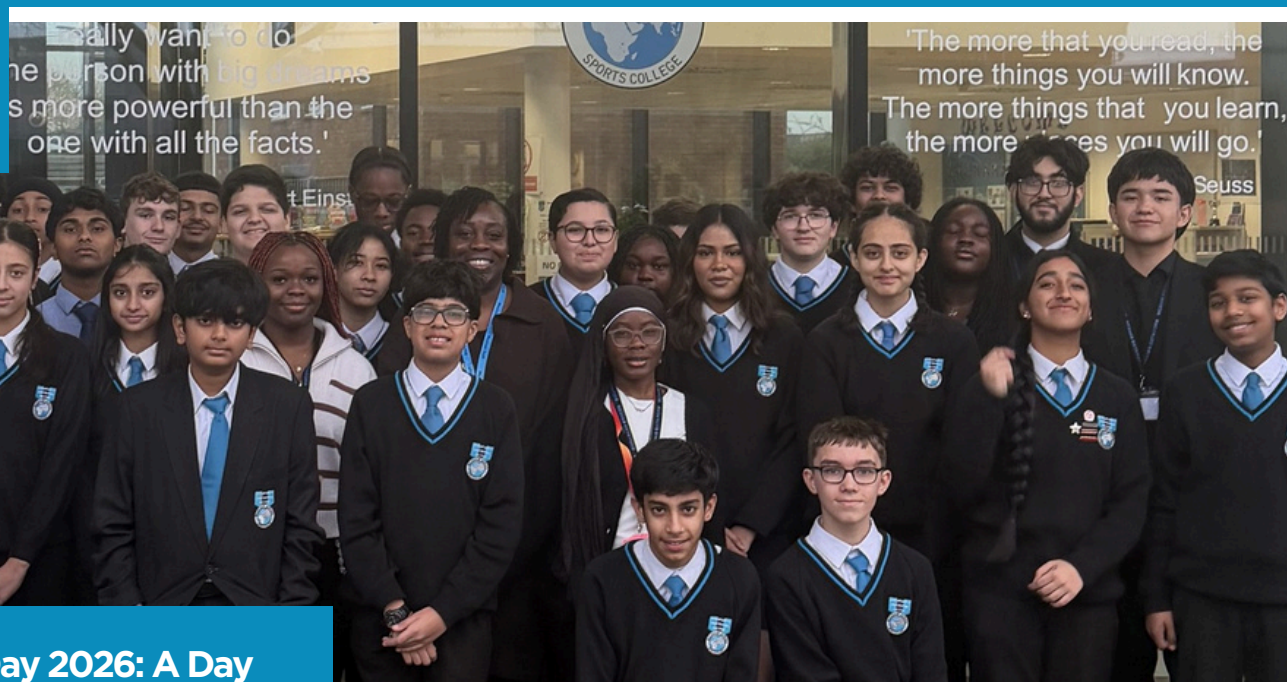


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World Book Day 2026: A Day for Books, Stories, and Imagination

World Book Day is coming to Wexham, and we're getting ready to celebrate our love of stories and reading. From exciting activities to creative opportunities across the school, there's plenty planned for this year. Read inside to find out how Wexham will be celebrating World Book Day in 2026.

Where Curiosity Meets Chemistry

Experiments across the labs are helping students explore key chemical concepts, develop investigative skills, and deepen their understanding of how science works in the real world.



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In Focus: Meet the Student Council



Inside this edition of @Wexham, we're excited to introduce our new Student Council. This enthusiastic group is ready to represent student voice, share fresh ideas, and make a positive impact across the school. We can't wait to see what they have planned for 2026 — it's shaping up to be an exciting year ahead!

Revoltingly Good! Matilda Jr Takes the Stage



Our school production of Matilda Jr The Musical was packed with talent, energy, and unforgettable performances. From show-stopping songs to brilliant storytelling, this was a production to be proud of. Read the full review inside!

Axe - citing Start to the New Year!

The boys' breakout group has kicked off the new year with energy and excitement! From team challenges to skill building activities, they've already made a fantastic start — and yes, that even included a bit of axe throwing to get everyone involved and having fun. Read inside to see how the group is shaping up in 2026!

