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The newsletter for Wexham School

OPPORTUNITY
INSPIRATION
SUCCESS



Some of the best facilities to educate our students

Last term we opened a sparkling new Main Hall and Reception that has brought Wexham into the 21st Century.

Now work is well underway on our fantastic new building. This will house English, MFL and Humanities with some much needed new toilets. Also included is a dedicated student welfare and medical centre and a state of the art two storey library and sixth form area.

The new building will accommodate the rise in student numbers when we expand from six Forms of Entry to eight in 2018 and allow for the demolition of the existing (much loathed and loved by some) Fowler Block.



We will also see our current library transformed into two new science laboratories. This new investment is thanks to Slough Borough Council, Slough Urban Renewal and Morgan Sindall.

We are extremely grateful to them for providing us with an amazing new building. Along with our superb sports hall, dance and drama studios, creative arts and technology areas we really will have some of the best facilities to educate our students, all set in a spacious and green 'campus' environment. We now just need to choose a name for the building. If you have any suggestions please

email post@wexham.slough.sch.uk. Best wishes for the holiday- Lawrence Smith, Headteacher

Riotous explosion of samba-filled dance

Wexham School GCSE dancers were given the opportunity to watch the Rambert Dance Company's performance of A Linha Curva at Sadlers Wells Theatre in London.

A Linha Curva is Rambert's party piece: a

riotous explosion of colourful, samba-fuelled dance. The work features 28 performers, a massed bank of percussion and dramatic lighting – the cumulative effect had the Wexham



students on their feet and cheering. A Linha Curva was nominated for the 2010 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production, and helped Rambert win the Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance that year for its programme of

new works.

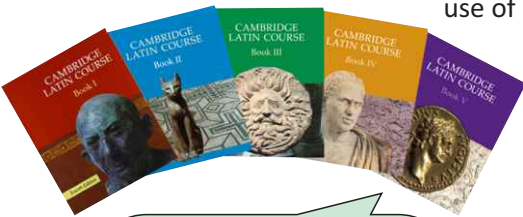
For many of the students this was their first visit to a live theatre but they said it wouldn't be their last.

Y7 Latin scholars in partnership with Cambridge University

With a 50 year history of development and revision, the Cambridge Latin Course (CLC) has established itself as the leading beginner's course for Latin.

Aims of the Course

- to teach comprehension of the Latin language for reading purposes;
- to develop an understanding of the history and culture of Roman civilisation;
- to encourage a wide range of approaches to language learning through the use of high quality audio-visual resources.



0% of students in Years 7 and 8 say they feel unsafe at school.



Year 7 students at Wexham School have been provided with the opportunity to study Latin during the summer term and have recently sat their first real Latin Exam set by Cambridge University! All of the students have risen to the academic challenge of this opportunity and we await some excellent results. More news to follow in the next edition of @wexham.



WEXHAM SCHOOL OPEN DAY 2017

Wexham hosted our annual Open Day and Evening event on Tuesday 3rd October 2017.

We welcomed lots of year 6 students who were keen to look around the school site and see all of the opportunity and inspirational work which takes place on a daily basis at Wexham.

As you can see from the pictures, Mr. Smith (Headteacher) and Mr. Fletcher (Deputy Headteacher) were both joining the students of Wexham in some fiery activities.



It was pleasing to see the future of Wexham School so keen and engaged by all of the fantastic activities which were being displayed.

If you or anybody you know are in the process of applying, please call the main school telephone number to

arrange a personalised tour to see the school in action.

The contact number is 01753 526797. Alternatively you can email: post@wexham.slough.sch.uk to arrange a tour.



Brunel University enhanced school partnership

Wexham School has been a recognised enhanced partner school of the University of Brunel for a number of years now.

This collaboration enables us to contribute to developing teachers of the future. We host PGCE students in Mathematics, Science and Physical Education.

Alongside this, members of



Brunel
University
London

our Senior Leadership Team visit the University and lead lectures to both Primary and Secondary teacher training students.

Recent lectures have included Mr. Clark presenting to over 100 trainee teachers on Behaviour for Learning in schools.

