

Principal's Update Newsletter (Jan - Mar 2025)



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A letter from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach another busy and productive term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on our students' achievements and express my gratitude for your ongoing support.

Last half term has been filled with hard work, dedication, and many proud moments for our school community. Our students have excelled in both academic and extracurricular activities, demonstrating resilience, enthusiasm, and a commitment to excellence. From outstanding performances in sports, to success in house challenges, it has been wonderful to see them thrive.

We are also incredibly proud of the values our students continue to uphold—showing kindness, teamwork, and determination in all they do. This term has presented challenges with the dark mornings and the horrible weather, but together we have navigated them with positivity and perseverance!

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated staff who work tirelessly to provide a high-quality education and a nurturing environment for every child. Their commitment to ensuring each student reaches their full potential is truly commendable.

I hope that all students took time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality moments with family and friends during last week's break. Learning is a journey, and a well-earned break is essential for continued success.

Thank you once again for your partnership and support. We look forward to another exciting term ahead.

Warm regards,

Laura Parker

PRINCIPAL

Term round-ups

Year 7

What a fantastic half-term our Year 7 cohort have had. Year 7s have added to their grand total of House Points which now sits at a whopping **125,153!** This demonstrates how our Year 7 students are applying an abundance of effort to their lessons; we are incredibly proud of them.

A huge congratulations to **7M** who were the form group to accumulate the most House Points and enjoyed a complimentary breakfast as a reward - **well done 7M!!**

This half-term's House challenge was *Wrenn Dance* and the Year 7s who participated in this were fabulous. Staff members praised their collaborative skills and dedication - the performances were great and all involved should be very proud of themselves.

Many of our Year 7s are making good progress with their SPARX homework - well done to every Year 7 who consistently completes their homework. They are putting themselves in great stead to be the most successful version of themselves and to be in the running for some of the brilliant SPARX prizes.

Lastly, a huge **WELL DONE** to all our Year 7s who were nominated by their subject teacher for being a 'stand-out pupil' in lessons and were mentioned in assembly, as well as those who have not received a single behaviour point. Keep this up – it doesn't go unnoticed. You make Wrenn proud!

CHARLOTTE GIBBS

ENGLISH TEACHER & PROGRESS LEADER Y7

Year 8

At the end of another successful term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements and progress our students have made. It has been a term filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

I am incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our students during their AP1 window. Their enthusiasm for learning and their commitment to excellence have been truly inspiring. I hope that when students receive their reports, they are proud of their hard work. Some students will also need to remember that hard work often takes time to be shown, and they could use these results as stepping stones to reach their end of year goals.

As we look forward to the next term, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. I am confident that our students will continue to excel and achieve great things.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break

BETH JERRETT

YEAR 8 PROGRESS LEADER, GEOGRAPHY TEACHER

Year 9

Our end of term Celebration Assembly has just taken place with the usual support, excitement, and cheering that we have come to expect from this year group. They are exceptional in celebrating each other. We had **233 shout outs** from individual teachers for exceptional work from students - this is amazing!

Assessment Point one has come and gone - the pupils have engaged well, and their resilience has shone through. There are some excellent displays of progress and commitment to learning, proving that pupils are not only working hard but also enjoying learning to navigate their future.

Year 9 were amazing at the Options Open Evening; they came to the event fully prepared and were asking well thought out questions to the subject leads, this showed that they have had wonderful conversations at home and are determined to make the right decision. They have continued in this guise by attending taster sessions after school for the subjects that they are interested in. Staff have been full of praise for the engagement that they have shown.

Overall, this has been another wonderful term of year 9 pulling together and celebrating the achievements of each other. They truly are a joy to work with.

See you soon for more successes.

HELEN MAINPRIZE

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 9

Login reminder

A reminder to Year 9 students, please continue to make your option choices if you have not already done so. The deadline is Sunday 9th March. If you have lost your login details please email julie.allen@wrennschool.org.uk. The link and the QR code are below:

<https://www.studentoptions.co/wrennschoolopen>



Year 10

This term has been a big one. The word "revision" has been said in Year 10 countless number of times by both staff & students. Assessment Point 1 has been tackled head-on by students, they have showed resilience and maturity throughout this period. More information to follow in Spring Term 2 regarding reports for these.