Year 7 Gets Hands-On at Amazon Workshop

Our Year 7 students had an exciting opportunity to take part in an Amazon workshop, where they explored creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving using LEGO bricks. The hands-on session allowed them to design, build, and experiment while learning valuable skills for the future. Read inside to see all the innovative creations and fun that Year 7 got up to!



We are excited to introduce the new Student Council team for 2026! This talented and enthusiastic group of students is ready to represent their peers, share ideas, and make a positive impact across the school.

Leading the team is Sope Adediran as Student Council Lead, supported by John Gibbons and Mohammed Yusuf as Deputy Leads. Fathia Lasisi takes on the role of Secretary, while Harry Joseph and Tammy Kolade lead on events.

Representing academic interests are Hasnain Narmah and Moneeb Qazi as Academic Ambassadors.

Shaping 2026: Meet the Student Council!

Each year group has its voice on the council:

Kushal Sarupuri (Year 7),
 Aayan Sharma (Year 8),
 Manasvi Kaur (Year 9),
 Samuel Ezonfade (Year 10)
 Pranavee Rayudu (Year 11).



Ensuring inclusion is at the heart of their work is Arjun Birring, our Inclusion Representative.

We look forward to seeing the council in action and hearing their exciting plans for 2026. Watch this space for updates on their initiatives and projects!



Girls' Cricket Festival

The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 reached a record audience, with the final attracting a digital viewership of around 446 million people — a figure that matched the viewership of the men's T20 World Cup Final, highlighting the huge rise in interest in women's cricket.



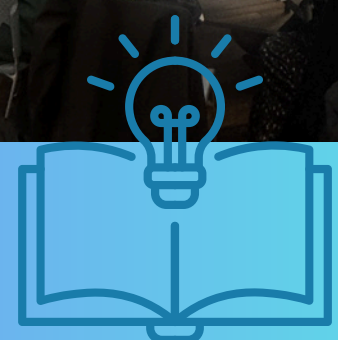
Our students had a fantastic time at the Girls' Cricket Festival, taking part in matches, skill challenges, and team-building activities. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship, with some standout performances in batting, bowling, and fielding.

It was a brilliant opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, and enjoy the sport, and we are incredibly proud of all our participants for their energy and positivity.

Sharpening Practice, Strengthening Learning at Wexham

Wexham staff recently took part in a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) session aimed at strengthening classroom practice and improving student outcomes. The training focused on practical strategies to increase engagement, maintain high expectations, and deliver effective feedback.

Staff worked collaboratively across departments to share best practice that will benefit students across the school. The session also encouraged reflection on teaching strategies and highlighted how small, consistent improvements can make a significant impact on learning.



Creative Sparks Fly at the V&A!



Year 11 Art and Photography students recently visited to the Victoria and Albert Museum in London as part of their current exam unit. The trip provided a valuable opportunity for students to step beyond the classroom and engage directly with some of the most influential works of art, design, fashion, sculpture, and photography in the world.

Throughout the day, students explored a wide variety of galleries, discovering historical masterpieces alongside contemporary creative works. From intricate textiles and striking fashion exhibits to powerful photographic collections and innovative modern design, the breadth of inspiration on display allowed students to see how artistic ideas evolve across cultures and time periods. Many students spent time sketching, photographing details, and making notes — all essential research activities that will directly support the development of their exam portfolios.



This immersive experience encouraged students to think critically about composition, colour, texture, and storytelling within art and photography. By observing professional works up close, they gained a deeper understanding of technique, presentation, and creative intention — insights that simply cannot be replicated through textbooks or screens alone.



Inspiring Futures: Year 7 TED Talk with UK Space Command

All Year 7 students recently took part in an inspirational TED-style talk delivered by Col. Shaun Lamb as part of the school's annual Who Wants to Be an Engineer? project. The session focused on careers in engineering and the rapidly growing space sector, giving students valuable insight into future STEM opportunities.

Throughout the talk, students were highly enthusiastic, listening attentively and engaging confidently with the discussion. They asked a wide range of thoughtful and relevant questions, demonstrating genuine curiosity about engineering pathways and how STEM skills can shape future careers.

