



24th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to welcome everyone to a new term at Wexham and especially all those joining us for the very first time.

I have been particularly impressed with the behavior and attitude of students since we returned in September. Of particular note is the high standard of uniform and I would like to thank all parents for your support and dedication in making sure your children leave for school properly dressed each morning. Wearing full uniform creates a more focused learning environment and therefore I urge all parents and students to continue with the extremely high standards that have been set.

GCSE, A Level and BTEC results

I am very pleased to announce that our GCSE results have improved again. This is now year on year improvement, with a continuous upward trend since 2022. Some of our highlights this year include; our first student to score straight Level 9s in all her GCSE subjects and two students who achieved 7 level 9s and 2 level 8s. This is a remarkable achievement. Indeed, between just ten students there were 68 Level 9s and 8s or A*s under the old system. We must remember though that we are a fully inclusive school in an exclusive local authority and many students that achieved lower grades can also reflect equally hard work and determination to overcome barriers to learning or because they have only recently started to learn English or their past experiences in other schools.

Similarly, I am also particularly pleased by this year's A Level results. Like GCSE results these reflect year on year improvement, but there was a considerable leap forward in 2025 and now again in 2026. Over a quarter of all grades were A*-B and over half were all A*-C. Our Applied General results (BTEC) were also exceptional and much higher than we predicted. The school's progress score for A Level in 2025 was the third highest in Slough, only two grammar schools did better, we hope to repeat that this year when these measures are released by the government in February. Of particular note was one student who achieved A*AA and will study psychology at university. Our students depart us to continue their studies in a wide range of subjects including Computer Science, Medicine, Accountancy, Business, English Literature and Film, Digital Design, International Relations, Journalism, Finance, Engineering and Economics to name but a few and one student will start a prestigious apprenticeship in Germany!

I would like to praise all our students last year for their tremendous effort. Well done.

Open Evening

The School's Open Evening for prospective students and parents will take place on Thursday 1st October between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. As staff and very large numbers of students will be in school considerably late on this day the school will open slightly later than normal on Friday 2nd October. Students should report for registration at 9.30am.

Academic Progress Day Tuesday 6th October

Students must remain home on this day, school work will be set by the teacher, and students must come to school with a parent/carers at an allocated time to meet with form tutors to look at last year's academic progress and to set standard for this year.

Contacting Us

If you need to contact us, please do so by telephone or email to post@wexham.slough.sch.uk or follow the link on the website. Please remember that we are busy school where staff may be teaching or in meetings. We always try to get back to you as soon as possible.



Start of the School Day

The school day starts at 8.40am. Students should be onsite before this time. Being punctual means the day starts positive. The most common reason given for lateness is traffic problems. I urge you, wherever possible, to encourage and/or let your child walk or cycle to school. This will help them be healthier, improve our environment and reduce traffic problems in the local area.

Can I also remind some of our parents that do drive to school NOT to block residents' driveways and please do not park on pavements, cycle lanes and grass verges.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress and success. It not only allows them to fully engage in the learning process but also fosters a sense of routine and responsibility that will benefit them in the long run. At Wexham, an attendance rate of 95% and above is considered acceptable.

What you can do to help:

- Avoid scheduling holidays when school is in session. These are unauthorised absences and will result in a fine.
- Build regular routines for bedtime and the morning.
- Avoid medical appointments when school is in session.

We want to ensure that all our students have the best possible educational experience, and this can only be achieved through regular attendance and a commitment to following government guidelines.

If you anticipate any absences due to exceptional circumstances, we kindly request that you contact the school in advance to discuss your situation. We will do our best to work with you to minimise any impact on your child's education.

E-Scooters

Students must not bring e-scooters to school. E-Scooters come under the category of "powered transporters"; this covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax. It is not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on public roads and pavements or in public spaces. Private e-scooters can be seized under Section 165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance. If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter the incident will be investigated in the same way it would if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car. Any scooters will be confiscated, and a parent must collect it. Should a repeat offence occur then this will be handed to the police. Any Slough backed e-scooter scheme will be treated in the same manner as riders must be 18 and above.

Mobile Phones

All students in Year 7 – 11 that bring a mobile phone to school have been issued with a pouch at no cost to parents. Students must secure their phone in this pouch and lock it on entry to the school and unlock as they depart at the end of the day. Students are not allowed to have access to their phones during the day, whilst many parents support this those that do not, please remember this is now law and not up to individual schools/headteachers to decide. There are some exceptions to this, solely for medical reasons, for example those students using phones to monitor diabetes. Any phone seen during the school day will be confiscated and parents/carers will need to collect these after at least 24 hours have passed. An amendment to the law allowed students in Year 12 and above to continue to bring phones to school, this is fine, but they must not be used in front of younger students.

Behaviour

We pride ourselves on being a friendly and inclusive school which is achieved through mutual respect, tolerance, trust and good manners. We welcome students from a wide variety of backgrounds and we work tirelessly to ensure individual needs are met. Many of our new students and staff all comment on the warm welcome they receive. The many visitors we have to the school each week always comment on the positive atmosphere that is found in the school. If at times your child is struggling, please contact as soon as you can and respond to us if we contact you. Working together is always the best way to make sure your child is happy and achieving.

Emergency Closure

A reminder of our emergency closure procedure.

- The decision to close the school outside of core hours will be taken by 7.30am after an assessment of poor weather conditions or on the advice of Slough Borough Council or the emergency services. We will always aim to contact parents by text message as early as possible; normally this would be by 7.45am, before students leave for school. Messages will also be displayed on the school website.
- Should the school be forced to close during the day, or your child has arrived on school premises in the morning, you will be contacted before we send students' home.
- Further text messages and our website will update parents of our situation. For this reason, it is always vital that the school has up to date contact details.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2026 – 2027

Autumn Term	Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	First Day of Term for Students in Year 7 8.35 for 8.40am start First Day of Term for Students in Year 11 9.00am start
	Friday 4 th September 2026	Year 7 and 11 - 8.35 for 8.40am start Years 8, 9, 10 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 7 th September 2026	Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 2 nd October 2026	School will start at 9.30 due to Open Evening on Thursday
	Tuesday 6 th October 2026	Academic Progress Day – All Year Groups
	Friday 23 rd October 2026	Last day of Half Term – 3.00pm Finish
	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 2 nd November 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 10 th December 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening – 4-7pm
	Friday 18 th December 2026	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 21 st December 2026 to Friday 1 st January 2027	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Monday 4 th January 2027	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 7 th January 2027	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening – 4-7pm
	Thursday 21 st January 2027	School Production
	Thursday 4 th February 2027	Year 10 Parents' Evening – 4-7pm
	Friday 12 th February 2027	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February 2027	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 22 nd February 2027	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 18 th March 2027	Year 9 Parents' and Pathways Evening – 4-7pm
	Tuesday 23 rd March 2027	Year 8 Parents' Evening – 4-7pm
	Thursday 25 th March 2027	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
Summer Term	Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027	Easter Holiday
	Monday 12 th April 2027	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 22 nd April 2027	Year 7 Parents' Evening – 4-7pm
	Monday 3 rd May 2027	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 28 th May 2027	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 7 th June 2027	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 16 th July 2027	Last Day of Term for students School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 19 th , Tuesday 20 th and Wednesday 21 st July 2027	Staff ONLY days - INSET