We offered our first **Passport to Success** evening for Year 10, where parents and students were given lots of information regarding the support given to students on their journey to GCSE success, as well as Careers and Work Experience information.

As a reminder, students should contact **Mrs Bolton** for any **work experience questions**. She offers the crucial support needed for placements.

We celebrated brilliance with a mid term surprise Golden Ticket draw. We did this silently without students knowing, and I delivered prizes to students during lunch times. It was so lovely to see their happy & grateful faces when being handed over a well-deserved prize. We also celebrate students in the final week as usual with a Celebration Assembly & end of term Golden Ticket draw too.

Outside of the classroom, the **ski trip students** have started their journey by taking practice lessons to get them ready for the slopes. **Matilda auditions** took place at the beginning of term with a big percentage of the large roles given to Year 10 students; this makes me proud as a Drama Teacher AND Progress Leader.

I wish Year 10 a restful well deserved break following their assessments and look forward to seeing them for the next half term.

KATIE LAWMAN

TEACHER OF DRAMA AND PROGRESS LEADER Y10

Year 11

The past 6 weeks have taken the theme of reflection for our year 11 students. After the busyness of the winter term and AP1 mocks, students and teachers have been working on considering how their first set of mocks went, how effective their revision strategies were and what they need to do to achieve their next steps / support with their applications. This has provided guidance and support ready for the next set of mocks which begin on the 24th February 2025. During the half term we also have revision on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The timetable is attached below. Students will earn 5 point per session for their points mean prizes initiative.

Sessions	Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th
Session 1 - 9.00am - 10.45am	Library Self Study - ZY - LRC Y13 Spanish - LTC - A14 Y11 Food Prep and Nutrition - GBN -AT5 Y11 Geography - ABR -A15 Y11 Eng Lit - CGS (A Christmas Carol) - A12 Y11 Eng Lit - ALS (Macbeth) - A13 Y11 Computer Science - JTN - AC1 Y11 Art - KES - AA2 Y11 Art Textiles - ACR - AA4	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) - A12 Y11 Maths FOUNDATION - NGN/BDO - A13 Y11 Maths HIGHER (DPK) - A14 Library Self Study - ZY - LRC Y11 Art Photography (KHN) - AA4 Y13 Computer Science and IT - JTN - AC1	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) - A12 Library Self Study - WH - LRC 1.2 Maths with Adele (Invite Only) - A13 Y13 Maths - DPK - A14
Session 2 - 11.00am - 12.45pm	Library Self Study - ZY - LRC Y13 Spanish - LTC - A14 Y11 Food Prep and Nutrition - GBN -AT5 Y11 Geography - ABR -A15 Y11 Eng Lit - CGS (A Christmas Carol) - A12 Y11 Eng Lang - ALS - A13 Y11 Computer Science - JTN - AC1 Y11 Art - KES - AA2 Y11 Art Textiles - ACR - AA4	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) - A12 Y11 Maths FOUNDATION - NGN/BDO - A13 Y11 Maths HIGHER (DPK) - A14 Library Self Study - ZY - LRC Y13 Psych - CWT - A15 Y11 Art Photography (KHN) AA4 Y13 Computer Science and IT - JTN - AC1	PETXI Maths (Invite Only) - A12 Library Self Study - WH - LRC 1.2 Maths with Adele (Invite Only) - A13 Y13 Maths - DPK - A14
Lunch - 12.45pm -1.15pm			
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For Y11 rewards, the cohort have achieved 72,755 house points so far, this academic year. This is amazing!! Along with this, 105 pupils have attended period 6 this half term, 47 have been arriving early for Maths breakfast and 110 pupils have attended LRC sessions. Well done to Gurbaaj for being the top attender to Maths Breakfast, Jamie for being the top P6 attender and Gustavine and Kwadwo for attending the most LRC sessions. We also have 97 pupils who have now achieved over 300 points on the points mean prizes initiative and have, or will be, receiving their £10 voucher imminently. This is incredible and shows how much hard work Year 11 are putting into navigating their futures.

Have a well needed rest ready for mocks Year 11! See you ready and prepared after half term!

CASIE WRIGHT

PROGRESS LEADER: YEAR 11 & AAP SECONDMENT

Sixth Form

We are so proud of our Year 13 students who met the deadline for their UCAS applications. The early birds had even started to receive offers last term from their first-choice universities and several students are now involved in interviews - including for Russell Group universities. We continue to support our students with mock interviews and advice on how to be impressive.