I am very happy that my child is in this school and especially happy with his teachers.



Easy access to homework manager on any internet device

Wexham School is affiliated to the *Show My Homework* platform. All students and parents have access to this user-friendly site that helps students to easily manage their homework responsibilities. You can access this from any device which has access to the internet.

If you require further information, please contact the school where we



will be happy to provide some personalized training for you to help you engage with your child's education.

You can access the site at:
<https://www.showmyhomework.co.uk/login>

If you require your log in information, please contact the main school number where our administrative team will be able to support you.

taff spotlight**Staff spotlight**Staff spotlight

"Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise so I am changing myself"
Rumi

My name is Rabia Basharat and I have been teaching Mathematics for 8 years. I previously taught in a school in Maidenhead before moving to the school I studied at as a student – Wexham School.

I knew I wanted to be a teacher, even at a young age. I always enjoyed helping others learn and grow. I believe every child should be valued and treated with respect. An education should empower a child and help him or her make a positive contribution to our world.



As a student at Wexham School I had many inspirational teachers. Mr. Tidey, my head of year always believed in me and encouraged me to do my very best in everything I did. Mr. Aslam, my Maths teacher was passionate about the subject, he inspired me to love maths.

My interest and love of mathematics grew whilst I



FACT FILE:
 ● Favourite Colour: Purple
 ● Favourite Season: Spring
 ● Favourite Number: 4
 ● Favourite TV series: Gilmore Girls
 ● Favourite flower: Lily
 ● Fun fact: Same Birthday as Beyoncé
 ● Hobbies: Cross-stitching

was studying Economics at Kingston University. I really enjoyed the statistical analysis side of the course. After completing my degree I stayed on at Kingston University to train as a maths teacher. I completed my PGCE in Secondary Mathematics in 2010, training in London based schools. My interests outside school include sewing, gardening and cooking. As well as spending time with my family and friends.

Year 10 Geography field work and “brilliant” Devon outward bound

Over a long hot weekend in the summer term all of our Year 10 geographers visited the county of Shropshire. The students were



actively taking part in developing their field work techniques and getting up and close to the real world.

These skills and new knowledge being acquired are key for the new specification GCSE and it was a great and rewarding experience for all staff and students involved.

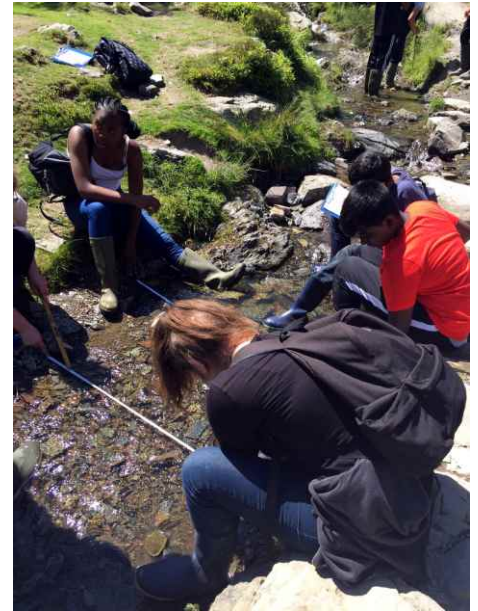
Our students experienced sampling rivers, investigating ecosystems and took part in completing urban studies in the historic and cultural city of Shrewsbury. These have provided valuable preparation for their examinations but also helped them in visiting and experiencing different parts of the country.

Year 10 trip to Devon

A selection of students were chosen to attend an outward bound trip to broaden their horizons and confront new challenges. As you can see from the photographs, the students had an amazing time and developed their skills in a range of new experiences.

One of the students who attended the trip said:

“The trip to Devon was brilliant! The best part for me was trying Archery. I have never tried that before and I have only seen it on the TV. I had so much fun”.



Student voice

This term has seen the entire student population elect their new Student Council. Each form group has voted in their tutor representatives and elected the Year representatives who will canvass their opinions and provide the students at Wexham with a clear voice.

Congratulations to the following students who have been democratically elected as the Wexham School Student Council.

