year 12 students engaged enthusiastically throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions and reflecting positively on the advice shared. The event was a great success, and special thanks go to Manveer and Kelly for their support in organising and delivering such an impactful experience.

Congratulations to Our Key Stage 4 Spelling Bee Champions!



We are thrilled to announce the winners of this year's Key Stage 4 Spelling Bee competitions. Each student demonstrated exceptional spelling ability, confidence, and composure under pressure — a truly impressive achievement.

Key Stage 4 Winners

Aziz Hahoumi (10HAD)

Winning word: arachnophobia

Aziz's mastery of this challenging word secured his victory and showcased his strong vocabulary and spelling skills.

Jane Joel Thomas (11PAN)

Winning word: omniscient

Jane's calm performance and precision earned her the title of Key Stage 5 champion. Well done!

Congratulations again to all our winners and to everyone who took part. Your hard work and enthusiasm made the competition a great success!



Year 12 Students Experience Cutting-Edge STEAM Workshop at Sky Studios Elstree



Our Year 12 students recently had an exciting opportunity to visit Sky Studios Elstree for a bespoke STEAM workshop, where they explored the world of film, media, and creative technology.

During the visit, students worked within a state of the art XR studio, developing their own pitch and film ideas using industry leading technology. They were guided by the Sky Team, who provided valuable insight into real world careers across film and the creative arts.

Students took on authentic media roles, collaborating with professionals to create digital content and produce a cameo film. The experience gave them a hands on understanding of the creative process, from concept to production, and demonstrated how STEAM skills are used in the modern media industry.



TED Talk on Financial Services Delivered by Mark Brookes of the Bank of England

Our Year 10 Business and Year 12 Business & Economics students were recently treated to an inspiring and informative TED-style talk delivered by Mark Brookes from the Bank of England. The session formed part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing students' financial literacy and preparing them for future careers in the world of finance.

Mark Brookes provided students with a comprehensive introduction to financial services, explaining key concepts and offering insight into how the industry operates. The talk covered important topics such as:

- The role of the Bank of England in the financial system
- The structure and function of financial institutions
- The importance of financial literacy in everyday life
- Current trends and challenges in the financial sector

Students were encouraged to think critically about the financial world and how it impacts both individuals and the broader economy.



What made the session particularly valuable was Mark's ability to connect real-world examples to classroom learning. His explanations were clear, relatable, and highly engaging, making complex concepts accessible for students at different levels of understanding.

Matilda Jr. Cast Take Inspiration from Cambridge Theatre Trip



The cast of Matilda Jr. 2025 had an unforgettable and inspirational outing to the Cambridge Theatre to watch Matilda the Musical. The experience left them buzzing with excitement and full of creative ideas for their own performances.

The students returned to school feeling motivated and energized, having seen the production firsthand and taken in the magic of the stage. It was a wonderful opportunity for the cast to observe professional performance standards, gain new inspiration, and bring fresh ideas into their rehearsals.

We can't wait to see how this trip influences their performances in 2025!



Congratulations to Our KS3 Maths Challenge Winners!



We are thrilled to announce the outstanding results of our recent Maths Challenge. This event showcased some exceptional mathematical talent across multiple year groups, and we are incredibly proud of every student who took part.

Joint Winners

A huge congratulations to our Joint Winners, who demonstrated excellent problem-solving skills, accuracy, and determination:

- Isaac Ifeanyi-Ukaeru (9GIB)
- Vihaan Chauhan (9Sea)

Their performances were truly impressive, and they should be very proud of this achievement.