In our personal growth pathway programme, Year 12 have been busy preparing for their EPQ presentations. They have exhibited great diligence in their research on a variety of topics. Additionally, the Sports Leadership group continue to represent our school and themselves well in their course as they support with sporting activities within our community.

At the beginning of the term, Year 12 completed their AP1 assessments, and after half term Year 13 will be sitting their final mock assessments. Both year groups have taken their studies very seriously and we look forward to seeing them reap the rewards of their hard work.

Constructive conversations took place at our 6th Form Parents' Evening held online on Thursday 13th February. We are very appreciative of the support that our parents give to the 6th Form teaching staff and leadership team as we work together to ensure the success of their children.

Of course, it wouldn't be 6th Form if we didn't also recognise that students need a little down time. We had the NHS Mental Health Support Team in to give advice on coping with stress and to share some relaxation techniques. We also had our end of term Success Assembly in which we celebrated with students who consistently exhibit our Wrenn ethos. Finally, to share the love, we had our annual Valentines Day Lollipop sale. The proceeds will go to a worthy cause.

NATASHA THOMAS-FRANCIS

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM & CIC COORDINATOR

Wrenn Houses


☆ House Points ☆






Congratulations to all students and their efforts to support their houses.



Term 2 Points



 Dragon: 3570



 Lion: 2790

 Stag: 2470

Current running total

 Stag: 187897 

 Dragon: 170327 

 Lion: 161176 

(as of 10/02/25)

Challenges

A challenge towards the end of last term was to **draw a portrait of your Tutor**

5 students have been awarded extra points for their efforts, their portraits are attached.

Millie H

Ava I

Selini P

Wojciech H

Tasia B



Seini

81
Smed







Wrenn Dance



Students were tasked to collaborate with their peers to choreograph, practice and film their own dance. Any size group was allowed, but they all had to be from the same house and under 30 seconds long.

6 groups entered, and some even involved their teachers 😊

1st place 🏆 6th Form - Dance 3

2nd place 🥈 Year 11 - Dance 1

3rd place 🥉 Year 7 - Dance 6

The challenge was screened to the school, who voted for their favourite.

Other than this being tremendous fun, we hope all the students enjoyed the exercise, team building, creativity and empowerment from this challenge.

WRENN DANCE WINNERS!



Year 11 Maths Residential



On 14th January, we took 44 Year 11s to **Rock UK** for a Maths residential. They spent many an hour honing their Maths skills, with a few 'fun' things interspersed between. Though what's more fun than Maths?! Here they are doing their fun evening Maths quiz with hot chocolates!

Get ready for...

World Book Day

We have a fun week planned for 3rd - 7th March, with **Thursday 6th** as the main event.

Students will have a chance to hunt down their favourite book characters as their teachers dress up. Students will also have plenty of activities to take part in throughout the week.



Galaxy A52s 5G





Matilda the Musical



So many students auditioned for the next musical we are undertaking. We were so pleased to see students had taken the time to practice over the Christmas holidays.

We have now chosen the cast and rehearsals will be starting soon. For those that didn't get their desired part, there will be more opportunities to get involved, from Set building to backstage roles. We will be making more announcements once we are ready to start building.

Save the dates:

Wednesday 2nd July - 5:30 - 7:00pm

Thursday 3rd July - 5:30 - 7:00pm

Tickets will be available closer to the show days.

Even **MORE** new clubs!

The long list of extracurricular clubs just keeps growing. We would like to introduce the following:

Construction Club

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Let's design, build and make together!