Year 7: Safa Din, Raheem Bashir, Ryann Hussein, Gabriel Smith, Nicholas Reynolds, Imaad Khan

Year 8: Kyra Cochrane, Elizabeth Asiimwe, Barkat Sheikh Omar,

Feroz Shamsi, Bilal Mohammed, Leanne Warrington

Year 9: Sayam Mistry, David Rasuli, Victoria Fedorowicz, Kojo Mensah

Year 10: Wardi Sugele, Haroon Khan, Deajah Hyman, Pavin Sathyakaman, Hafsa Khan

Year 11: Wardah Nazir, Natascha Owen, Ahmed Sabri, Harpreet Kaur, Hibaaq Ahmed, Kasey Knight, Harpreet Jhangra

6th Form: Nitin Jaswal, Pavanvir Khangura, Mudathir Abeid, Usman Hanif, Mohammed Khubaib, Rhyana Salkey, Malayaka Ali

Message from the Student Council: We are proud to represent the students of Wexham School and will work tirelessly to ensure the students at Wexham have their opinions heard at every level of the decision making process.

Our priorities for 2017/18 are to ensure that the improving school environment continues to be a clean tidy place which enables everyone to thrive inside and outside the classroom. We also want to build on the excellent charity work of previous Student Councils. We will continue to meet the Senior Leadership team on a regular basis to convey the ideas and initiatives of all our year groups.

96% of Year 9 students say they enjoy school.



Slough School Sport Network becomes FA hub for girls

Hosted by Wexham School for the last 12 years, the Slough School Sport Network has just been confirmed as a FA Hub site for Girls. Development for the Borough and surrounding areas.

Working in partnership with the Berks & Bucks FA we will be providing Borough-wide opportunities for all primary and secondary schools to engage staff and girls through training, events and leadership

programmes. One of the programmes available will be Game of their Own, a KS3/4 programme



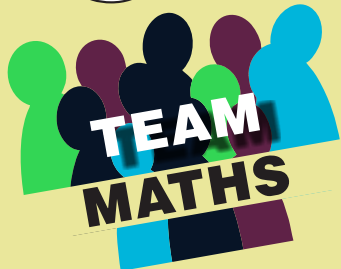
encouraging girls to become Football Activators in their school and engage other peer groups and support football activity throughout the school.

Wexham through Miss Williams (PE Dept) is already trail blazing this programme for Slough and we hope to recruit many more Secondary schools to follow!

For more information about the fantastic work that the Slough School Sport Network (Hosted by Wexham School) is currently working on visit the Wexham School website and look at their Relay magazine.

Visit www.wexhamschool.co.uk





Wexham School's Mathematics department are promoting numeracy across the school. Numeracy involves being able to think and communicate quantitatively; making sense of data; understanding patterns and sequences as well as being able to recognise situations where

Forms challenged to number quiz

mathematical reasoning can be applied to solve problems.

The Mathematics department are running a weekly



numeracy competition for Year 7 to Year 10. The activity is to answer a set of 10 challenging questions as a form class. Results are then collated at the end of the week. Each half term the form class from each year group with the highest score will be awarded a trophy.

We will also be placing a display board in the maths corridor for you to see how well your form class is doing throughout the year. Good Luck!



Passion, adventure and Frankenstein

A new term has brought with it many new faces in the Faculty of English and Media with our enthusiastic year sevens and new staff Ms Paskell, Mr Hanratty and Ms Cheema joining the team.

Year 7 quickly found themselves crashed and trying to survive on The Island in their writing lessons and creating an A-Z Guides to Authors as well. They are working hard to develop the skills and aspiration to reach standards of excellence in their work.

Year 8 are negotiating the world of gangs and bullying in the novel 'Tribes' and Year 9 challenging themselves with the reality of racial prejudice in the play version of 'Noughts and Crosses'.

At GCSE, the students have tackled their first round of formal assessments and are immersed in the worlds of poetry and the moral dilemmas of 'An Inspector Calls'. Year 11 are particularly enjoying studying this play as many of them

went to see it being performed in London last year.