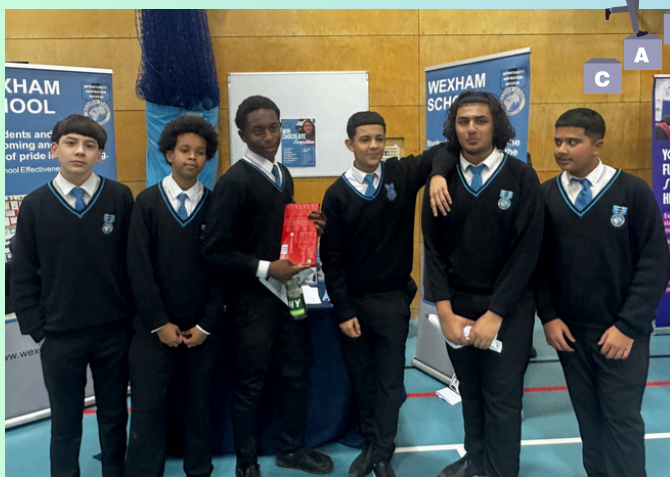
The event was motivating, encouraging students to think ambitiously about their futures and consider the many exciting possibilities within engineering and space-related industries.



UK Space Command is a part of the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence (MOD) that is responsible for military space operations. It was officially established in 2021 to bring together the UK's space-related defence activities under one organisation.

Wexham Hosts 5th Annual Careers Fair Inspiring Students from Year 9 to 13

Wexham held its 5th Careers Fair, welcoming students from Year 9 to Year 13 to explore a wide range of career and education opportunities. The event featured 36 businesses and education providers, including leading universities such as Reading, Southampton, Bath, Oxford Brookes, Bucks, Brunel, Hertfordshire, City, London Metropolitan, and Royal Holloway.



Throughout the day, students shared their hobbies, professional ambitions, and aspirations for further education, asking insightful and challenging questions to the representatives. Feedback from student surveys highlighted that attendees enjoyed the event, found it inspiring, and felt motivated to pursue their goals.



Sixth Form Students Support Year 7 Through New Reading Mentoring Initiative



Wexham has launched an exciting new initiative pairing Sixth Form students with Year 7 pupils to boost reading skills and comprehension. Taking place weekly, the program allows older students to act as reading mentors, providing one on one support and guidance to younger learners.

The sessions focus on developing fluency, understanding, and confidence, while also creating positive relationships across year groups. Year 7 students benefit from regular practice and encouragement, and Sixth Form mentors gain valuable leadership and communication experience.

This initiative reflects Wexham's commitment to supporting literacy and creating a collaborative, supportive school community. Early feedback shows that students are enjoying the sessions and making tangible progress in their reading and comprehension skills.





Think Before You Click: Year 7 Learn Social Media Smarts

Year 7 students recently took part in an engaging and informative assembly led by Mrs Betty, focusing on the use of social media and the importance of staying safe online. The assembly explored both the advantages and potential risks of social media platforms, helping students to develop a more balanced and responsible understanding of their digital presence.



During the assembly, Mrs Betty discussed the positive aspects of social media, including communication with friends, creativity, and access to information. Equally, she highlighted the challenges and dangers that can arise, such as privacy concerns, online behaviour, and the impact of screen time.

Overall, the assembly was well received by Year 7, who found it both enjoyable and eye opening. The session reinforced the importance of making safe choices online and provided students with practical knowledge to remain vigilant, responsible, and confident digital citizens.



DID YOU KNOW?

As of early 2026, over 5 billion people — more than 60% of the global population — use social media, spending an average of over 2 hours and 20 minutes daily on these platforms

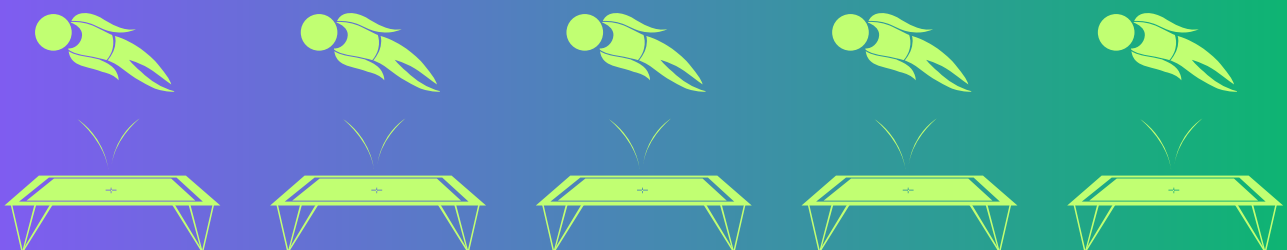
GCSE Trampoline Students reaching for the stars!