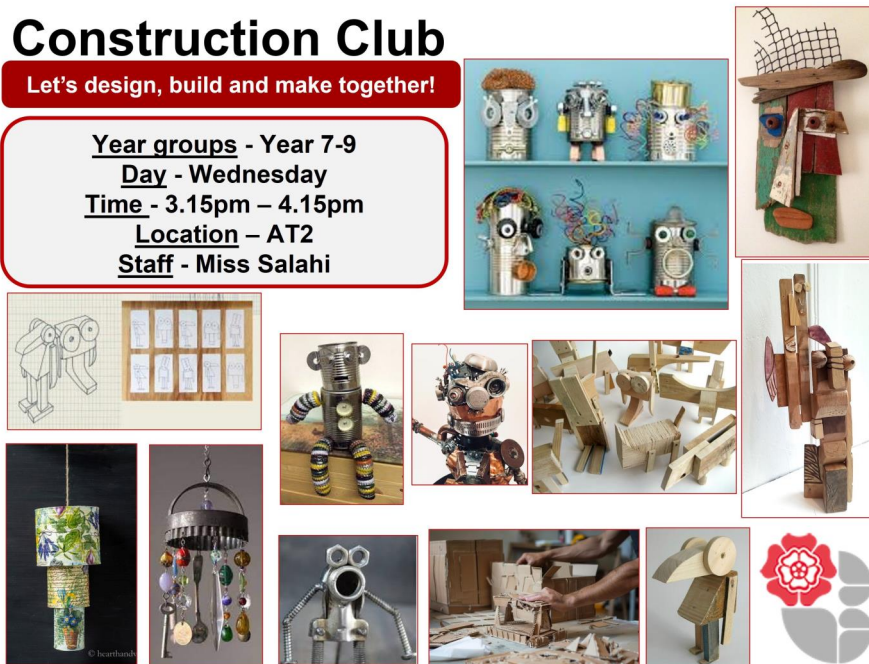
Year groups - Year 7-9

Day - Wednesday

Time - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Location – AT2

Staff - Miss Salah



Upcycling at it's best!

Give unused or scrapped items a new lease of life and take your modelling capabilities to a new level with our Construction Club.

If you fancy yourself a bit of a DIY expert and work well with your hands, or just want to add a bit of creative flair to your surroundings, come along and add some more skills to your handyman (or woman) CV.

Buttons, beads, wire, wood, anything you can imagine and make a model with.

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:10pm

Years 7 - 9

Mrs Salah - AT2

Flag Football



A game of agility, speed and accuracy. Adding the extra challenge to this popular sport has never been so much fun. Really push yourself to be a team player and discover your talents. We want to see you there!

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:10pm

All Years

Mr Loosemore - DR Field

We are looking for Wrenn's Top Musical geniuses to form the next BIG...

EDM BAND



If you know your way around a sampler, a confident singer, love all things BASS, want to create an atmosphere and can work well in a team. We want to hear from you!


TUESDAY LUNCHTIMES
Mr Grainger **AT8**
13:40 - 14:00

Keyboard/sampler - Drums - Bass - Vocalists - Guitar

If you prefer the sound of Drum and Bass and high intensity music, look no further. Collaborate with your peers to be the next; Marshmallow, Psy, Black Eyed Peas or Pendulum.


Spaces are limited with already x7 members so far, so please ask if one of the available positions are still available. We are aiming for something quite unique!

 **Bass Guitarist** (Full)

 **Vocalist** (1x space available)

 **Guitar** (1x space available)

 **Keyboard/Synth** (Full)

 **Sampler** confident in using a sample pad to enhance the sound (*1x space available*)

 **Drummer** (*Full*)

Tuesday Lunchtimes 1:40 - 2:00pm

Years 7 - 10

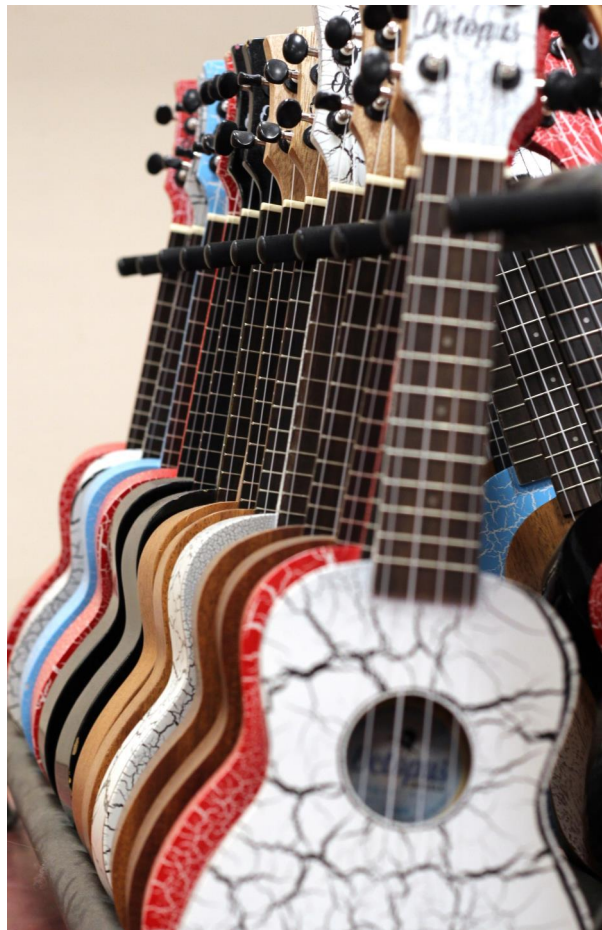
Mr Grainger, AT8

[Warhammer](#)