Once again we have a large class of enthusiastic

literature fans taking on KS5 English. We are trying to escape the oppressive Republic of Gilead in 'The Handmaid's Tale' and running scared from the misunderstood creature in 'Frankenstein'. Let's hope we survive to see Halloween!

Alongside English, we have a large number of pupils undertaking GCSE and A Level Media Studies. With scandals

in Hollywood and the never-ending media games of one Donald Trump, class discussions have been particularly impassioned this term!

All pupils are now up and running on the

Accelerated Reader programme and should be making use of our wonderful on site library. Engaging in your children's reading and being a model of wider reading at home is the most important support you can offer them with their learning in English.





Progression's the prize for creative students

DRAMA

Drama club are busy rehearsing for their tour of the local retirement homes with their Christmas performance. This year's play has been written by Prayag Bassi in 9DE and is called '*The Prize Progression*'. Prayag has written the play specially to highlight the importance of spending time with loved ones at Christmas. Drama club are looking forward to performing it at Oak House. We are all really looking forward to our next visit and building up links with our local community.

MUSIC

Music peripatetic lessons are now up and running and have had a healthy uptake this year. I am pleased to see so many Year 7s have chosen to learn an instrument, particularly on the piano and guitar. Some Year 11 students are also receiving piano lessons as part of intervention. It is great to see so many students taking ownership of their learning and



A beautiful piece of Art created by Reya Begum in 10 Pankhurst

discovering what they are capable of achieving.

DANCE

In Dance, our students have entered and begun working on their performance for 'Rock Challenge'. Rock Challenge is a UK based

competition where the students have to create a dance performance of eight minutes long. The Dance team at Wexham have been given the responsibility of recruiting students from all years to assist them, creating and making the costumes, lighting, make up, and organising music for their performance.

The students will be focusing their performance on a historical or political issue which is happening in the current climate.

ART

The Art department has had a positive start to the academic year with lots of artistic mediums being explored. Year 7's have been looking at the basic elements of Art and have recently experienced their first

outdoor lesson, where they were collecting rubbings from various objects. Year 8 has been developing their observational drawing skills with many students already achieving an extending grade.

After half term we will be starting two dedicated art clubs.



WEXHAM SCHOOL TWITTER



If you are keen to see the great work which takes place at Wexham on a weekly basis, why don't you follow us on twitter?



Our twitter account is:
@Wexham_School

The new Headteacher has greatly improved the school's standards.





Gruesome, electrifying and explosive

A warm welcome to all students to the new Science Department from Ms Handa. It has been a great start to the term for those who have started new at the school such as myself and the year 7, and those who have experienced the wonder of science having been part of the school for a period of time.

The year 10 were privy to the assembly given by myself on ownership and a lot of them have remembered the importance of this. They may not want for that Maserati anymore! The value of science is now becoming apparent to them.

The weeks pass for the year

11 as they start thinking about how much science can I actually remember from year 10. They have

Welcome to Wexham School Dept. of

SCIENCE



experienced change and have started to appreciate that whatever it takes to achieve will now have to be done. They will have to give up a lot but they will gain a lot when they leave with that GCSE in Triple or Combined

Science.

Our year 12 and 13 have made that step from year 11 to year 12 and year 12 to 13. They have experienced change but not hesitated in their efforts to perform to the best of their ability.

The science department would like to say a thank you for all your efforts and will continue to support you in your journey to the frontiers of science.

On a final note.....

Open evening was one of our many great successes demonstrated by the gruesome world of biology, the explosive nature of chemistry and the electrifying department of physics!!

Science Activity: Speed-Air resistance

In a recent Science lesson some of our students were being taught about the topic of speed and how to calculate speed using the relevant formulae.

In this activity the students were investigating the difference in speed while running with and without a parachute.

Our students worked in pairs; one student had a stop watch and the other student had to run. The student with the stop watch had to time the other person to run 30m.

The students ran 30m once without a parachute



and then once with a parachute.

Results were recorded onto a table that was given to each student. From this activity the students discovered that with the parachute they took longer to run 30m compared to when they ran without a parachute.