GCSE PE students have been benefiting from specialist support as Mr Clark works closely with the trampoline group in preparation for their upcoming practical assessments. His sessions have focused on refining technique, building confidence, and ensuring students are fully prepared to perform to the best of their ability.

Mr Clark brings a wealth of expertise to the programme, drawing on his background as a former national level trampoline gymnast as well as his experience as a senior coach for British Gymnastics. This high level of knowledge has provided students with valuable insight into performance standards, skill progression, and competition level discipline.

Through targeted coaching, personalised feedback, and structured practice routines, students have been able to improve both their technical skills and overall performance quality. The opportunity to train under such experienced guidance has been both motivating and inspiring for the group.

This focused preparation not only strengthens students' practical assessment readiness but also encourages resilience, precision, and a deeper appreciation for the sport.



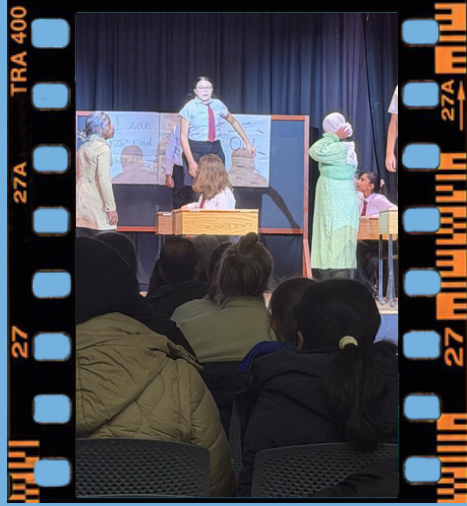


Meet some of the Cast



And crew ...





Revoltingly Good!

Our Brilliant Matilda Jr.

Our school's production of Matilda Jr. was truly excellent from start to finish. The show was full of energy, heart, and impressive talent, making it clear how much hard work went into every detail.

The cast brought the story to life brilliantly. Matilda was a standout, capturing her intelligence, courage, and quiet strength perfectly. Miss Honey was warm and gentle, creating a lovely contrast to the unforgettable Miss Trunchbull, whose larger than life performance was both hilarious and intimidating (with the whistle blowing!!!).

Mr and Mrs Wormwood added great comedic moments, and the students — especially the rest of the schoolchildren — worked together fantastically to create a lively and believable school environment.

The songs were performed with confidence and enthusiasm, the choreography was sharp and fun, and the acting throughout was engaging. The set, costumes, and overall production quality made the show even more enjoyable.

Overall, Matilda Jr. was an outstanding school production that entertained the audience and showcased the incredible talent and teamwork of everyone involved. A performance to be proud of!

We cannot wait for next years production!



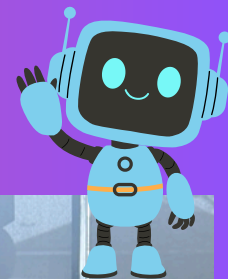


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Year 7 Students Dive into Robotics, Coding and AI with Amazon Web Services



Year 7 cohort recently took part in an exciting Lego robotics and coding workshop delivered by Amazon Web Services (AWS). This session marked the second in a series of workshops designed to build students' understanding of technology, innovation and problem solving.

During the workshop, students explored hands on robotics challenges while developing their coding skills and learning about how artificial intelligence is changing our relationship with machines.

We are proud to support opportunities like this as our partnership with Amazon continues to grow, providing our students with valuable insights into future focused technologies and real world applications.



Year 12 Students Explore Apprenticeship Opportunities



Year 12 students recently attended a workshop focused on successfully completing the application process for apprenticeship opportunities. The session was led by Amar Sangha from Diverse Futures, who provided clear guidance and practical advice to help students navigate competitive applications.

Students were introduced to a range of current employment opportunities, including 10 degree apprenticeship positions with Renault, which are due to close in February. It was highlighted that these opportunities are available exclusively to students from state schools, placing our students in a particularly strong position.

The workshop was informative and empowering, giving students valuable insight into alternative pathways beyond university.

Celebrate Chandeleur with Us!