Paint, battle and strategize with one of the best miniature war games in the world. Attention to detail is crucial whether you're in the battlefield or creating fantastic pieces of art.

Take your gaming to a whole new level and learn from the best, to beat the best! The entire world of Warhammer awaits you.



Focusing on Ukulele classics and reimagining classic songs for Ukulele Versions.

Easily get to grips with learning songs on the Hawaiian instrument of choice.

Monday Lunchtime

All years

Mr Pearmain - AT8

And many more clubs to choose from...

Extra Curricular Clubs Feb-April

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CLUB	STAFF	YEAR GROUP	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Ukulele New	Mr Pearmain	Year 7-9	AT8	Monday	Lunchtime
Orchestra	Miss Zoboky	All years	AT7	Tuesday	3:15-4pm
First Aid	Mrs Humphries/Miss Harman	All Years	AC1	Tuesday	3.15-4pm
Chess	Mr Lewis, Mrs Jennings & Miss Sinha	All years	A12 and A13	Tuesday	3.15-4pm
Warhammer Club	Mrs Wescott/Mr Parker	All Years	LRC	Tuesday	3.15-4pm
School Musical Rehearsal	Miss Lawman/Miss Trkulja	Cast members	LR Hall	Tuesday	3:20-4pm
Badminton New	Mr Payne	Yr 7-9	DR Gym	Tuesday	3.15-4.10pm
Netball	Miss Birks & Miss Simpson	All Years	DR Courts	Tuesday	3.15-4pm
Robotics & Scalextric	Mr Loftus	All Years	AC3	Tuesday	3:15-4:10pm
Choir	Miss Zoboky	All years	AT7	Wednesday	3:15-4pm
Board Games	Mrs Darko	Yr 10-13	6	Wednesday	3.15-4.10pm
Construction Club	Mrs Salah	Yr 7-9	AT2	Wednesday	3.15-4.10pm
Sparx Homework Club	KS3 Lead Teachers	Year 7-9	AC1 & AC3	Wednesday	3.15-3.55pm
Boys Rugby	Mr Needham	Yr 7-9	DR Field	Wednesday	3.15-4pm
Art & Anime Club	Mrs Wescott	Years 7-9	Library	Wednesday	3.10-4pm
History Club	Mrs Wescott/Lewis R	Years 7-9	Library	Wednesday	3.10-4pm
Public Speaking and Debating	Miss Morris	Years 7-10	A19	Wednesday	3:15 - 4pm
Drama	Miss Trkulja	Year 11	AA5	Wednesday	3.15-4pm
Flag Football	Mr Loosemore	All Years	DR Field	Wednesday	3.15-4.10pm
Acoustic Collective Band (Acoustic Guitar, Singing, Percussion, Ukulele)	Mr Grainger	All years	AT8	Thursdays	3:10 - 4:10pm
Yoga and Wellness	Miss Dupont	Years 7-10	DR Gym	Thursday	3:20-4:10pm
Volleyball	Mr Loosemore	Years 10-11	LR Gym	Thursday week B only	3.15-4.15pm
Adrenaline Alley New (Currently Full)	Miss Earl & Mr Berkshire	Years 7-9	Corby	Thursday	3.15-5pm
Pelote	Mr Delhome	KS3	DR Hall	Thursdays	3.20-4.15pm
Knitting	Miss Ramsey	Years 7-9	A3	Thursday	3.15-4pm

DR= Doddington Road Site LR= London Road Site

Careers News

Our careers programme is forever evolving to help us better suit the needs of our students. To help us identify gaps of knowledge we have asked our Year 7 and Year 12 students to complete the Future Skills Questionnaire. We will be asking our Year 10 students to complete this after the half term break. This questionnaire will then help us to identify areas where students are still missing information and knowledge, we can then adapt our

programme to help us better meet the needs of our students. This questionnaire will be repeated each academic year to continuously evaluate the programme.