The students determined that the reason for this happening was because the parachutes experience more air resistance.

The students relished the opportunity of taking part in practical learning and this is a feature we promote in all of our department areas at Wexham School.

Inspirational science

During the summer term lecturer Susan Mayes from the University of Reading visited the school and presented an assembly for Year 9 students regarding "careers in chemistry"

The inspirational presentation included information regarding the facilities that Reading University has to offer, and explained to Wexham students about why chemistry is important in

everyday life and how rewarding a career in chemistry can be.

Susan remarked afterwards that it was evident that these students showed a lot of potential in the field of science and was looking forward to continue to work in collaboration with the students of Wexham school to help develop their aspirations in the field of Chemistry.





Since September 2017 the EAL Department has welcomed new students arriving from countries including Romania, Italy, Bulgaria, India, Saudi Arabia and Poland. All are settling in well, and with each day passing they have grown more confident when

Talking with confidence

speaking in English.

At the moment there are 42 students on the EAL register Yr 7 to Yr 11 who receive between 5 to 7 hours of EAL intervention. Yr 10's, are currently

studying a diary of a girl who survived the Blitz with a particular reference to GCSE Paper 1 exam style questions and descriptive writing. Take a look at some of their fantastic work below.



My son goes to the Autistic Resource Base and all the staff look after him very well.

Parental Survey Sept 2017

Over the last two years 44% more students now agree that unacceptable behaviour is always dealt with at Wexham.

Parental Survey Sept 2017

Celebrating success in the library

An amazing celebration involving so many students at the end of the Summer Term.

As each school year ends we celebrate outstanding student achievement at our Word Millionaire and AR SuperStar Lunch where prizes and certificates are

awarded by the Headteacher, Mr Smith. We invite to this celebration any students who have:

- Scored 100% in their AR Quizzes FIVE times in a row* - our AR Super Stars
- Read and quizzed on books that together



contain over 1,000,000 words - our Word Millionaires

Both of these achievements are very clear indicators of highly successful engagement with the Accelerated Reader Scheme and together represent students of all abilities, including ARB, EAL, SEN and mentored students,

proving the value of that mentoring.

Students must always report their 100% quiz results to the Librarian and certificates are awarded by the Headteacher Mr Smith at the celebration lunch in the Library.



It has been a really busy and positive start to the year in Humanities. We have built on the successes of last year and continued to develop our lessons to ensure that all students at Wexham enjoy engaging and exciting lessons to help them make progress.

The History Department has successfully taken all Year 7 and 8 students to Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace. As you can see from the pictures, the students had an amazing time learning about our heritage.

Our Year 12 Travel and Tourism students have all completed part of their course and had a day

exploring the main tourist destinations in Brighton. A more detailed report will feature in the next newsletter.

The move to 100 minute lessons have provided all students in years 7 and 8 with the opportunity to read the 'Horrible History' and 'Horrible Geography' series. This is a great way to improve our students



subject knowledge and also to contribute to developing their literacy skills (as well as getting more words towards their Accelerated Reader

targets!).

Psychology and Sociology A-level have continued to prove to be the most popular A level choices in the Wexham 6th form. We have more students now completing the A level than ever before. All of their teachers hope that the good work from last years results will be continued and even more students will be applying to study these subjects at University. A special mention must go to Sana Hussain who achieved our first ever A* in Sociology as well as an A in Philosophy and Ethics and a B in Psychology.

Overall very happy with the school and my child's progress.



Bronze award for opportunities

This is great news to end the school year with congratulations and thanks to all

students to participate in sport and physical activity throughout the year.

School Games Mark Success

We have once again been awarded the annual National School Games Mark Bronze



Award in recognition of the range of opportunities we provide for Wexham students to participate in.



the PE staff for making this possible and for providing lots of varied opportunities for our

National Fitness Day

In recognition of National Fitness Day on Wednesday 27th September, some of our Year 8 students took part in a 30-minute high intensity interval training session (HIIT) led by 'The Body Coach' Joe Wicks.

This was a tough challenge for the children and a great alternative to some of their usual curriculum activities.