Runners-Up

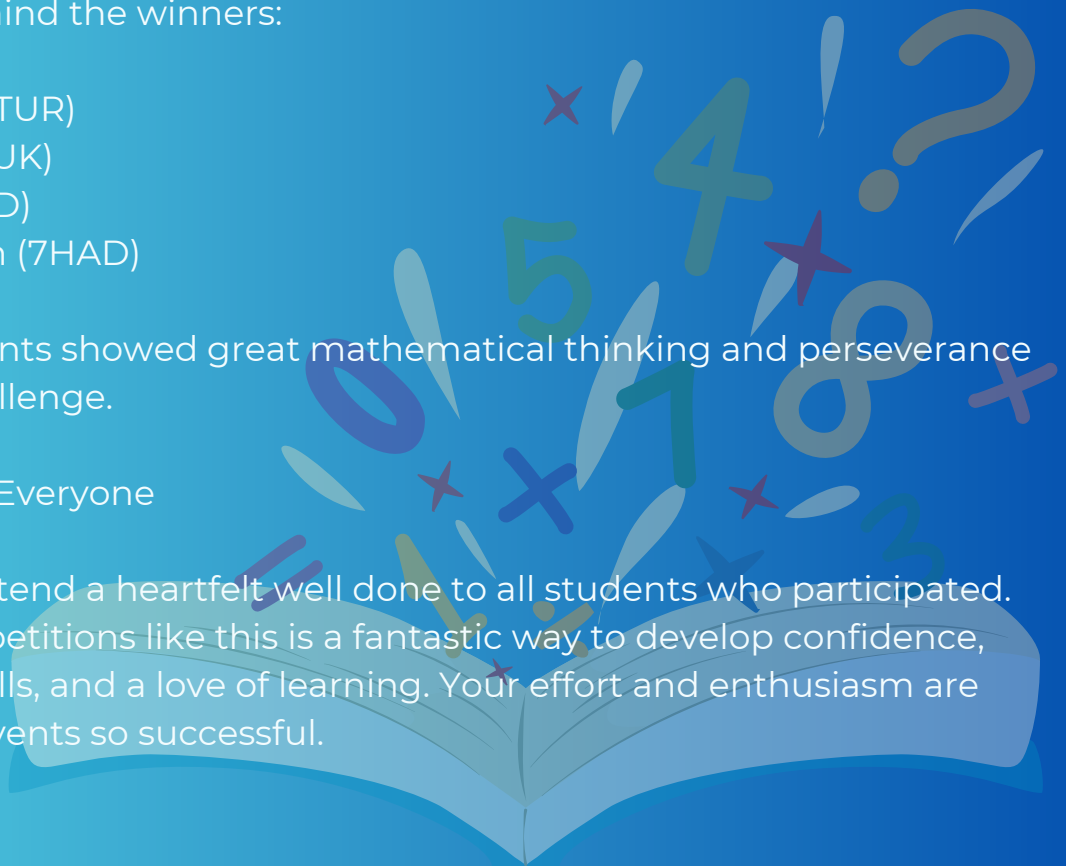
We also want to celebrate our Runners-Up, who all performed brilliantly and were extremely close behind the winners:

- Hashim Khan (8TUR)
- Alyan Ahsan (7LUK)
- Yahya Aga (9HAD)
- Alan Martirosyan (7HAD)
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Each of these students showed great mathematical thinking and perseverance throughout the challenge.

A Big Well Done to Everyone

We would like to extend a heartfelt well done to all students who participated. Taking part in competitions like this is a fantastic way to develop confidence, problem-solving skills, and a love of learning. Your effort and enthusiasm are what make these events so successful.



Year 12 Explore Apprenticeship Opportunities in London!

A group of Year 12 students recently attended an inspiring apprenticeship event in London, designed to provide valuable insights into the wide range of apprenticeship pathways available.

During the day, students learned about the different levels of apprenticeships and had the opportunity to meet with leading apprenticeship providers, including Salesforce, BP, and Chiltern. They also took part in engaging workshops and heard from business leaders in TED-style talks, where speakers shared their personal career journeys and experiences.

To conclude the event, students joined a collaborative group session with peers from across the country, where they practised apprenticeship applications and received guidance on how to present themselves effectively for the best possible outcomes.

The event offered a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore alternative career routes and gain confidence in their future choices.



Commendation for Our Sixth Form Newsletter Team



We would like to commend a group of Year 12 students who have been working as part of our newly formed Sixth Form Newsletter Team. This term, they have shown exceptional commitment, creativity, and teamwork to produce an excellent first edition of the Sixth Form newsletter.

The newsletter is aimed at both Year 12 and Year 13 students, and the quality of the writing, design, and organisation has been outstanding. This marks the first of four editions planned for the year, with three more to follow.

Sixth Form Newsletter Team

- Ana-Maria Marin
- Zayna Zafar
- Farhana Muddsiar
- Ramneet Kaur
- Natalie Muswati
- Aayma Kamran
- Zara Ahmed
- Gursharan Kaur
- Komalpreet Kaur
- Mongameli Nkomo
- Raphael Sunday



Please do take a moment to congratulate them if you teach or see them around school. Their hard work and dedication have resulted in a fantastic publication, and we look forward to seeing the next editions develop over the year.

Sixth Form Students Enjoy Rewards Trip to Hollywood Bowl



A huge well done to our Year 12 and 13 students who earned a place on our recent rewards trip to Hollywood Bowl in Uxbridge. This trip was a well deserved celebration recognising students for their excellent attendance, hard work, and positive commitment throughout the term.

The students enjoyed a fun filled day, packed with friendly competition, laughter, and some impressive bowling skills. The trip provided a great opportunity for students to relax, socialise, and celebrate their achievements together outside of the classroom.

Well done to everyone involved — you should be very proud of your efforts!



Year 11 Historians Visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Our Year 11 History students recently enjoyed a valuable and enriching visit to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, supporting their learning for the AQA History Paper 2, Section B site study.



The visit gave students the opportunity to explore the Globe as a historical site, helping them to better understand its significance, development, and role within its historical context. Students took part in a guided tour of the theatre, where they learned about the structure of the building, its reconstruction, and how it compares to the original Elizabethan Globe. Being able to stand within the space itself brought their classroom learning to life and deepened their understanding of how the site functioned in the past.



Visits such as this play an important role in strengthening students' historical knowledge and exam confidence by allowing them to apply what they have learned in lessons to a real-world setting.