To help us to identify further gaps in the careers programme we welcome feedback from parents / guardians. Our careers programme can be found on our schools website, please can we ask that you complete a feedback form regarding our careers programme using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Srey53u84W>

What's been Happening?

Year 12 / Year 13 - Lunch and Learn

We have been lucky enough to have some amazing volunteers to come in and speak to our Sixth Formers about their job roles and industries. We have had people from: Wellingborough Wills, Weatherby's Bank and The Chester House Estate.

Year 11 Destinations Assemblies

Our Year 11 students have now heard from all of the local colleges, apprenticeship providers (BCG) and our own Sixth Form team. These assemblies were there to show all of the options available to our students for their post GCSE options.

Year 11 - Careers Meetings

All of our Year 11 students have now had their 1-2-1 careers meetings with an external independent careers advisor. The aim of these meetings was to give our students a chance to discuss their future plans and ambitions to an external, non biased careers advisor.

Coming Up

Year 12 - Careers Meetings

We start our 1-2-1 Careers Meetings with our Year 12 students when we return from half term break. Students will have a chance to discuss their post 18 options. The aim of these meetings is to allow students to explore their post A Level plans.

Year 12 / Year 13 - Lunch and Learns

We are excited for our future Lunch and Learn sessions in the half term. We have got some amazing people in from the following industries: Khrono LTD, Town Council, The DWP (Department of Wealth and Pensions) and Meadowside Vets.

Year 12 Work Experience - 3rd March - 7th March

Our Year 12 students have been hard at work finding face to face work experience placements despite the difficulties they have faced with finding placements. A massive

congratulations to those students who have managed to secure a placement. As a school we are working hard with local businesses to try to come up with a programme of work for those students who did not manage to find a placement to allow them to explore different careers and industries.

Year 10 - Barclays Life Skills - Session 2 (CV Writing)

This is our second Barclays Life Skills session for our Year 10 students. In this session our students will look at how to write their first CV. Students aim is to have a solid start to their CV's.

Year 8 - Speed Networking

This event is designed to increase our students confidence with networking with others. Students will network in small groups to different external volunteers to try to identify the volunteers job.

Year 13 - Project 13 - Dale Willis

We started this project last term but are delighted to complete the Project 13 with our Year 13 students. This project has allowed them to work with the incredible Dale Willis to go through all the stages of Degree Apprenticeship applications with our students to give them the best possible chance of finding and securing a degree apprenticeship

Sports



County Cross Country Championships

3 students took part out of the 5 that qualified for the event. Both **Ruben J** and **Jacob D**, in Year 7 finished 43th and 53th respectively, which in itself is no easy feat. **Samuel W**, in Year 9, finished in 10th in the whole county! This means Sam has qualified for the next round where he will represent Northamptonshire in the East Anglian championships next.



U13's Girls Cricket

Well done to the U13 Girls who played in the indoor cricket county schools qualifying round at Oundle school, 14th January. They triumphed over Corby Business Academy, but missed out on a place at the county finals due to strong opposition from Wellingborough and Oundle school. Such a great effort on their first ever match!



Giving Back



Visited Tesco, Wellingborough recently? Make sure to drop your coins in the box for our Talking Garden. This venture is headed by Sam Mallet and a group of students who are creating an outside space for mental health and wellbeing. If we get the most votes, we will receive £1500, 2nd place is £1000 and 3rd is £500. With your help, it can make all the difference!

Dates for the Diary





14th Feb - End of term 3

17th Feb - Y11 half term revision

18th Feb - Y11 half term revision

19th Feb - Y11 half term revision

24th Feb - Start of term 4

6th Mar - Year 9 Parents Evening (online)

3rd - 7th Mar - World Book Week

24th Mar - Year 8 Longtown Trip

28th Mar - Sixth Form, Year 7 Charity Fair

3rd Apr - Culture Day (Lower School)

3rd Apr - Year 11 Parents Evening 2 (targeted students only)

4th April - End of term 4 at 13:30

Easter Break

21st Apr - *Bank Holiday*

22nd Apr - Start of term 5

28th Jun - Wrenn 50th Anniversary Festival

More information and dates for the rest of the year can be found on our website:

<https://www.wrennschool.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=29>

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