Year group reports



The Year 7 students have made an excellent start to their new life at Wexham School and have impressed us all with their hard work,

smart uniform and outstanding attitude to learning in their lessons. The induction programme which took place over the first two days allowed them to familiarise themselves with our expectations, build good relationships and explore the school, through exciting activities including a school wide treasure hunt and team building event.

The highlight of the term so far was a history trip to Windsor Castle which involved all the year



group, tutors and the staff from the Humanities team. We were able to see the Changing of the Guard, Queen Mary's dolls house and explore inside St. George's chapel the burial place of Henry VIII. Year 7 are now busily building their motte and bailey castles which are based on the research they carried out on the day. We look forward to seeing updates in the next edition of @Wexham.



A group of our Year 7 and 8 girls took part in a girls only football festival hosted by the Berks & Bucks FA at the new Arbour Park stadium. It was a fun-packed afternoon at a great facility aimed at developing girls' love of football with an emphasis on fun rather than competition.



Year 9 have made an excellent start to the academic year and the first year of their GCSE's. I have noticed a real sense of maturity within the year group over the past few weeks.

They have settled quickly into their option choices and have shown a fantastic work ethic. An acknowledgement assembly took place and subject teachers were asked to send positive comments about the start to the new academic year which they

have encountered with their Year 9 teaching groups. Please see what members of staff said about Year 9 below:

"I have had the most wonderful time teaching Year 9 so far this year! I have the most amazing GCSE class". **Miss Bamber**



In Mid September a group of Year 10 students headed to the foothills of Dartmoor National Park in Devon for Four Days of challenging

activities.

"The experience itself was a

huge success. The students did themselves proud and represented the school fantastically. Not only did they 'light up' the venue with their smiles, laughter and energy. They were commended for their courteous nature, manners and politeness by many members of the paying public".

Mr Oxley - Leader of Year Ten



Year 8 have made an incredible start to the academic year.

We have lots of students who have been recognised with achieving 100% attendance which is a fantastic achievement and will help them to secure greater levels of progress in their learning.

Y8 Achievement Competition 2017-18

Position	Tutor Group	Total achievement
1st	LK	508
2nd	Pankhurst	340
3rd	Brunel	330
4th	Deacon	263
5th	Mandela	205

The successful students from each tutor group can be seen in the pictures below.

Year 8 have been working very hard to receive achievement points this half term.

Currently 8 Luther King are in the lead with a huge

508 achievement points.

Keep up the good work year 8!

Y8 Achievement Award



Amra Salih 8Pankhurst
Barket Sheikh Omar 8Luther King
Natalia Brzozka 8Mandela
Hashim Mohammed 8Deacon
Magda Kulanska 8Brunel



Year 11 have enjoyed an excellent start to their final year at Wexham School. They returned from the

summer

motivated, energised and engaged.

They have displayed a real drive to succeed in all curriculum areas. Academic interventions have started in all departments and have been well attended.

A small number of High on Entry students were lucky enough to visit Reading University for a Taster day.

They experienced the full gambit of University life including student seminars, further

education lectures and a full campus tour. Thank you to Sue Maunders for her support on the day.

Congratulations to Wardah Nazir who was voted Year 11 Student Representative. Further



congratulations to Natascha Owen, Ahmed Sabri, Harpreet Kaur, Hibaaq Ahmed, Kasey Knight and Harpreet Jhangra who were voted in as Tutor representatives. They all fought a tough but fair election race which

culminated in them delivering exceptional speeches to their peers in a recent Year 11 assembly.

The forthcoming term is shaping up to be another busy and successful one for this cohort. Mock Exams will begin in December.

To ensure that we all work together to support your child during their GCSEs, Mr Shephard would like to invite you to a **'Supporting your Child Evening'** on Thursday 9th

November. The evening will be an opportunity to discuss in more detail different strategies you can employ to best support your child emotionally and academically during this important year.



Bar Mock Trials 2017

After the success of competing in the Bar Mock Trials 2016, Wexham School

visitors from Brunel University London and Roehampton University. The purpose of the visit was to provide support for the current Year 13s completing their UCAS applications. Both universities had an information stall set

up in the hall to promote the idea of university to the younger students.