Cross Country Success at Slough Schools Competition



A huge well done to our students who represented the school at the Slough Schools Cross Country Competition. Competing against around 50 runners in their age group, two of our Year 9 boys delivered outstanding performances and finished in the top 10:

- Karol – 4th place
- Faiz – 7th place

These are fantastic achievements in a highly competitive field, and we are incredibly proud of their determination and effort. Well done to both runners!



Matilda Jr Rehearsals Are in Full Swing!



WORLD CLASS
Matilda
THE MUSICAL
JR.



Rehearsals for our upcoming school production of Matilda Jr are well and truly underway, and the buzz around school is growing by the day! Students have been working incredibly hard, bringing energy, confidence, and creativity to every rehearsal.

We recently caught a sneak peek of 'Crunchem Hall' and the School Song, and wow — the performances are already shaping up to be something really special. The talent, enthusiasm, and teamwork on display have been incredible to see.

The actual production date is Thursday 29th January 2026, and we truly cannot wait to share this fantastic show with you. Keep an eye out for more updates as we get closer to the big night — it's going to be brilliant!

Sixth Form Students Attend UCAS Information Talk



UCAS

Our Sixth Form students recently took part in an inspiring UCAS information talk, designed to support them as they begin thinking seriously about their future pathways. The session provided valuable guidance on choosing the right university, understanding the UCAS application process, and identifying important next steps.

Students were encouraged to explore their options, ask questions, and reflect on how to make informed decisions about life beyond Sixth Form. The talk was an excellent opportunity to build confidence and clarity as they prepare for the next stage of their education.



Year 9 Reward Trip

Our Year 9 students were treated to a well-deserved PE rewards trip to Bubble World Soccer in Maidenhead, enjoying a fun-filled day of activity and teamwork. The trip celebrated their fantastic achievement in winning last year's Slough Cup, a success earned through dedication, effort, and sportsmanship.

Students had a great time taking part in the unique bubble football experience, creating plenty of laughs and memorable moments. It was a brilliant way to recognise their hard work and celebrate a superb sporting accomplishment.



The Breakout Programme: Supporting, Inspiring, and Motivating Our Students

Our Breakout Programme is a targeted intervention designed to support Year 8 and 9 students in developing positive behaviour, raising aspirations, and increasing engagement with school life.

Each week, students take part in educational and motivational talks that focus on key life skills such as resilience, teamwork, self-belief, and making positive choices. These sessions encourage students to reflect, set goals, and build confidence in a supportive environment.

Alongside the in school programme, students also benefit from a range of exciting external visits that bring learning to life. From tackling high adrenaline zip wires to trying their hand at axe throwing, these experiences are carefully chosen to challenge students, build trust, and promote personal growth. Stepping outside their comfort zones helps students develop perseverance, leadership, and a strong sense of achievement.



Year 11 PPE Results Day: A Time to Reflect, Refocus, and Celebrate



Year 11 recently reached an important milestone with PPE (Pre-Public Examination) Results Day, combining celebration, reflection, and forward planning. The day began with a celebratory breakfast, allowing the whole cohort to come together in a relaxed and positive atmosphere before receiving their results.

PPE Results Day helps students understand where they currently are in their learning, highlighting strengths and areas for improvement. Teachers and tutors were available to offer guidance and support, helping students identify clear next steps and focus their revision in preparation for their final GCSE examinations in Summer 2026.



Year 9 Students Take Part in SEGRO Business Competition

OPPORTUNITY
INSPIRATION
SUCCESS



Year 9 students recently took part in an exciting SEGRO Business Competition, delivered in a Dragons' Den style format.

Working in teams, students developed and pitched their business ideas to a panel of judges, gaining valuable experience in entrepreneurship, teamwork, and communication.

We were pleased to welcome local business representatives into school, whose support and feedback helped students develop their understanding of real-world business and potential career pathways within the local community.

The winning team earned a place at the SEGRO Grand Finals, making the competition both motivating and memorable. Well done to all students involved for their enthusiasm and professionalism.



Year 7 Mandela House Lead an Inspirational Assembly on Nelson Mandela

OPPORTUNITY
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SUCCESS



Students from Year 7 Mandela House delivered a thoughtful and engaging assembly on the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela, the inspirational figure after whom their house is named. Through their presentations, they educated the rest of the Year 7 cohort about Mandela's life, key achievements, and the values he stood for, including resilience, leadership, and equality.

The assembly also gave students the opportunity to develop their presentation and public speaking skills, as they confidently addressed a large audience. Their teamwork, preparation, and enthusiasm were clear throughout, making the assembly both informative and inspiring.

Well done to Year 7 Mandela House for such a positive and meaningful contribution.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Term:

1pm Finish for students.
Friday 19th December 2025

Start of New Term:

Monday 5th January 2026
All year groups attend school at normal time

Sixth Form Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th January 2026

Year 9 Vaccines

Monday 26th January 2026

Matilda - The Musical (School production)

Thursday 29th January 2026

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th February 2026

Year 9 Parents' Evening & Pathways

Thursday 5th February 2026