On Monday 2nd February Chandeleur (French Pancake Day). To mark the occasion, we invited staff and students to join us in the canteen for some freshly made, delicious crêpes.

There will be a choice of classic and crowd pleasing fillings, including lemon and sugar, chocolate sauce, and fresh fruit compôte — something for everyone to enjoy!

A huge thank you in advance to Paul and the catering team for preparing the crêpes and helping us celebrate this much loved French tradition.

We hope you'll join us!



Promoting British Values and Tolerance in Our School Community



At the heart of our school ethos is a strong commitment to British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance for those of different faiths, cultures and beliefs. These values help prepare our students not only for life in modern Britain, but also for life as respectful, responsible global citizens.

Tolerance and respect are actively promoted across school life. Through assemblies, curriculum lessons, discussions and enrichment activities, students are encouraged to listen to different viewpoints, challenge stereotypes, and develop empathy and understanding for others. By learning about a wide range of cultures, traditions and perspectives, students gain the confidence to engage thoughtfully with the diverse world around them.

By embedding British Values into everyday practice, we aim to create a safe, inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and heard. Encouraging tolerance and respect helps our students grow into individuals who celebrate diversity, stand against discrimination, and contribute positively to society.



Inter-Form Dodgeball Brings Energy and Team Spirit Across Years 7–11



Years 7 – 11 have been taking part in our much anticipated Inter-Form Dodgeball competition. The event has brought plenty of energy, excitement and friendly competition as forms go head to head in a fast paced test of teamwork, agility and strategy.



The tournament was a fantastic opportunity for students from all year groups to represent their form, support their peers and demonstrate positive sporting values. Alongside the competitive spirit, there has been a strong focus on respect, fair play and encouragement, making the event enjoyable for both participants and spectators alike.



Inter-Form Dodgeball continues to be a highlight of the school sporting calendar, promoting physical activity, resilience and teamwork across the school community.



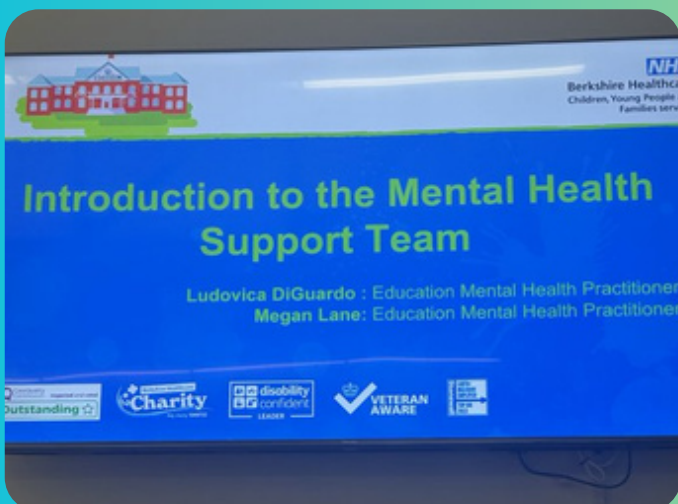
Year 7 MHST Assembly



Our Year 7 students took part in a short introductory assembly delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

The session introduced students to the role of the MHST and highlighted the support available to them within school. Students then returned to their classrooms to complete a follow-up task, helping to reinforce key messages from the assembly.

We would like to thank our tutors for their proactive support in ensuring students arrived on time, were in full Wexham uniform, and upheld the values of the school throughout the morning. Well done to our Year 7 students for their positive engagement and mature attitude.



Number 22 Counselling: Supporting Our Students



Abi is a counsellor with Number 22, a community counselling service that provides support in primary and secondary schools across Slough, Maidenhead, and Windsor.

Agnieszka is a counsellor, dedicated to supporting students' emotional wellbeing and personal development. Agnieszka's goal is to empower students to find their own solutions, grow in confidence, and thrive both personally and academically.

We are delighted to share that both counsellors from Number 22 are now on site every Wednesday and Friday to meet with our students.

These sessions form an important part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing, providing a safe and supportive space for students to talk, reflect, and receive guidance when they need it most.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thursday 5th February 2026

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026

Magistrates Court Mock Trial

Saturday 14th March 2026

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th March 2026

A-Level Geography Field Trip

Monday 23rd March 2026

End of Term

Friday 27th March 2026

1pm Finish for students