Success in Summer Exams

We are proud to announce we had some Year 12 and 13 students who excelled beyond expectation in the summer public exams. Most notably, Sana Hussain who achieved A* A B in Sociology, Religious Studies and Psychology respectively. Bushra Nawaz (current Year 13) secured an A grade in AS Maths and Georgina Cooper secured an A grade in AS



has secured a place in competing in the 2017 Regional Heats. The sixth form students are currently analysing two cases and preparing their arguments for the selection process. Last year's team performed exceptionally in some areas receiving 10 out of 10 in many areas. This year we hope to build on last year's successes and move further in the heats. (Photo)

Universities at Wexham

On Wednesday 4th October, Wexham School welcomed

Media Studies, providing them with a strong foundation for the A2 Summer Exams in 2018.

Ice Skating Reward Trip



A group of 24 students from Years 7 to 10 attended an end of term trip to the Silver Blades Ice Arena in Slough. This was a reward for the children in each year group who have attended the most extra-curricular PE clubs/activities since the start of the school year in September.



Iceberg! Abandon ship!

Students from our Autistic Resource Base, EAL and Nurture visited the Seacity Museum, Southampton to further explore the history of Titanic studied in class.

The trip began with a guided tour of the Titanic exhibition.

Students were able to use interactive displays such as the ship's wheel or 3rd class cabin to experience the cruise.

The highlight of the day was the workshop run at the venue. Students dressed up as crew members or passengers and got an insight into what it was like when the Titanic had hit the iceberg and started sinking.

Later, they were involved in four activities such as decoding Morse Code or a scientific experiment of sinking the Titanic.



Sparring lovers on a midsummer's night

Year 7 were treated to a Shakespeare workshop as a reward for their excellent term of work in English. The Box Clever Theatre Company took the students on a journey through a range of scenes from Shakespeare's most

famous plays and introduced them to

some Elizabethan culture. Many students took part in the performance as traditional heroes, warring warriors and sparring lovers. The performance truly brought their study of Shakespeare and his play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' to life. Perhaps we will see some of our Year 7s gracing the stage in Stratford-Upon-Avon in years to come.



Getting the measure of Wales



Our Year 12 A Level Geographers spent a week on the Pembrokeshire Coast in Wales learning vital fieldwork techniques for their examinations.

Mentoring to continue as partnership ends

After 14 successful years, reaching over ½ million young people Sky's partnership with The Youth Sport Trust came to an end in August 2017.

However we are delighted that The Youth Sport Trust will still be able to offer schools access to the fantastic team of Athlete Mentors. Wexham School has been involved in this partnership from the early days and we have hosted a range of athletes including Olympic Gold

medallist Darren Campbell.

It is pleasing to see that our students are still provided with the amazing opportunities that this programme offers to inspire young people to succeed in school and beyond to achieve lifelong success.

If you are interested in this collaboration, speak to the PE department to see what exciting new opportunities are upon the horizon.



A Linha Curva

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A Linha Curva was nominated for the 2010 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Dance Production, and helped Rambert win the Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dance that year for its programme of new works.

Wexham School GCSE Dancers are extremely lucky to be provided with the opportunity to visit Sadlers Wells Theatre in London on the 23rd November, 2017 to watch this amazing show.

Take a look at some of the pictures of our GCSE Dancers taking part in an A Linha Curva dance workshop!



Wexham Going for Gold!

During the summer term approximately 50 students from Years 7 - 10 represented Wexham School at the annual Slough district athletics championships at the Thames Valley Athletics Centre in Eton.

With 13 different Slough schools competing it was fantastic to come away with 11 medal placings. This was one of our most successful events to date - Go team Wexham!

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent performances and individual achievements:



Year 7

75m Hurdles - Lakesha Richardson - 1st

Year 8

100m - Wiktorina Malecka - 3rd

Long Jump - Wiktorina Malecka - 2nd

Hurdles - Dominika Tomaszewska - 3rd

Year 9

Javelin - Ibraheem Mohammed - 1st

Discus - Kirshayna Virgo - 1st

Javelin - Iqra Ayubi - 1st

Year 10

Shot - Natasha Owen - 2nd

Javelin - Hibaaq Ahmed - 2nd

Long Jump - Habzar Umarlebbai - 3rd

Discus - Humza Mahmood - 3rd



Legal eagles link to the law

Lawyers in Schools is a unique skills-based employee volunteering opportunity designed to increase young people's awareness and understanding of the law.

The flexible programme links law firms, in-house legal teams and chambers with local secondary schools.

It provides opportunities for practising and trainee lawyers to engage students in interactive discussions about various legal issues relevant to their daily lives.

Wexham School have been involved in this programme for a number of years and our students were lucky enough to visit the Centrica Building which is home to British Gas and work with their legal team.

95% of Year 11 students say 'if I need to talk to someone there is an adult at School I can go to'.

Survey
Sept 2017

Sportsday heroes

During the summer term a group of our Year 9 and Year 10 sports leaders made a huge contribution to the delivery of James Elliman Primary School's Year 5 & 6 Sports Day.

Our students led and managed all of the field events, organising, enthusing, demonstrating and recording for almost three hours and they were all superb ambassadors for Wexham School.

This was a valuable experience for our students to practise and develop their leadership skills and they showed a high level of maturity which they and their families can be very proud of.

Congratulations to the following students for performing so well as leaders:

Year 9:

Sana Ahmed
Preeti Bansal
Rifah Tabassum
Disha Patel
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Busy job as your representative

My name is Adam Bholah and I am a year 13 student of Wexham School Sixth Form. I was elected as the schools representative for the Slough Youth Parliament (SYP) in January 2017, and as Chairperson of the SYP several weeks after. My role as chair during our monthly meetings is to lead the other youth reps through the agenda facilitating discussion and debate amongst the young people.

I have also had the opportunity to attend many events as Chair of SYP and representative for Wexham School, with some notable ones being:

- A leadership programme run in Kent facilitated by the British Youth Council, in which youth reps from across all of the UK attend to share ideas and plan for future actions that will impact the nation as a whole rather than just our own provinces
- Chairing the quarterly question time event at the Curve in Slough where public figures such as



headteachers, journalists, and council members of both the Labour and Conservative parties are regularly invited to answer questions from an audience consisting of young people from Slough

- Attending at the Slough Partnership Conference at the Curve, during which myself and a fellow MYP presented to the board, then formed part of a panel for members and associates of the Wellbeing Board to question.

These are a handful of the actions that I have taken through becoming involved with the Youth Parliament. I have found

that the experience as a whole has been thoroughly enjoyable and has certainly helped to mould me into the person that I am today. My public speaking skill and general self-confidence has shot up as a direct result of becoming involved, and the people that I have met through the SYP have all been wonderfully supportive.

E-SAFETY at Wexham

Here at Wexham School, we are committed to keeping your children safe both in school and online. We educate our students on using the internet and mobile technology safely and responsibly, and there is lots you can do to further support them as parents and carers. How do you know that your child is safe online? There are many things you can do to help ensure that your children use the internet in a safe and effective way. Below are some top tips that we would recommend:

1. Ensure that your child's security and privacy settings are set to high on all social media accounts. This will help avoid their information been seen by strangers.
2. Ensure that you are satisfied that your child is open about their online communication with you. If not, question why this is the case.
3. Make sure that all of the friends on their social media accounts are known to your child and you.
4. Disable the location setting on Snapchat. This is a new feature that gives anyone the exact location of your child while they are online.
5. Make sure that you have parental settings on your Wi-Fi to help restrict any unwanted or harmful content.



6. Monitor their use of the internet – children are often online while they are alone in their bedroom.
7. Turn the Wi-Fi off when they go to bed to avoid them accessing harmful content.
8. Speak to them about responsible sharing of content online. Nothing that goes online can be erased.

For further information on how you can help keep your child safe online, please visit these websites:



95% of parents agreed that their child is happy at Wexham



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